

PRESIDENT REPORT

For the attention of:	Executive Committee	Taking place on:	28/06/17
Name:	Leigh Rooney	Action:	To note

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the work of the Executive Committee member*

Priority campaign(s) and objective(s)

1. Representation in Sport
2. Space
3. Day in the life

Progress on priority campaign(s)

1. Representation in Sport update

- With some minor amendments to be made (in the hands of the Director of Student Services), the Strategic Partnership Agreement is inches away from being signed off! We have also in partnership (SU and Active Anglia Team) solidified a terms of reference for regular meetings between the two teams, with student representatives as a member. Once this has been signed off, the document will support the relationship between students and the Sport and Active Anglia team in years to come. Exciting!

2. Space update

- Building works on PTH has started!
- We are currently in conversation about how to communicate the moves to students effectively; our comms team will put together a plan. For more information on the PTH move and the Tindal development please contact Jo (lead staff member) j.harbrown@angliastudent.com
- We have been informed that a Dance Studio will be reinstated on the Cambridge campus from December 2017! I and Jamie are due a meeting with the Director of Student Services to decide who will facilitate/take ownership of the space.

What we have been campaigning/lobbying for

- 'Let's Be Honest' Mental Health Campaign – See campaign update

3. Day to day updates

- **Senate**
- There was a proposal at the last University Senate to disband Faculty Boards as their purpose is no longer effective. The committee's responsibilities would be filtered into other existing committee meetings to reduce the number of staff time. We made it very clear that we were unhappy that we would no longer have this platform to feed into the faculties at the highest level, as representatives of the student voice. We were assured by Senate that the SU

and the Deans of the Faculties and other key people would meet to discuss and come up with an alternative mechanism in which Officers can feed in to the faculties at a strategic level.

- **Made a Difference Awards**

The Officer team hosted the awards this year and the feedback was really positive! Staff and students seemed to enjoy the event.

- **Faculty of Medical Science**

As a result of bringing feedback from Exec/Faculty Forums to the FMS Faculty Board the need for PHD students to use the computers in the Michael Salmon building (previously PMI) was escalated to the Faculty Management Team meeting which I was present at. It was confirmed that PHD students can access the building out of hours (7am-7pm) with their cards allowing entry and by letting security know beforehand. I requested for an email to be circulated to all Research students to inform them of this.

- **Student Engagement Dashboard**

The student view of the Dashboard is ready to launch for the September 17 academic year. This is a tool for students to keep track of their engagement including their attendance, use of VLE, use of library (physically and online) etc. It is also a tool for personal tutors and other staff to identify if a student may be struggling in any way and intervene to support them.

- **Catering**

I raised all of the issues brought to our attention with the head of catering Terry Hope – read what happened in the meeting here: <https://www.angliastudent.com/news/article/union/Response-to-student-feedback-on-campus-catering/>

Thank you

- As this is my last Exec as President I wanted to say thank you to all members of the committee for your continued dedication and hard work on implementing policy and ideas throughout the past year. You are legends! We have managed to achieve so much as a team, fought battles that haven't been easy, stood side by side at national marches, run amazing campaigns and inspired others to get involved. I owe you all for making my year great.



Throwback!

if you would like to stay in contact with me (and I hope you do!) you can get me on my student email address as I will be studying for one more year
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