

PRESIDENT REPORT

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| For the attention of: | Executive Committee | Taking place on: | 31/05/17 |
| 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

- Planning permission for Peter Taylor House has been approved!
- An updated timeline for the move has been suggested by the Estates team in the university.
- We are currently in conversation about how to communicate the moves to students effectively; our comms team will put together a plan.

What we have been campaigning/lobbying for

- 'Let's Be Honest' Mental Health Campaign – See campaign update
- Generation Vote – Grace led on a campaign to encourage students to register to vote ahead of the General election on 7th June. The news is saying that millions of young people registered to vote in the past few weeks which is amazing news! We will also be hosting hustings on both the Chelmsford and Cambridge campus.

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.
- **Officer Training/Handover** – 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.

The current Officer Team has planned our handover schedule for the new team which will take place in June. Jamie and I are having regular 1-1's to have a prolonged handover period. I have also organised for Jamie to shadow parts of my role and observe at different meetings such as the university Board of Governors, to allow her to get an idea of how they will work in future.

- **De-Stress Fest** – it happened! Throughout the week we had some good feedback from students about how it is benefiting them, we also had requests for a similar event to take place again – particularly the furry therapy!
- **DVC Education recruitment** – Grace and I met all of the candidates in an informal setting, where they could ask us questions and we could ask them. We then fed back to the Vice Chancellors group to inform the panel.
- **Executive Committee Away Days** – the away day on the 28th April was really successful, with the newly elected reps and officers getting an introduction to the union before they begin their roles. The one that was due to happen on 13th May was altered as not many part-time reps could attend, but the full time officers still met.
- **SU Awards** – SU Awards happened and it was incredible! Congratulations to all of the shortlisted and winners! The video of the event can be found here: and pictures are currently being edited.
- **Mental Health First Aid Training** – The Officer Team and I completed a 2 day intensive mental health first aid training course at the beginning of May. This was an incredible course that we would all recommend everyone do, if the opportunity arose.

What's coming up?

- **Made a Difference Awards** – The MAD Awards are on 15th June. Invitations have been sent out!
- **Hustings for the General Election** – we are hosting two hustings (Cambridge 31st May and Chelmsford TBC) for students, staff and members of the community to attend to question the candidates in the local area. I will be chairing the Cambridge one. Tickets are free but you need to sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-does-the-general-election-mean-for-you-join-the-cambridge-debate-tickets-34461757043>
- **Green Impact Audit** – we have entered into the Green Impact again this year run by NUS. We are having the audit to determine which standard we meet on 30th May. Last year we got Gold so here's to hoping!
- **All Staff Away Day** – This is where all permanent members of staff come together to talk Strategic Plan and look forward to the next academic year, introducing all staff to the new Officer Team. It will be the current Officer Team's last day (cries).

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 lrooney@angliastudent.com

Leigh