



Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)

30th January 2019, 3pm – 5pm

Welcome, apologies and absences	Laura Douds	<i>To note</i>	
Minutes of the last meeting	Laura Douds	<i>To approve</i>	2/19
Actions and matters arising from last meeting	Laura Douds	<i>To discuss</i>	3/19
Terms of reference	Megan Bennett	<i>To note</i>	
The Election 2019	Megan Bennett	<i>To note</i>	
EDI Commitments	Laura Douds	<i>To note</i>	
Ideas Scheme	Megan Bennett	<i>To discuss</i>	4/19
Exec Away Day	Megan Bennett	<i>To discuss</i>	
National Conference Motion	Laura Douds	<i>To discuss</i>	
Update on Priority Policy Meaningful mental health campaigns Liberate the curriculum Against Cuts to Education Against Cuts to the NHS	Laura Douds	<i>To discuss</i>	5/19 – 8/19
Executive Officer reports <i>Update on campaigns, projects, policy and ideas</i>			
President	Laura Douds	<i>To discuss</i>	9/19
Vice President (Business & Law) International Support Project Plan	Mary Copsey	<i>To discuss</i>	10/19 11/19
Vice President (Health, Education, Medicine & Social Care)	Fraser Luther-Yarwood	<i>To discuss</i>	12/19
Vice President (Science & Engineering) Compass House Evaluation & Usage	Matt Hayes	<i>To discuss</i>	13/19 14/19 – 15/19

Vice President (Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences)	Amanda Campbell White	<i>To discuss</i>	16/19
Campaign Rep updates	All	<i>To discuss</i>	17/19
Faculty Rep updates	All	<i>To discuss</i>	18/19
<i>An opportunity for all representatives to discuss their projects and campaigns</i>			
Big Ideas*	All	<i>To</i>	
<i>Ideas to be discussed and taken forward</i>		<i>note/discuss</i>	
New Policies*	All	<i>To</i>	
<i>A discussion of any recently passed policy</i>		<i>note/discuss</i>	
Budget		<i>To approve</i>	
<i>An update on the budget and an opportunity to consider any requests</i>			
Update on Campaigns Budget	Rose Guy		19/19
International Support	Mary Copsey		20/19
Drugs Tests	Matt Hayes		21/19
AOB			
<i>Any other business</i>			
Easter Exec	Megan Bennett	<i>To discuss</i>	
Uncollected hoodies	Emma Howes	<i>To discuss</i>	
Date of next meeting			
Wednesday 6 th March, 2pm – 4pm			



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
28/11/18 14:00 – 16:00

Ite m No			Action
1	1.1	Attendance	
		Fraser Luther-Yarwood	Vice President (Health, Social Care, Education and Medical Science) Chair
		Amanda Campbell-White	Vice President (Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences)
		Matt Hayes	Vice President (Science and Engineering)
		Kyia Thompson	Women’s Rep (Cambridge)
		Laura Douds	President
		Niamh Cubitt	LGBT+ Students’ Rep (Cambridge)
		Mary Copsey	Vice President (Business and Law)
		Tatiana Sapiano	FHSCE Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)
		Rafael Araujo	LAIBS Faculty Rep (Cambridge)
	Ben Morris	FMS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)	
	Rose Guy	Campaigns and Education Enhancement Coordinator	
	1.2	Apologies	
		Alex Mead	AHSS Faculty Rep (Cambridge)
		Blessing Raimi	BME Students’ Rep (Cambridge)
		Vesela Mihova	International Rep (Cambridge)
		Courtney-Lee Collins	Women’s Rep (Chelmsford)
		Jamie Smith	S&E Faculty Rep (Cambridge)
		Tiegan Lawson	FHSCE Faculty Rep (Cambridge)

	<div>1.3 Absences</div> <div><div>Tavonga Magwenzi</div><div>Miranda Gayle</div><div>Juliet Onuoha</div><div>Iqrah Afzal</div><div>Antonio Dimitrov</div><div>Louis Abou Nader</div><div>Angela Sizer</div></div> <div><div>FST Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)</div><div>Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) Students' Rep (Chelmsford)</div><div>Disabled Students' Rep (Cambridge)</div><div>LAIBS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)</div><div>LGBT+ Students' Rep (Chelmsford)</div><div>International Rep (Chelmsford)</div><div>Disabled Students' Rep (Chelmsford)</div></div>																													
2	<div>2.1 Acceptance of Previous Minutes</div> <div>The minutes of the previous were accepted with one correction: Ben Morris was in attendance at the 31/10/18 Exec Committee meeting.</div> <div>2.2 Matters Arising</div> <div>Actions: 31st Oct, 2018</div> <table><tr><th>ITEM</th><th>ACTION</th><th>OWNER</th><th>UPDATE</th></tr><tr><td>3.1.2</td><td>SU page in student handbook (seen through Course Re Approval). Ongoing, will be taken to relevant committee identified in the new structure.</td><td>LD</td><td>Ongoing Still ongoing</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>LD to address concerns around the carers support fund</td><td>LD</td><td>Flagged with Student Services; ongoing</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Halal food: LD to ask new uni staff to mark food appropriately</td><td>LD</td><td>Ongoing, to meet with Mark Brett</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Student nurses 1:1's TL to check and gather feedback re: Trust policy</td><td>TL</td><td>(absent)</td></tr><tr><td>4.1.4</td><td>PTJF: FLY to confirm where money will go from non-attenders</td><td>FLY</td><td>Decided not to charge companies, so there was no money to transfer over</td></tr><tr><td>4.1.7</td><td>KT to meet with Donna-Louise Cobban to clarify existing procedures/consider</td><td>KT</td><td>(absent); ACW meeting with KT on Friday,</td></tr></table>	ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	UPDATE	3.1.2	SU page in student handbook (seen through Course Re Approval). Ongoing, will be taken to relevant committee identified in the new structure.	LD	Ongoing Still ongoing		LD to address concerns around the carers support fund	LD	Flagged with Student Services; ongoing		Halal food: LD to ask new uni staff to mark food appropriately	LD	Ongoing, to meet with Mark Brett		Student nurses 1:1's TL to check and gather feedback re: Trust policy	TL	(absent)	4.1.4	PTJF: FLY to confirm where money will go from non-attenders	FLY	Decided not to charge companies, so there was no money to transfer over	4.1.7	KT to meet with Donna-Louise Cobban to clarify existing procedures/consider	KT	(absent); ACW meeting with KT on Friday,	
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	3	Exec to get in touch with Exec Members who have expressed an interest in different policy	Officers	Ongoing	
	5	LD to leave business cards in each office for Exec to pick up and share with students.	LD	Completed – Rent Survey business cards are available on both campuses	
		Exec are asked to share & encourage students to fill in the (Rent) survey.	Exec	Completed - exec is sharing via social media	
		History Months: Exec agreed to share events for all the activities	Exec	Ongoing	
	5.4	Society Skills – MH to speak with BM to see what would be most appropriate for Chelmsford	MH	Bring in Gareth to the conversation, ongoing (carried over)	
		NC raised concerns that students are expressing about losing access to facilities – NC to send any examples of any changes happening to MH. MH to raise at FSE FPT	NC/MH	NC met with course reps following their SSLCs where issue was raised	
	6.3	MT to speak with Rose Guy about getting pronoun badges for students	MT	Completed with RG and NC	
	7.1	JS to take forward bike issue (locks)	JS	(absent)	
	7.2	Faculty rep: MH to meet with TM	MH	Completed, MH and TM met	
	7.3	AM to speak with FLY re: buddy scheme. LD to put Alex in touch with Comms.	AM/FLY/LD	Rescheduled to 29/11. ACW requested to be in this meeting.	
	8	BM & LD to meet with BD to develop a draft policy re: Paramedic Support	LD/BM/BD	Ongoing	

