



INTERNATIONAL REP (CHELMSFORD) REPORT

For the attention of:	Executive Committee	Taking place on:	09/06/16
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Summary: *This paper provides an update on the priority campaign(s) of the Executive Committee member*

Priority campaign(s) and objective(s)

- Campaign on accommodation issue for International students to ensure they have a comfortable place like home
- Organised International Festival for International students as a platform for learning and integrating with other culture and improve their social life
- Attended open day events and Induction day for the purpose of introducing myself to International students that Anglia Ruskin University Student Union have an International Rep who is always there to assist international students throughout their study life

Progress on priority campaign(s)

- I meet with some properties agency like Balch agency, we discuss on how international students can get private properties rented out to them. But the estate agents said only if students can prove they earn good income that can pay their rent by providing bank statement.
- I have organised International Festival for International students which has enable international students fit into the society and get to meet other students from different cultural background, get to eat different meals, learn different languages, learn different dancing steps and learn how to respect other people believe and culture.
- I have attended open day event and Induction day where I introduced myself to International students that I am their Rep I am here to serve them in case they need me I am at their service, some of this new students I have been in contact with them during their recruitment process because I work at the admission office there were so happy to meet me in person.

An update on engagement with coach and mentor/mentee(s)

Had a discussion with Emma on our way for a trip to Cambridge, where we discuss about my progress in the role and challenges I am facing and Emma gave me some strategies on how to overcome this challenges such as I told her I am having difficulties getting students to get involve with activities such as international festival, she encouraged me not to give up and also encouraged me to keep creating awareness about the event and tell the students what they will achieve if they get involve. Also at the faculty meet with the Dean, Emma was there when I laid complain about accommodation issue international students are facing, Emma advise me to visit the university residential office and see what they have to offer in order to make accommodation contract a bit flexible for students to pay and rent.

Achievements and/or outcomes

- Now some property agencies like Balch has decided to make it easy for students most especially international students studying at Anglia Ruskin University Chelmsford campus to rent private properties without undergoing the stress of looking for guarantor, all the student have to do is provide a bank statement that proves these students earn enough income that can pay their rent and bills.
- After the international festival those students who participated where given volunteering certificate by Student Union, this is to encourage them to participate more in extra-curriculum activities. Also at the end so many students got to meet other students from same culture and they were happy to find someone with same culture, some learnt new languages from other cultures which has improve their language skills. Some students were happy because their social life has improved because the festival has provided an opportunity for the students to socialise.
- The University events like open day and induction day to welcome new students has created good relationship between I the International Rep and the international students, this has made me a very approachable Rep which has made the students very comfortable to come to me any time they are facing academic related challenges.