### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

# FATIMA LAKHANI - VICE PRESIDENT (ARTS, **HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES)**

My campaigns, policy and other work



## My campaigns

Title: Employability In Progress

*Updated: 17.02.2021* 

- I have been looking into creation of paid internships with my faculty and the possibility of extending it to other faculties as well...
- I have now identified 12 areas within AHSS where student technicians can be interned (paid internships) in specialised areas, so working on the technicalities eg. how many students, funding, job descriptions etc.
- Live briefs are the new project I'm working on ensuring that students are supported throughout and guided for the online showcase in AHSS.
- Finally, I continue working with the Ruskin modules that will help boost student employability.

Title: Knowledge packs

On hold

*Updated: 25.11.2020* 

- Knowledge packs are essentially "quides" that contain basic local knowledge about the campus area for instance, where to buy clothes, groceries, necessities etc.
- Creating a format for "Knowledge packs" suitable for Cambridge/ Chelmsford and London Campuses.
- Determining resources for knowledge packs eq. Societies, social media, other SU's etc.
- Had a meeting with O.G and determined societies to be part of the meeting for the knowledge packs.
- POA: To schedule a date after freshers period and meet with culture/country based societies.

Title: Black Lives Matter inspired campaign.

In process

#### *Updated: 25.11.2020*

- I am trying to address the lower number of BAME students in PGR courses across all faculties at ARU and looking into creation of opportunities for them.
- I am also working on creation of a module that aims to educate students about inequality with the context of the Black Lives Matter movement.

#### 18/09/20

- Have attended The Black History Month working group and have acquainted myself with the BME rep and other BME students involved.
- Meeting with the BME rep to understand BME wants and priorities.
- Attended Diversification of curriculum panel representing the SU among the university staff and engaging with them.
- BHM working group currently discussing events, ideas to run during the Black History Month.
  - As part of AGWG shot a video interview with David Jay for the staff about support for BAME students and decolonising of the curriculum.

#### 17/02/20

- I facilitated the student inclusivity forum earlier this month..
- I am actively leading BAME workshops within the AHSS faculty.
- Guest speaker at the SHINE BAME Employability Programme.
- Currently in discussions with HR about a staff diversification project.
- Brainstorming for another internal SU project which has a direct impact on BAME students.

# Other relevant updates

#### *Updated:25.11.2020*

AHSS Faculty Updates

- I have been regularly communicating with the AHSS students through the newsletter by compiling events, useful information and encouraging the student voice as editor.
- I am also administrator of the AHSS heart community facebook group to keep in touch with students.
- I attended an SSLC as an observer to better understand the functioning of the course rep system and create networks with course reps to best represent the student voice.
- In collaboration with the Peer mentors, I am hosting a "Study With Me" session where we motivate students to study by sharing tips and getting work done in real time.

#### 17.02.21

• I continue to be part of the AHSS newsletter editorial team and the AHSS heart

community to make sure student voices are heard.

• Raising student concerns with faculty on a regular basis and maintaining good relations with AHSS staff