



ACADEMIC OFFICER REPORT

For the attention of:	Executive Committee	Taking place on:	11/01/16
Name:	Grace Anderson	Action:	To note

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the campaigns and other work of the Academic Officer*

Priority campaign(s) and objective(s)

Campaigns:

- Alternative assessments
- Peer mentoring and study packs
- Assessment literacy
- Education week

Other projects:

- Responding to the Higher Education Green Paper (*Fulfilling Our Potential: Teaching Excellence, Social Mobility, and Student Choice*)
- Nursery Campaign (A New Deal for Student Parents)

Progress on priority campaign(s)

Peer mentoring and study skills packs

I have meetings in the week of EC with LAIBS and ALSS on further discussing their support. Items for the study packs have been ordered and I am writing up information to go inside them currently. I am working with Study Skills Plus on creating online resources for Peer Mentoring, and I have written a large portion of the resources up. The website is due to launch February 1st.

Assessment literacy

The working group for this has not met since Christmas, but there is currently a first draft of the paper that I am reviewing and feeding back on.

Education Week

I have met with Sarah and Leigh to start working on GIAGs to happen through this week, we have events in Cambridge, Chelmsford and Peterborough. I am currently working on the Education Fair and the logistics of this.

Responding to the Higher Education Green Paper (*Fulfilling Our Potential: Teaching Excellence, Social Mobility, and Student Choice*)

This is a paper was released on 2nd November, it's 105 pages (350 words), and the biggest change in higher education since 1992. It is proposing a Teaching Excellence Framework, amongst commenting on access to university and changes to our grading system, as well as a lot more. The consultation on this is due on **Friday 15th January**.

I gathered student feedback on this in December and further developed these with SU staff and officers. I am currently putting together a first draft of our response.

Nursery Campaign (*A New Deal for Student Parents*)

I presented a paper to the university with a list of adjustments they should make to be inclusive of not only student parents, but student carers as well. There is a working group being set up around this paper to implement these changes. They were taken well by the university; they said that if the changes weren't already happening they would make sure they're implemented.

Further support required from the Executive Committee/Students' Union

Peer mentoring and study skills packs

I would like feedback on what should be in the study packs, and help promoting this to students (especially through faculty and postgraduate reps).

Assessment literacy

If anyone would like to look at this draft and give any feedback, email me and I'll let you know. If anyone would like to sit on this working group with me, do let me know. (g.anderson@angliastudent.com)

Education Week

Any ideas of what would be helpful to talk about, promote, or gather feedback on and offers to assist in this week would be very helpful.

Responding to the Higher Education Green Paper (*Fulfilling Our Potential: Teaching Excellence, Social Mobility, and Student Choice*)

Your feedback on anything in this would be very important to me. Anyone interested, I can send helpful articles on separate aspects of the paper so you don't have to read the whole thing, I can talk to anyone about it, I even have a presentation, if you'd like to be involved in any way please let me know. This is a huge change to higher education and affects a lot of things.