	9	LD to circulate Essex CCG reaching Chelmsford students email	LD	Carried over	
	2.3 Terms of Reference RG clarified there are no changes since the last meeting. Introductions were done when RA entered the room.				
3.	Pronoun Badge Campaign MT introduced the project plan for the Pronoun Badge Campaign. Campaign to have pronoun badges 'he/him', 'she/her', 'they/them' following feedback from Minority Forum. Will help to make people feel more comfortable for their pronouns and open conversations about why these are needed. This will be a trial period during LGBT+ History Month 175 he/him badges, 175 she/her badges, 150 they/them LD asked if it cost more money for more designs MT said there is a flat price for 500 badges LD suggested blank badges for those who might not use he/she/they or for wiggle room NC responded that this is a trial phase to see how it goes and later there may be more scope for designs				
4.	Policy Ideas 4.1 Deal or No Deal Presented by MC MC said that Deal or No Deal is a policy related to Brexit, putting it out there to gauge students' opinions about the Brexit deal and what kind of Brexit there will be. Following Group Chat, there is impact for students' education with Brexit. The policy will look specifically at Brexit's effect on students. RA brought up students' concerns, particularly those who are international, who will be affected. 4.2 Student Sex Workers Presented by LD and ACW LD presented that NUS did research that found that 7% of students worked in the sex industry during their studies. Policy will help to protect students who are doing sex work. It will clarify our policies and stances on what we actively need to do to support these students. ACW added that she recently published an article on the website about student sex workers that signposts students to resources. BM asked what the plan is for the policy itself, is it to put on events or to clarify stance of the union?				

	<p>LD responded that this is why they want some help. It might be that 'when appropriate to, we will take action' i.e. when there is an opportunity for a demo/protest, article, or something to take a stance on. Wouldn't necessarily look like a full campaign. It would not be a policy to make someone run a campaign, but rather a stance we can continue to maintain.</p> <p>BM said it would be nice to link to advice service having literature available for student support.</p> <p>4.3 Drug Harm Reduction Presented by MH</p> <p>MH presented that he is looking into drug harm reduction following the NUS research, 'Taking the Hit' which looked at student drug use which indicates that <i>all</i> universities have drug use so we should approach this.</p> <p>This policy would be about providing students information about drug harm reduction.</p> <p>MH said that Student Services (David Walmsley) was supportive but they didn't have money available now and would support following</p> <p>BM asked if MH had spoken to external organisations who could provide kits.</p> <p>MH said that the companies were occasionally more business-oriented instead of charity driven and so requested expensive amounts to provide leaflets.</p> <p>BM asked if MH spoke to Steve from Open Road.</p> <p>MH to speak to Open Road.</p>	MH
5	<p>Books+ Policy</p> <p>No further comments from this raised point.</p>	
6	<p>Executive Officer reports</p> <p>6.1 President: LD Written report submitted. Officer team meeting with Vicky Ford, Chelmsford MP. DHM has started and events will be on FB shortly (already on website) Activities team are supporting Xmas Companionship(?) MH and LD are helping recruit new dean for FSE MH asked if Xmas Companionship was on both campuses. LD responded that just Cambridge, because there isn't someone else to run in Chelmsford. As a trial, LD to make sure it is useful. MC suggested that Int'l Office are doing an Xmas meal for Chelmsford students.</p> <p>6.2 Vice President (Business & Law) Written report submitted</p>	

	<p>MC said that Carers' Campaigns are happening this week with charities in attendance.</p> <p>To add to report:</p> <p>MC has recorded a video with FBL to make a video about assignment offenses and prevention of offenses.</p> <p>6.3 Vice President (Health, Education, Medicine & Social Care)</p> <p>Written report submitted.</p> <p>Meeting upcoming with ACW and AM, and FLY is now on the Buddy Working Group to help the university consolidate these peer mentoring schemes across faculties.</p> <p>#LoveSocieties survey is now live to be presented at Societies forums. Currently 11 responses, 7 of whom are from Chelmsford.</p> <p>Meeting with TL and the faculty about Young Street.</p> <p>Efforts in Peterborough to improve their facilities. Team Anglia to help bring sports to P'boro campus.</p> <p>Library focus group happened – opening hours are arranged the year prior around university deadlines, but late additions are too late to change hours.</p> <p>LD mentioned that students on social media are concerned about this and asking her repeatedly.</p> <p>FLY to update on social media and via course reps.</p> <p>BM asked if the library knew the dates in advance, why are they unable to change these hours now?</p> <p>FLY said that the deadlines were changed at a later date and the library was not aware at that time.</p> <p>BM asked if the library was doing anything about it now they know about the new dates.</p> <p>FLY said that with staffing, this is not possible as it is all done in advance.</p> <p>ACW mentioned that faculties need to be more communicative with libraries to let them know all deadlines, even those for late starters</p> <p>FLY said that the library was very supportive of changing hours around deadlines but just needed to know enough in advance.</p> <p>MH asked about decision to close #LoveSocieties surveys on the day of the forums.</p> <p>FLY responded that the surveys would close in order for the activities team to take the feedback into forums and get more detailed feedback on specific issues.</p> <p>MH concerned about timing and FLY being too ambitious to get the turnaround on data.</p> <p>FLY mentioned that there isn't an anticipated high response for data.</p> <p>MH suggested FLY aim higher about numbers of responses.</p>	FLY
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<p>BM suggested pushing it at forum and putting data out at the next forum to have higher uptake.</p> <p>RG clarified that the data would not be completely analysed by forum, but steer discussion around prominent themes.</p> <p>LD suggested it would not be unreasonable to arrange this data by forum – could it still be open following forum?</p> <p>FLY to keep survey open following forum to allow students to contribute, but still take data into forum to guide conversation.</p> <p>Survey is now posted to Exec chat and is available on Societies page.</p> <p>MC returned to conversation about library and deadlines in term times considering students in her faculty.</p> <p>MC to meet with FLY to talk about library deadlines from her faculty.</p>	<p>FLY</p> <p>MC/FLY</p>
<p>(MC and RA left Executive Committee for FBL commitment)</p> <p>6.4 Vice President (Science & Engineering)</p> <p>Written report received.</p> <p>Further updates: Access Denied has had big changes since written report. Comms team helped designed posters for Compass House to talk about the update which is that there is 24/7 access until end of term.</p> <p>David Walmsley agreed to help with testing kits but does not currently have the funding.</p> <p>MH updated on P'boro Group Chat and some concerns they have around netball team, microwave, and contact with Uni/SU.</p> <p>FLY meeting with Andrea Cheshire surrounding P'boro microwave.</p> <p>6.5 Vice President (Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences)</p> <p>The paper that was circulated was an outdated update (the update for October).</p> <p>Body Positivity panel is happening on 10/12/18, request to share from exec.</p> <p>BNO/BNI being planned for next semester.</p> <p>BNO in Chelmsford happened and there will be a meeting to arrange Chelmsford BNO activities for next semester.</p> <p>FLY said that Gareth Thompson's presence was fantastic for getting students involved and suggested staff/Activities team involvement.</p> <p>ACW said she would love staff involvement but they are often out of staff working hours and many staff find it difficult to stay out of hours.</p> <p>LD said that staff do not have a right to respond in exec so it might be a conversation to have separately.</p> <p>TS suggested BNO on a weekend in order to get more people involved.</p>	<p>Exec</p> <p>ACW/FLY/BM/MH</p> <p>LD/ACW/BD</p>

