



WELFARE OFFICER REPORT

For the attention of:	Executive Committee	Taking place on:	15/03/17
Name:	Kathryn Younger	Action:	To note

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

Priority campaign(s) and objective(s)

1. Policy: Gender Neutral Toilets
2. Priority Campaigns: Safer Taxis and Buddy Scheme

Progress on priority campaign(s)

Safer Taxis

1. I have compiled a report on various Safer Taxi schemes that have been successful in other universities around the country.
2. Met with camcab. They would be happy to partner with us. I would be happy to work with us to provide this service in Cambridge.
3. Need to arrange a further meeting with them to confirm the deal.

Buddy Scheme

1. I have met with the course leader of midwifery (on behalf of students) who have designed a scheme that fits around the mode of their studies.
2. Need to contact other course leaders

Response to UUK Report on Sexual Violence

1. Wrote a series of recommendations to improve the support of victims of sexual harassment and assault at ARU. These recommendations have been accepted by the university.
2. The working group outlined as a recommendation was accepted and will be convened for the first time soon.

Improving Prayer Spaces on Campus

1. A survey has been created and will be promoted throughout Global Week to increase the number of responses.
2. The university have agreed to start renovating the Prayer rooms in Chelmsford, including making the signage more accessible, renovating the kitchen and moving the brothers' prayer room to the larger room so it can accommodate more students.

Books Plus

1. Will be having further discussions with the university to consider whether or not there should be an allotted amount of money for printing available for all students.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Group

1. Following an incident in which a trans student was contacted using their previous name when they were applying via UCAS. As such, the university are looking to improve their data handling as there are numerous lists of student details, so centralising that would make the process more seamless and avoid incidences of this again. I'm working with Jamie Vincent (Cambridge Trans Rep) to make sure this work is being done in the best interests of our trans students

Disabled Student Working Group

1. Disability Audit – I will be supporting work with Alice Goodheart (Disabled Students Rep Chelmsford) on conducting a Disability Audit to assess the physical accessibility of buildings and facilities within all ARU Campuses.
2. Disabled Students Charter – the new Disabled Students Charter will be a short document outlining what support is available to disabled students while they study here. I will be working with Alice Goodheart and Thomas Baillie on this document and hoping to secure other views from Disabled Students.

Inclusive Assessment Working Group

1. The group will performing an audit of current assessment methods, based on work from Plymouth University. The goal is to draw up guidelines of Inclusive Assessment and create banks of good practice from all campuses.

On-Campus Medical Centres

1. Cambridge campus: Doctor's letters for mitigation purposes are now free of charge, if the letter is requested the day the student sees the doctor about their condition. New leaflets with clear information are now being provided online and in the medical centre.
2. I am gathering student feedback on the state of the Chelmsford Campus medical centre and will be meeting with them soon to improve the service.