

# PRESIDENT REPORT

<b>For the attention of:</b>	Executive Committee	<b>Taking place on:</b>	15/03/17
<b>Name:</b>	Leigh Rooney	<b>Action:</b>	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
4. Elections update

## Progress on priority campaign(s)

### 1. Representation in Sport update

- I met with the Head of Sport and his colleague early in the semester to go through and discuss the first draft of the Strategic Partnership Agreement written by myself and SU colleagues. This was positive and are due to meet again in the coming weeks to finalise the document and get it signed off by both parties (AA and SU). This document will be used as an understanding of expectations from the university and from the student body, in terms of sport.
- The campaign page is up and running on the website which explains a bit more about the campaign. It can be found here: [angliastudent.com/repinsport](http://angliastudent.com/repinsport)

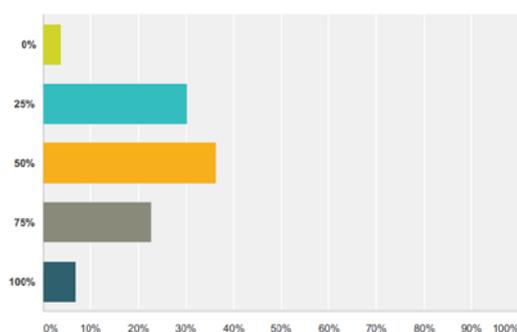
### 2. Space update

I ran a consultation for students on how they would like to see the developments of Peter Taylor House and Tindal be used. It was found that the strongest preference was a majority of the spaces being available to relax and socialise with peers, with some of the space being allocated to allow students to meet as a group or individually and study if need be. Below is an example of the results from the questions:

Space Consultation

**Q1 What percentage of the space should be relaxed social space?**

Answered: 132 Skipped: 1



These findings will be used to inform the designer on what kind of furniture will be suitable for the spaces.

I have also been on a series of vision visits to different institutions such as Leicester students' union to explore their student spaces. The

### 3. What we have been campaigning/lobbying for

- 'Let's Be Honest' Mental Health Campaign – See campaign update
- Transporting and supporting students at the march against cuts to the NHS, held in London on 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Free printing on campus
- Tackling hidden costs on courses
- Getting a student accessible microwave in the Student Lounge

### 4. Day to day updates

- **Monthly 1-1's with the Vice Chancellor** – This is a chance for the Officer Team to update the Vice Chancellor on the work of the SU and provide him with feedback from students regularly. It is also a chance for the VC to update the SU on matters happening within the university.
- **Enhancing representation** – Grace and I are working with Dan to flesh out and develop the responsibilities of the course rep to enhance the effectiveness of their role. We are also developing the relationships between course reps, faculty reps, VP's and union staff and clearly identifying each role's responsibilities, to better working relationships and understanding of expectations of each.
- **Officer Training** – We are working on putting together an effective training schedule for the newly elected Officer Team and Executive committee. I am working with the current Officer Team, CEO and HR manager to ensure all of the relevant areas are covered to ensure they are equipped to undertake their roles. This is increasingly important as the roles have changed.
- **FMS Faculty Forum and Board** – I attended the first Faculty of Medical Science forum which was set up by our representation team to gather student feedback and views on particular issues within their course. This was well attended by student reps from undergraduate paramedic course and a PhD student, but for future forums we will put more emphasis on the importance of reps attending. The issues raised and discussed by students were;
  - **Increased access to resources/space**
  - **Consistency of in-class assessment guidance**
  - **Postgraduate Research students teaching opportunities**
  - **Improved provision from personal tutors**
  - **Improved communication from teaching staff**
  - **Effectiveness of materials on VLE**

All of this feedback was then compiled into a paper and presented to the FHSCE Faculty Board (chaired by the Dean of the faculty, James Hampton-Till) where solutions to the issues will be sought.

- **Governance and Board Effectiveness review** – We have recruited many new External trustees and committee experts to sit on our Board of Trustees and newly constituted sub-committees. These include:
  - **Appointments and Governance committee**
  - **HR and People Engagement committee**

- **Finance and Risk committee**

The implementation of this new structure and recruitment of external individuals with particular expertise will help to strengthen our governance and enable us to think strategically about the future of the union as a charity and achieve the goals in our strategic plan.

**5. Elections update**

I was recently elected as the part-time FHSCE Faculty rep for 2017/18.

Congratulations to all of the newly elected Officer Team and wider Executive Committee who will begin their roles in July 2017.

**President : Jamie Smith**

**Vice President (Business) :** Kirran Khan

**Vice President (Arts, Law & Social Sciences) :** Johanna Korhonen

**Vice President (Health, Social Care, Education & Medical Science) :** Eliza Torres

**Vice President (Science & Technology) :** Laura Douds

**The wider Executive Committee 17/18**

**Successful Faculty Reps (Part-time roles)**

ALSS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)	JOEL	TYSON
FHSCE Faculty Rep (Cambridge)	GIOVANNA	MEAD
FHSCE Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)	LEIGH	ROONEY
FMS Faculty Rep (Cambridge)	KATHRYN	DUNNILL
FMS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)	BENJAMIN	MORRIS
FST Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)	BOBBY	HUGHES
FST Faculty Rep (Cambridge)	STEWART	WATSON
LAIBS Faculty Rep (Cambridge)	MICHAEL	GRAHAM
LAIBS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)	JOY	AWOH

**Successful Campaign Reps (Part-time roles)**

Disabled Students' Rep (Cambridge)	GRANT	ROSE
International Rep (Cambridge)	HARSHA	REVANNA
LGBT+ Students' Rep (Cambridge)	EVE	HAWES
LGBT+ Students' Rep (Chelmsford)	IMOGEN	DAVNALL
Trans* Students' Rep (Cambridge)	MICHAEL	TURNER
Women's Rep (Cambridge)	SONIA	HAMMOND

Women's Rep (Chelmsford)	JANE VICTORIA	GREEN
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If you have any questions about anything that I am working on, would like to get involved or would just like some more information please drop me an email at [L.rooney@angliastudent.com](mailto:L.rooney@angliastudent.com)

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