	ACW/MH responded that this impacts staff resources in terms of 92 being open and were trying to do things on student nights.	
7	<p>Campaign Rep Updates</p> <p>7.1 – Cambridge Trans Rep, Michael Turner No further update from written update.</p> <p>7.2 Cambridge LGBT+ Rep, Niamh Cubitt Supported on Collier Road campaign.</p> <p>7.3 Cambridge Women’s Rep, Kyia Thompson Over 700 people used the gate on the Tuesday between 4-6. Over 550 people used the gate on Thursday between 5-7. ACW recommended getting a written statement from security supporting the campaign following positive. LD recommended the manager of the security team, Greg Dumbrell. KT to contact security and get a statement.</p>	KT
8.	<p>Faculty Rep Updates</p> <p>8.1 AHSS (AM) Written update provided.</p> <p>8.2 HEMS (TL) Written update received. FLY updated on the Young Street one question survey. 63 responses, still open on social media.</p> <p>8.3 HEMS (TS) Plans to bring ideas to next exec.</p> <p>8.4 HEMS (BM) Simon Dady mentioned the learning support fund campaign at an HEA conference and linked up with universities who were trying to do similar things. SD circulated BM’s details to other universities’ student reps following the conference. Phone call with LD around NUS conference policy/campaigns to upvote this as a discussion at conference in April. Update to follow. BNO in Chelmsford was a success and Open Road came along.</p>	

	<p>Med students were getting pressure to take over MedSoc but were going to create Anglia Ruskin Medical Student Society, and GT meeting with medical students to make this an SU society.</p> <p>Student feedback about office movements in paramedic science, things moving from Sawyers to William Harvey to combine with midwives and nurses. Meeting at 5pm 28/11 to discuss.</p> <p>FLY and BM met with Deputy Dean in HEMS to streamline communications alongside NMC standards, trying to get students allowed to attend SSLCs with 'standdowns'. BM trying to get student representation Student Experience and Retention group (check acronym).</p> <p>FLY to check times for FEC/StEER and see who can attend what.</p> <p>BM to figure out Chelmsford babychange facilities and if they are gendered or gender-neutral.</p> <p>LD inquired about all the different medical societies and the idea of medical council. BM responded that the umbrella medical council would be great to present ideas and then each part does their own thing. There is some navigating to do with medical students, but medical council would provide communication and collaboration.</p> <p>BM asked about Bar and Beyond promoting themselves on campus following Evoke's closing. He was asked about it about BNO by security.</p> <p>MH and ACW to pass that to commercial team.</p>	<p>FLY/BM/TS BM</p> <p>MH/ACW</p>
9.	<p>Big Ideas & New Policies</p> <p>Starred items</p>	
10	<p>Budget Requests</p> <p>Not quorate.</p> <p>10.1 Christmas Companionship</p> <p>£50 requested.</p> <p>LD to provide refreshments for the Xmas Companionship campaign for students still on campus during Xmas. Posters to be produced in-house.</p> <p>10.2 Pronouns Campaign</p> <p>£50 requested.</p> <p>NC and MT taking £25 each from their own campaigns budget and asking for a further £50 for badges.</p> <p>BM queried if 500 badges is a lot or not enough.</p> <p>MT responded that with the trial it will help cover four campuses.</p> <p>NC also said that if they could buy them mid-January then it can launch in LGBT+ History Month.</p> <p>MB to send out budgets and voting electronically as we are not quorate.</p>	<p>RG/MB</p>

11	Any Other Business LD asked for any other feedback/questions from Books+ Chat to be sent to her. NC asked about how the new Books+ scheme going to int'l students will be communicated to international students who don't have Books+ now. LD clarified that int'l students will get ebooks but not cash due to not being accountable to this money.	All
12	Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday 30 th January, 2019 2-4 pm.	

Actions & Matters Arising From Last Meeting

28th November 2018

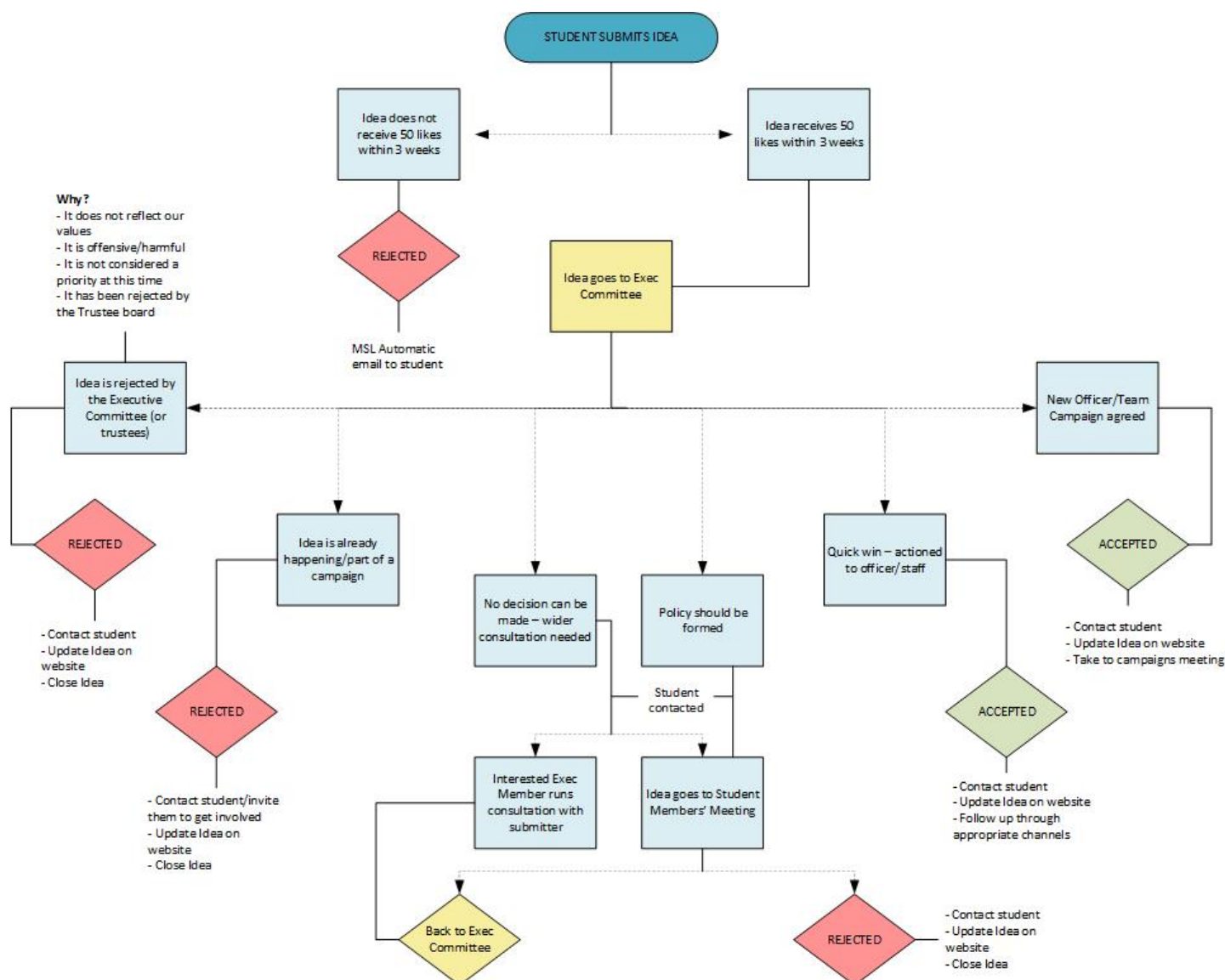
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New actions:			
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	FLY to keep #LoveSocieties survey open following forum to allow students to contribute further	FLY	

