

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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My campaigns, policy and other work

**My campaigns**

<i>Committee for BAME students</i>	In Progress
<p>Updated: 16/02/2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>University has launched a Race Equality Steering Group to voice and reflect on the feedback and issues of the BAME community.</i> ● <i>Race Equality Steering Group is working on the similar objectives that I planned to include in the setup of the BAME committee.</i> ● <i>Instead of duplicating, I would like to support the Race Equality Steering Group to deliver best outcomes of support to the BAME Community. So I decided to end the campaign here. Anglia Ruskin University working on the feedback of the BAME community through this steering group at the university level.</i> ● <i>I am in talks with the University Deputy Vice- Chancellor to provide an opportunity to the Students' Union to chair the Race Equality Steering Group along with the University alternatively.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>It is going to be included in the agenda of the next USU meeting.</i> 	

<i>Course Rep Communication</i>	On Hold
<p>Updated: 16/02/2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Earlier I had a plan to set-up WhatsApp communication for course reps, I stepped back because of privacy concerns. Recently NUS has set up a WhatsApp broadcast to support and communicate students' Union effectively, i speak with our officers and SMT in our catch-up, and they said it is good to go. I discussed the same with campaign coordinators and they are about it and asked to run a trial how it is working. ● Organized meetings with the engagement team and communications manager to 	

set-up WhatsApp broadcast for course reps monitored by rep coordinators. WhatsApp broadcast will go for trial in November, we planned to trail four weeks before Christmas and 4 weeks after Christmas. I hope the trail achieves massive impact in terms of communication to course reps.

- After discussion SU comms team has come up with privacy and security concerns of the course reps which will impact Union GDPR policy. So i am holding up this campaign at present Until we come up with the best alternative to reach course reps.

Access to facilities

In progress

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- *Students need tools, spaces and equipment to perform up to their potential in assignments. There some needed to open more time than the normal hours at the assignments time. I would like to voice the facilities required to students to perform to the best of their ability at least a few weeks before assignments. Had a meeting with James Rolfe, COO of ARU, regarding the support we need and I raised it in the meeting. Collecting information about the courses that need more facilities from all faculties to carry forward.*
- *Gone through recommendations for accessibility of previous officers, as we me and Em, had same objectives regarding accessibility so we have shared the responsibilities between us so I am working on:*
 - *Signage and Labelling around the campuses.*
 - *Captions for video and audio lecturers to support students with different abilities and those English is not their first language.*
 - *Accessibility to Facilities: access to computer suites and edit suites for students to access the facilities to perform to best of their potential without any disturbances at assignment times. Enquired with media services staff about it earlier they used edit suites and computer suites up to 11pm and they did not receive any complaint about students. So I would like to find out why it is unable to access now.*

- *University added captions for all video lectures.*
- *University offering free access to licensed software for students to do their course work from home.*

Other relevant updates

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- *Team Campaigns: Sustainability & Mental Health and Wellbeing.*
- *Mental health and well-being: Gone through the recommendations and designing solution tree to address the problems that students face in these uncertain times.*
- *The support from Campaign coordinator Rachel is amazing and we had discussions about my campaigns on how to take forward campaigns. She is happy to have a regular catch-up to discuss the progress of the campaigns. Thank you very much.*
- *As a part of a mental health campaign, organizing informal sessions on a weekly basis with 15 minutes slots to students and the first meeting received well by students as well.*
- *Sustainability Week was well received by students. Super thanks to Emily for organizing such a big event and continuing to update my posts on social media about sustainability for awareness.*
- *Attended meeting with International office to collaborate and to address students' issues on a large scale. This meeting helps me to realize that students' union and international office are on the same wavelength to support students. International office have raised concerns with the university about the issues of students unable to access software.*
- *Officers had a meeting Roderick (VC, ARU) discussed current student issues about graduation ceremony, safety net policy, hardship fund options and various support options for SU.*
- *Officers had a meeting Aletta (DVC, ARU) discussed current student issues like safety net policy, rent rebate, minimization of response time from staff to students and sending of positive communications to students on how university is supporting them in uncertain times. Discussed about our campaign updates.*
- *Attended a meeting with the University to encourage students to take Covid –19 lateral flow test. Please pass the word to students about the testing on campus.*

Meetings that I sit on:

Board of Governors

Senate Committees that I sit on:

Senate

Education Committee

Students' Experience Committee

Students' Matters Committee

Non-Senate committee's that I sit on:

Chelmsford Masterplan

Disabled Student satisfaction

LMS Project accessibility

Student Funds

Students' Union Committee's that I sit on:

Finance and Risk

USU(University and Students' union)

Board of Trustees