

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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My campaigns, policy and other work



My campaigns

Survivor Support	Completed
<p>Desperate Fleas event went well and was a great atmosphere for raising awareness. Some posters and resources are up around Chelmsford and Cambridge campus. All resources I have collected and looked at have been sent to David Walmsey (student services) and after a good meeting, these will be made into leaflets for the wellbeing walls and circulated to staff and counsellors for better signposting. The posters from NAPAC will become part of the wellbeing walls circulating content and the article (on the SU website) will be sent to the Sexual Respect Working Group. The only thing not completed is the blog which has experienced technical difficulties.</p>	
Sustainability - aka saving the world one student at a time	In Progress
<p>Joined a “declaring climate emergency” webinar in Jan on the 16th which went over next steps, the importance of the movement and how other unis and unions can declare one/ what this means to declare a crisis. Earth Day will be part of our campaign, simple events to be circulated soon. Fraser and I have had chats with Victoria from GSI and Claire White (student and president of the sustainability society) on initiatives to implement and further workshops being held in our student spaces. National Green week (3rd-7th Feb) is a new initiative that we have taken on in hopes of pushing the sustainable agenda and providing methods for day-to-day changes that have sustainability in mind (also great for international students adjusting to UK policies).</p>	
FSE - unhappy students make unhappier lecturers	In Progress
<p>I am part of my faculties ATHENA SWAN committee (women and under-represented groups in STEM) and this is great for the work i am also doing with the faculty to prepare for the British Science Festival in September which ARU are holding in Chelmsford. Set up the relevant meetings to discuss improving SSLCs and their role in the student voice, Toby has been key in this process. Still fighting for better access to Compass House and marconi buildings as this is repeatedly being pushed back/ not given any real solutions so there will be a bigger push on this during the next semester.</p>	

Other relevant updates

I will be in Kent for Southern Conference Feb 3rd & 4th where we get to meet and discuss multiple areas of students' unions and ways to improve our services and get what the students want from their unis.

Upcoming meetings where any feedback or updates from students would be helpful:

ATHENA SWAN (30/01) - any ideas for representing minority groups in science, engineering and maths

Research Degrees Committee (11/02) - more to follow on this verbally

Academic standards & quality committee - open to questions and suggestions