	MC and FLY to meet to talk about library deadlines within the FBL faculty	MC/FLY	
6.5	Exec requested to share on social media the Body Positivity Panel happening on 10/12/18	Exec	
	ACW, MH, FLY, and BM to discuss date for Chelmsford BNO	ACW/MH/FLY/BM	
	LD to talk to BD about staff involvement in activities	LD/BD/ACW	
7.3	KT to talk to security and get a statement of support for Collier Road campaign to take to the council	KT	
8.4	FLY, BM, and TS to check times for FEC and StEER to arrange attendance	FLY/BM/TS	
	BM to check if Chelmsford babychange facilities are gendered or gender-neutral	BM	
	ACW and MH to check about Bar and Beyond promoting themselves on campus with commercial team.	MH/ACW	
11	Anybody with feedback or questions following Books+ Chat to send these to LD	All	

Ideas Scheme Revamp – Megan Bennett

I have reviewed the effectiveness and usability of the Ideas Page and have put together the following proposal. There are no drastic changes, just a greater focus on more representative ideas and more power to the Executive Committee.

- Ideas page gets deleted and started again
- Ideas need 50 likes within 3 weeks (as opposed to the current 25 likes in 2 weeks)
- Ideas will automatically get approved and opened for voting (as opposed to me contacting officers, asking for approval, contacting the student, opening the idea for votes, closing the votes in 2 weeks....)
- All ideas that reach 50 votes in total – positive and negative combined (but finish on a positive + number) will go to the next Executive Committee
- The Exec Committee will decide one of six options
 - To reject the idea
 - To reject the idea as it's already happening/happened/part of a campaign
 - To do further consultation on the idea/take it to a Student Members Meeting
 - To form a policy with the student and take to a Student Members Meeting
 - To action a 'quick win' and complete the idea
 - Agree to hold a new officer/rep/team campaign and complete the idea
- At the end of most stages is when we will contact the student (unless it's necessary to contact them before) and update the idea on the website





“MEANINGFUL MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGNS” POLICY

Title:	Meaningful Mental Health Campaigns	Date of Student Council:	25 th April 2018
Proposer name:	Laura Douds		Vice President (Science & Technology)
Seconder name:	Luca Girardi		LGBT+ Students' Rep (Cambridge)

Union Notes:

- ‘Puppy Rooms’ and the like are a growing trend in UK Universities.
- Anglia Ruskin SU has had therapy animals for large groups of students in 2017 and is intending on bringing them back during de-stress fest 2018.
- These sessions cost the Union hundreds of pounds – the estimated cost for de-stress fest this year is £500.
- The Let’s Be Honest report showed that 70% of ARU students suffer from stress.
- The evidence to suggest that animals help with student stress levels in the long-term is dubious at best [1]
- At NUS National Conference 2018, delegates voted to pass a motion called ‘Meaningful Mental Health Campaigns, not Puppy Rooms’. [2]

[1] <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/jclp.22410>

Union Believes:

1. That using animals may temporarily alleviate the stress some students are feeling.
2. That therapy animals on a **one-to-one basis, in the long-term**, can be good for people.
3. That money used on these sessions would be better used elsewhere.
4. Other activities such as yoga or meditation sessions with qualified coaches can teach people how to de-stress themselves and given them the tools to continue doing that rather than relying on another being.
5. That too much emphasis is placed on short-term, ‘sticking plaster’ solutions rather than real change.
6. That if students’ mental health issues were addressed at the root cause, then temporary solutions such as puppy rooms would not be needed.
7. That stress is not and should not be an inherent part of the university experience, and it should not be treated as such.
8. That there is a competitive culture brought on by capitalism and the marketization of education through measures such as the TEF, and the growing competition in the graduate job market.
9. That it is this culture, promoting competition to unhealthy levels and subsequent pressure to do well, that causes a significant amount of this stress, not necessarily something inherent to the assessment process.
10. That the students who are the most in need of help with overwhelming stress levels at any time of the year, including this time of year are typically from minority groups [1] [2]

[1] <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2007/aug/31/schools.uk1>

[2] <https://www.independent.co.uk/student/student-life/health/mental-health-depression-anxiety-at-university-affecting-female-lgbt-students-a7184816.html>

Union Resolves:

1. The Union will not use animals for therapy purposes going forward (any events for the current academic year that have already been booked will be honoured).
2. To continue to stand against the marketization of higher education.

3. To continue to lobby our mental health services to be made better. This **may** include but is not limited to:
 - a. Culturally competent counselling, so that our services are truly accessible to **all** students, but especially those that most need our help.
 - b. Increasing our provision of counsellors to the HEPI recommended minimum of 1 counsellor per 1,358 students.
 - c. Anything else that has been raised in the Let's Be Honest report that is relevant.

Please e-mail to Megan Bennett, Democracy Coordinator at m.bennett@angliastudent.com



"LIBERATE THE CURRICULUM" POLICY

Title:	Liberate the Curriculum	Date of Student Council:	25 th April 2018
Proposer name:	Laura Douds		Vice President (Science & Technology)
Seconder name:	Luca Girardi		LGBT+ Students' Rep (Cambridge)

Union Notes:

1. LGB and trans issues are not likely to come up in students' curriculums, and LGB and trans students are less likely to say their history and experiences are represented in their courses. [1]
2. The Let's Be Honest report found that LGBT students are more likely to be stressed, and that social pressure and social isolation were disproportionately likely to contribute to this.
3. The Black Attainment Gap (or BME Attainment Gap) has been evidenced since at least 2007. Black students are up to 27.4% less likely to get a first class or 2:1 degree than white students. [2]
4. ARU is 17th-worst in the country for the BME attainment gap in first-class degrees with a gap of 22%. [3]
5. According to NUS, "One in 10 trans students never feel comfortable to speak up in class and almost one in four women do not feel comfortable to do so." [4]

[1] <https://www.nus.org.uk/Global/lgbt-research.pdf>

[2] <https://www.nusconnect.org.uk/liberation/black-students/equality-in-education/attainment-gap-2017>

[3] <https://wonkhe.com/blogs/analysis-universities-shame-black-attainment-gap/>

[4] <https://www.nusconnect.org.uk/campaigns/liber8-education/liberate-the-curriculum>

Union Believes:

1. That including appropriate people of every minority group within the curriculum can only be a good thing.
2. That tackling the curriculum issues we have regarding minority/liberation groups will be one way to reduce attainment gaps and drop-out rates.
3. That including more BME, LGBT+, female and disabled authors in the reading lists and in-class, students will subconsciously feel more supported and have a better sense of belonging.
4. That this should not be the only way we attempt to influence students within these groups to feel included and better their experience.

Union Resolves:

1. To lobby the university so that LGBT+, disabled, BME, and women's issues should be included in the curriculums where appropriate. This should be addressed in an intersectional way.
2. Lobby the university to include liberation in the new education strategy.

3. That the Union will continue to support appropriate other methods of helping students feel included, such as through history months, societies and other events, and will embed accessibility in the heart of everything it does.
4. Lobby and work with the university to close the attainment gaps that exist through both the curriculum **and** other means (**such as, but not necessarily** through working with the EDI group, student retention groups and access agreements).

Please e-mail to Megan Bennett, Democracy Coordinator at m.bennett@angliastudent.com



AGAINST CUTS TO EDUCATION POLICY

Title:	Against Education Cuts	Date of Student Council:	06/02/2018
Proposer name:	Jamie Smith	Role:	President
Seconder name:	Kirran Khan	Role:	Vice President (Business)

Union Notes:

1. The cost of university tuition fees is set to go up to £9, 250 by 2017 and £9,500 by 2018. ([http://www\(anglia.ac.uk/student-life/help-with-finances/uk-eu-undergraduate\)](http://www(anglia.ac.uk/student-life/help-with-finances/uk-eu-undergraduate))
2. The government has scrapped maintenance grants which takes away financial support from eligible students. (<https://www.theguardian.com/money/2016/aug/01/maintenance-grants-scrapped-for-poorest-students>)
3. By 2020, spending for students in education is to fall by 7% per pupil. (<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2016/apr/15/secondary-schools-sharpest-cuts-funding-since-1970s-thinktank>)
4. Since 2010 teachers have had to suffer a pay freeze and others are subject cuts to pay by 10% – 15%. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/teachers-demand-an-end-to-the-public-sector-pay-freeze-10159903.html>
5. By 2020 there will be a total of £600 million in cuts to education. (<http://www.sec-ed.co.uk/news/fears-over-impact-of-600m-cut-to-education-services-grant-1/>)
6. Area reviews are having negative effects on schooling. There will also be cuts for many further education institutions. (<http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/articles/feunplugged-it-s-time-to-fight-back-for-fe>)
7. With the lack/loss of bursaries students on placements are having to find the additional finances to travel to their assigned locations (some branching 2 hours from their campus)

Union Believes:

1. The rise in tuition fees will leave students in much larger debt when leaving university and people will be less inclined to join universities because they feel they cannot afford it on top of other costs.
2. The proposed Teaching Excellence Framework will lead to more expensive education for students and could cause the closure of numerous colleges due to the effect of league tables.
3. The total working hours for teachers goes beyond the typical school hours and with the addition of pay freezes and cuts will lead to a lack of interest for people to enter teaching and other education professions.
4. A £600 million cut will limit the effectiveness of schools through a lack of resources and could lead to the closure of schools who are not financially stable enough to be maintained
5. These cuts are leading to cuts and closures of libraries and librarians; meaning schools are losing access to school and public libraries reducing the access to further knowledge and developing reading skills.
6. Area reviews are ignoring exclusion in schools which only strengthens bullying and exclusion in schools. This negatively impacts the access and effectiveness of education for a large number of students, creating a large divide in society.
7. Cuts to education affect the wellbeing of students within the classroom by taking away the accessibility of purchasing resources for the school.
8. ARU Students' Union has already taken stands against the proposition of increased tuition fees and the Teaching Excellence Framework.
9. Additional support should be provided for students who are traveling to placements as a compulsory part of their studies

Union Resolves:

1. To stand and campaign against all proposed cuts to the education field.
2. To advocate for and support student campaigns against cuts to prospective education and teacher training students.

3. To support local community campaigns against cuts to education.
4. To liaise with local teacher's union groups to strengthen the knowledge base.
5. To lobby the university and local government to support students on placements with their hidden costs.



AGAINST NHS CUTS POLICY

Title:	Against NHS Cuts	Date of Student Council:	05/12/2017
Proposer name:	Eliza Torres	SID/Role:	Vice President (Health, Social Care, Education and Medical Science)
Seconder name:		SID/Role:	

Union Notes:

1. Bursaries have been cut for nursing students, which has introduced high levels of debt. This has been predicted to drive down recruitment and allied health students at ARU.
2. ARU is the largest provider of Health, social care and Education course in the East of England, with over 10,000 students and the university has been named one of the top 10 places in the country to study nursing.
3. Cuts to healthcare services means students will be seeking more Mental Health assistance from universities which will mean that there will be a larger demand for services that may not be met. The ratio of students to counsellors is 1:1,358, which shows just how stretched counsellors are to provide services for students.

Union Believes:

1. Cuts against the NHS affect students on multiple levels and create barriers to accessing these courses for various demographics of students.
2. Cuts to community health care also affects the wellbeing of students their ability to access needed care from facilities in a timely manner with regards to mental health and other presenting health issues.
3. ARU SU is against future cuts to the NHS and rising of fees. Cambridge ARU students attended a demonstration for free education in London and Chelmsford students created banners in support of the free education campaign.

Union Resolves:

1. To stand and campaign against all proposed cuts to NHS services
2. To support student campaigns against cuts to the nursing and allied health professions
3. To support local community campaigns against cuts to NHS services

LAURA DOUDS - PRESIDENT

My campaigns, policy and other work

**My campaigns**

Rent	In progress
<p><i>Actions updated: 17-1-19</i></p> <p>The survey has finished. We received 508 responses but when we removed duplicates we received 495. Either way it's an impressive data set and I'm looking forward to working with Rose to analyse the results and get the paper written.</p> <p>We met with Daniel Zeichner to share the very early results - he said he will support the final report going to the All Party Parliamentary Group for students when it's ready, as long as it's of a similar quality to the LBH report. This is very good - the APPG obviously take ARU seriously when we can document our problems.</p> <p>This is on the agenda for when we meet with Vicky ford on 18-01-19</p>	

History months	In progress
<p><i>Actions updated: 17-1-19</i></p> <p>LGBT History Month events are in my calendar - I'll be sharing them with the working group soon! I'm looking forward to rerunning the campaign as it was one of my favourite things I did as VP.</p>	

Christmas Companionship	COMPLETE
<p><i>Actions updated: 17-1-19</i></p> <p>This happened! I had 6 students over the course of a day - these were generally people of the expected backgrounds (trans students, international students) and a student parent and her child. I only spent about £12 overall so I figure it was a pretty good use of the money! Everyone had a good time and it felt like a really worthwhile thing to do.</p>	

Other relevant updates

Actions updated: [date of update]

I'm recruiting a new VC!!! Informal meetings are the 24th January.

In the process of recruiting a new CEO - we're due to do the interviews in March, but a lot of my time is being sucked up by the processes needed to make this happen.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

MARY COPSEY - VICE PRESIDENT (BUSINESS)

My campaigns, policy and other work

**My Campaigns**

Part Time Jobs Fair	Complete
<p>Jobs fairs have been completed and events successfully took place. FEEDBACK forms send to employers and EB</p> <p>Employers/ EB are currently being send out feedback forms.</p> <p>The Group Chat- highlighted some constructive feedback.</p>	

Carers Awareness	Working on
<p><i>Working behind the scenes on issues that students who indidenty as Parents and/or Carers face.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Academic Support, peer support and childcare.</i> - <i>Meetings with SU advisers updates to website</i> - <i>Meetings with university updates to website</i> - <i>newsletters and blogging</i> - <i>Peterborough student interaction</i> <p><i>“WIN - now a Parent's Education Society“</i></p> <p><i>Update events</i></p> <p><i>January</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>GIAG: TEA PARTY “SU SUPPORTS U” - 28/1/19 CHELMSFORD</i> - <i>GIAG: TEA PARTY “SU SUPPORTS U” 1/2/19 CAMBRIDGE</i> <p><i>February</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>BECOME A DEMENTIA FRIEND - (chelmsford)</i> - <i>Launch event- Parents Education Society (cambridge)</i> <p><i>Community Project - Carers Awareness</i></p> <p><i>Mind have now reopened in cambridge, Amanda and I have planned a meeting to organise visiting the charity.</i></p>	

Business Blogs (faculty of Business and Law)	Working on
<p><i>Continuous discussions with FBL around planning of promotion within newsletters SEM2 events poster and social platforms.</i></p> <p>Actions to be completed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary and Faculty Reps organising business blogs - SEM2 ARTICLE 	

Rent Team Campaign - Mary's Actions	Working on
<p>FIND A FLATMATE</p> <p><i>Relevant results from the rent survey shall be used within the promo and additional materials for the Find A Flatmate events (i.e. q-cards)</i></p> <p><i>In collaboration with fellow officer Fraser we have been working behind the scenes planning and organising the Find A flatmate events in february.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cambridge we shall have a Find A Flatmate Stall at the ARU Housing fair on the 18th February - Chelmsford in the delightful 92 we shall be hosting an evening event on the 12th february. <p><i>Any questions please contact:</i> m.copsey@angliastudent.com ; f.luther-yarwood@angliastudent.com</p> <p>THE RENT HOUSING GUIDE <u>(Completed)</u></p> <p><i>This action involved providing a copy of the "SU Housing Guide" to the international office for their team to review it and report feedback.</i></p>	

International Support Package	Working on
<p>Actions updated: Planning and evidence building stage (current-ongoing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions were around the ICAFE and also the international support available, how we can work together to promote visibility and communicate with students. - Rent Guide has been given to international office for review and feedback. - Christmas newsletter, going forward SEM2 newsletters - Created prevented assessment video and was launched in week 10 on info screens, social media and canvas. 	

Global week - working with activities and International office planning events for Global week

- Sit on global week meetings with IO and SU
- International games nights SEM2

Action plan going forward: speak to other faculties and get them onboard with this campaign and international support.

- Follow up with international office about international students within other faculties and what (if required) support, development, new ideas are needed).
- International tile

Other relevant updates

Manifesto

- Improve visibility of Business societies ☐
- Promote, attend and support course-based societies within the Business and Law faculty.
- Rep training ☐
- Enhance support international students. (current)
- Turnitin workshops were completed during welcome week. ☐
- Business blogs (current)
- Childcare (current)

Volunteering Week

- Officer and Volunteering newsreport
- Going to be actively involved in participating in events.
- #ActsOfKindness - I shall be giving out love hearts to students on valentines day but also throughout the week promoting acts of kindness

Meetings with Faculty Reps

- Organising monthly 1-1s with FBL reps

Refreshers

- Faculty welcome day/departmental talks 1st years
- Welcoming back 2nd and 3rd years - what's on and support.
- SU events/Faculty events.

Other academic support

- Worked with student services to get SU voice on how to improve their student
 - **Personal Tutoring Tile** - this has been approved and sent to IT to see how to make this happen.
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Project Plan

CAMPAIGN PROJECT PLAN

Project Title	Start Date	End Date
<i>International Support Campaign</i>	2018/19	Continuous-2019

Lead Officer/Rep	Mary Copsey	Officer Support	ALL
Staff Support	SU Staff	Exec Support	International Rep

The problem	Evidence	Vision
<p>What's the issue? Why are you doing this campaign?</p> <p><i>Enhance visibility of university and union services for international/EU students.</i></p> <p><i>Continue to develop innovative ways to academically support international/EU students.</i></p> <p><i>International students do not receive the same benefits as home students. For example: books+</i></p> <p><i>Students feel isolated and uncertain about what Brexit negotiations impact will have on their studies</i></p>	<p>How do you know it's a problem?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First impressions meeting – international office feedback form - SSLCS student feedback - Meet ups/social platforms - <i>International students are not eligible for books plus</i> - <i>International students cannot get UK funding.</i> 	<p>What do you want the outcome of this campaign to be?</p> <p><i>International/EU students will feel supported and part of ARU community.</i></p>

References of evidence

First Impressions Meet up (DOC) – can be presented upon request.
 NUS Article on: international students and education - <https://www.nusconnect.org.uk/sections/international>
 SSLCS (DOC) – can be presented upon request
 Student feedback – social networking and GIAG
 NUS - [International Mental Health Support](#)
 Nus – Education and learning how to [NUS100 and Learner Voice](#)
 SU Advisors – key themes include: Assessment offences, Achievement concerns, Appeals, Course problems, Late mitigations

Aim	Objectives
<p><i>What is the purpose and broad activity of the campaign?</i></p> <p>Aim:</p> <p>To enhance visibility of international/EU support throughout university.</p> <p>To create an environment where international and EU students will feel part of the community.</p> <p>To address the need for international financial support.</p>	<p><i>What are the specific objectives of this campaign? What will it achieve?</i></p>
	<p>International and EU students will feel appropriately supported by Anglia Ruskin University</p>
	<p>International students will feel supported throughout their studies.</p>
	<p>International students will feel part of the community.</p>
	<p>International students will have a clear understanding of academic support.</p>

Key Stakeholders	How to get them on board
<p><i>Who will play a big part in your campaign?</i></p>	<p><i>How are you going to win them over/get them involved?</i></p>
<p>Students – international/EU</p>	<p>Provide platforms where students feel empowered and have a voice.</p>
<p>SU – Advice/activities/commercial</p>	<p>Work in collaborating to see how we can support international students.</p>
<p>International office</p>	<p>Work in collaboration on innovative ways for international students to feel supported.</p>
<p>Rep coordinators</p>	<p>Investigating into themes and patterns into the issues raised by international students.</p>
<p>COMMS</p>	<p>Create a plan to design when appropriately for events, surveys, articles and reports.</p>
<p>University</p>	<p>Study Skills Plus, language centre, getting faculties on board.</p>

Project Team and responsibilities
<p><i>Who is going to help you and what are their responsibilities?</i></p> <p>International office – meetings, newsletters, student outreach – feedback/collaborating with officer.</p> <p>Comms – designs and Comms plans</p> <p>Activities – Global week, international/EU events collaborating with officer working to see what we can do to help international students feel welcomed and part of the community.</p> <p>Advisers – investigate what support(if available)</p> <p>Commercial/acts – inclusiveness – how we can help international/EU students feel involved.</p>

Consultation/Approval	Date	
Campaigns Coordinator	Jan 2019	✓
Executive Committee		
Students	2018	✓

Deliverables	Departments Involved in Delivery	Monitor, Measure and Evaluate (KPIs)
<p><i>What will the outputs of the project be (an event, a Facebook group)</i></p> <p>Facebook outreach Facebook event Instagram – global week. University screens Newsletters</p> <p>Articles – informative promoting visibility of what services we have, what events we are running and what changes have been made.</p>	<p><i>Are there any specific Students' Union departments/teams that you would like to be involved?</i></p> <p>Advisers</p> <p>Officers support – more in-depth knowledge of their cohort of students</p> <p>Comms and activities</p>	<p><i>How will you measure the success of the project? How will we know if it has achieved its objectives? (the impact)</i></p> <p>One question survey- GOAT find out if students finding this beneficial get the international office involved.</p> <p>Communicate with Academic services and find out if they have had an increased intake of students attending support workshops for example, Study Skills Plus.</p> <p>Check in with the university that and monitor what recommendations have been taken forward.</p>

A guild to what is currently available and a list of recommendations to present to the university going forward.	
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Detailed Timeline & budget				
Dates activity	Activity	Action	Who's doing it	Cost
<i>When?</i>	<i>What?</i>	<i>List what needs to happen for your activity to take place</i>	<i>Who is responsible?</i>	<i>How much money will this cost?</i>
2018/19 – ongoing	Meetings with international office	Existing support, what could be developed and areas for development.	Caroline Shanahan/ other members of staff within international office.	tbc
2018-2019-ongoing	International office newsletters	Mary to send newsletters to IO to be send out to international/SU students	Mary/Comms/international office.	N/A
2019 JAN-MARCH	Global Week Working group	Regular meetings discussing the plans for Global week.	Mary/ SU staff/ IO	Tbc
2019 JAN-MARCH	International Games Night	Project plan/Comms plan/design briefs.	FBL/Activities/Comms/ Mary/ International office.	£160 - food £50- materials cover all events (including meet ups)
Feb 2019	Send design briefs to Comms	Mary to communicate with IO, FBL and the SU	Comms/Mary	N/A

Feb 2019	Put events in calendar & promote event	Facebook, put event in calendar, get involved within newsletters and social media platforms.	Mary/Comms/FBL/IO	N/A
Feb 2019	Book space for events	Book rooms for events in global week.	Mary/IO/FBL	N/A
Monthly	Meet ups	GOAT and interactive sessions where students can chat with VP presenting any feedback.	Mary and other relevant SU departments	£20 snacks
April 2018 The Group Chat	Impact of Brexit on Education	GOAT gather student impact on the concerns of the outcome of Brexit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student feedback given at The Group Chat SEM1 - Going forward GOAT and find out international/EU students perspective? SEM2 	Mary/Campaigns Coordinator/Comms Draft be sent produced in march.	tbc

TOTAL COST: £230

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

FRASER LUTHER-YARWOOD - VICE PRESIDENT (HEALTH, EDUCATION, MEDICINE & SOCIAL CARE)

My campaigns, policy and other work

**My campaigns**

Part Time Jobs Fair	Complete
<i>Part Time Jobs Fair is complete</i>	

Peer Mentoring Programme	In Progress
<p><i>As we enter the new semester we are now shaping how we look to promote and communicate this new programme with students.</i></p> <p><i>This programme will be offered to prospective students on an opt-out basis at least for the 1st trial so students can get a feel of how the programme works</i></p> <p><i>Current students will be trained to be able to be a mentor</i></p> <p><i>This is a voluntary role so they can log their hours and skills as they normally would through the volunteering department</i></p> <p><i>This programme will be run across Chelmsford, Cambridge and Peterborough</i></p> <p><i>We are looking to ensure this programme is either adapted to be suitable for international students or keep the currently active programme which supports international students</i></p> <p><i>The biggest win from this is that exec gets £350 back because the university are covering all the costs</i></p>	

Love Societies	In Progress
<p><i>The #LoveSocieties survey will be re-launched this semester so we can take feedback from this semester and monitor how new societies that have just started out are doing.</i></p> <p><i>The Society of the Month award nominations will be available for February</i></p> <p><i>Society of the Month winners will be longlisted for Society of the Year at the SU awards</i></p>	

Find-A-Flatmate	In Progress
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For the rent campaign myself and Mary will be hosting a stall (Cambridge 18th Feb) and an event (Chelmsford 12th Feb)
The Cambridge stall will run alongside the university housing fair and students can use this time to meet other students.
The Chelmsford event will run like a speed dating event where students can have an allotted amount of time to speak to each other and then they will move on to someone else, if they feel they could be flatmates with someone then they can meet up again afterwards

Park and Ride

In Progress

I have done some research into the Park and Ride options in Chelmsford and Cambridge and have been in contact with the environments manager at the university. We are currently looking at getting better student rates for the Park and Ride

I have been in contact with Simon Chubb who is the environments team manager at the university who is also keen to make improvements to the park and ride

Other relevant updates

Actions updated: 03/12/18

Open Library (In Progress)

Following a recent focus group that took place in November students got to have their say about issues in the library and how communications are managed

The issues regarding the library opening hours out of term hours are due to the fact the university added late submissions therefore the library were left unaware when they set the hours the year prior
A food zone will be discussed in the new semester

Once changes are made officially i will be writing an article on the SU page

Facilities in Peterborough (Complete)

An 8 week plan for the facilities at Peterborough has been created with Peterborough getting new vending machines, a hot grab and go section, new serving counters, meal deals and signage.

Netball in Peterborough is available for students to take part in weekly training sessions as well as taking part in local leagues

I am currently in touch with the Cambridge advice service regarding increased advice opportunities in Peterborough

Hot Food on Young Street (In Progress)

If the new changes in Peterborough go well it is likely we will be taking the model used there down to Young Street.

Others

Letter of study for Part Time students doing Full time placements (In Progress)

I am currently in communication with one of the deputy deans who is able to help support this action. It would not guarantee tax exemption or discounts as it would be down to council to decide

24hr access to the Medical School (In Progress)

*There have been some calls from students to improve the accessibility of the medical school so i will be speaking with the relevant people to see if we can make this possible
I will also be looking to find an answer as to whether other medical based students can have access to the medical school resources.*

SSLC accessibility (In Progress)

During a recent meeting within my Faculty an issue was raised around SSLC attendance going down. To combat this we are potentially looking to bring in the use of the Big Blue Button to allow student to attend the SSLC and have their say from elsewhere

Improved volunteering opportunities for education courses (In Progress)

In the faculty, education students do not get a placement and have to arrange their own opportunities to get experience so myself, the volunteering department and the faculty are looking to be able to improve our services and connections in order to support students finding education based placements

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

MATT HAYES - VICE PRESIDENT (SCIENCE & ENGINEERING)

My campaigns, policy and other work

**My campaigns**

Access Denied	In Progress
<p><i>Actions updated: 15/1/19</i></p> <p>December trial was, in my opinion a success. A short evaluation paper is attached with some figures around the usage.</p> <p>The evaluation paper references a spreadsheet which was provided to me by Les James and I have therefore also attached that.</p>	

Society Skills	In Progress
<p><i>Actions updated: 15/1/19</i></p> <p>11th and 13th Feb are the dates. They coincide with SVW which is a huge bonus. 17:00-19:00.</p>	

Drug Harm Reduction	In Progress
<p><i>Actions updated: 15/1/19</i></p> <p>David Walmsley has unfortunately decided there is not enough surplus cash within Student Services to financially support the campaign. However, I have asked him to confirm in writing that SS are still happy for us to distribute the checking kits. As yet, I have not had a reply but I know that, until yesterday (14/1), DW was on leave.</p>	

Other relevant updates

Actions updated: 15/1/19

- I am now MHFA trained
- We had a great visit from Eva from NUS and discussed both ARU issues and issues affecting the whole HE sector.
- FSE have recruited a new Dean. Myself and Laura met the candidates and discussed the SU/Faculty relationship and provided the panel with feedback about each candidate.

'Compass House 24/7 Trial Findings

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This paper will briefly reflect on the data provided by Les James (Head of Business Operations) regarding the trial of 24/7 access to Compass House that took place between 26/11/18 and 16/12/18.
- 1.2. The data is provided up to 13/12 as the FSE Faculty Student Partnership meeting took place on 14/12.
- 1.3. The data was provided on the afternoon of 13/12 and there are some data entries for the evening of that date – disregard these as data errors.
- 1.4. There is also some anomalous results which show students signing in on weekdays during the standard opening hours of 08:00 and 21:00 – these should also be disregarded.
- 1.5. The numbers shown in the spreadsheet are the numbers of sign-ins in that hour window – we have nothing to show how long they stayed.
- 1.6. Any mention of the 'previous trial' is referring to the 2018 SEM2 pilot in which the building was opened on Saturdays 10:00-18:00 as well as the usual weekday opening times.

2. Brief Analysis

- 2.1. There was initially a slow take-up. This may have due to lack of awareness as the usage dramatically increases from the week commencing 3/12. The Students' Union put a number of posters up around the building to make students aware of the trial at the end of the first week of the trial.
- 2.2. The spreadsheet shows large amounts of usage during both weekends. On both Saturdays, at least 9 students turned up after 18:00 showing a clear interest in less sociable Saturday hours. Sundays produced greater numbers than Saturdays. I would be inclined to assume this might be groups of students on the same course/module arriving at the same time in order to work collaboratively. Sunday 9th was in fact one of the most popular with an average of 3.7 students signing in every hour.
- 2.3. On weekdays, the most popular time to sign in was the hour window between 22:00 and 23:00. An average of 4.2 students arrive during these times across the 3 weeks.
- 2.4. As expected, the week commencing 10/12 was the busiest; from my initial research surveying students, this week contains the majority of deadlines. 62 students signed in out-of-hours during this week.

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Wednesday 28 Nov															3											3
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Friday 30 Nov	1												1	1	4	2	1									10
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Wednesday 12 Dec											2	4	6	4	4	4	4	2				1				27
Thursday 13 Dec	1														2	3	3				1					10
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

AMANDA CAMPBELL-WHITE - VICE PRESIDENT (ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES)

My campaigns, policy and other work



My campaigns

Best Night Out	In Progress
<p><i>Actions updated: [17/01/19]</i></p> <p>Matt and I running another Best Night Out on the 12th, Feb 7pm-11.30pm.</p> <p>The paper for the Bar//SU commercial space for Cambridge campus is in a draft format document now. Hopefully will be able to have this sent you the VC of the university by the end of February in our next meeting with him.</p>	
Best Night In	In Progress
<p><i>Actions updated: [19/10/18]</i></p> <p>Matt and I have arranged the next Best Night in for Cambridge. Date is the Feb 6th, 7pm - 11.30pm in The Academy.</p>	
Body Positivity	In Progress
<p><i>Actions updated: [19/10/18]</i></p> <p>The body positivity working group on Facebook for all students who have asked to be actively involved in the campaign. The group has been created in order to share ideas on the Campaign and spark conversation. It going really well.</p> <p>Had the panel discussion, was a huge success. New society has started now.</p> <p>Student videos for Instagram takeover week - 4th-8th Feb.</p> <p>BP showcase 7th Feb 6.30pm-11.30pm in The Academy.</p>	

Other relevant updates

Actions updated: 14/09/18

De-Stress fest:

In the process of planning events for across the 2 week period from the 4th March - 15th March. If anyone wants to run a session let me know please asap when and what it is!!!

Community project:

Mary and I will be taking the donations to mind soon!

General update:

Had an all staff away day, really good to see what other departments have been up to catch up with various SU staff and our trustees.

pdr360 review on my role.

Mental health first aid training – 2 days of intense learning and now I am qualified.

Went to a Mill road drop in about the bridge being closed. The reason VP FSE and I went is that the proposed time will have an impact on our students getting to the university and the time period is over deadline and exams period. However, our suggestion is to move the proposed date back till August//September instead so we are waiting to hear back on if this has been approved by relevant people. There was talk from the railway company (GTR) that they may put in a temporary pedestrian bridge in place instead. However, I can not 100% confirm this. We are waiting on an update on this.

Regular meetings with Shaun (deputy dean of the faculty) and Karen (Activities important person in the faculty), they have taken on board my feedback for including course reps onto the canvas homepage for students. This will help AHSS Course Reps to boost their visibility with fellow students and to make them easier to contact. It should hopefully be in place by now!! Or very soon! I have been chasing up with them!

I am looking at how we can encourage and involve more student engagement in Athena Swan. Please can you help me with this!

Made a Difference awards for university staff is still open until the 8th February. Please, can I ask those who have not already to nominate as many AHSS staff as possible.

Student volunteering week: 11th Feb-15th Feb. Our theme this year is an Act of Kindness across campus. I will be handing out tea to students on Friday 15th and running a Mapathon session Thursday 14th Feb

Find a flatmate event for Cambridge to be held for all students on the 18th February, 10.30am-1pm at Kelsey Kerridge.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

CAMPAIGN REPSCampaigns, projects and other work

[Niamh Cubitt/LGBT+]

Pronoun badges:

Going well. The badges should either be on their way or already at the uni ready for LGBT+ history month. There's gonna be an opt in way for people to respond and give their opinions on the badges so that if there are popular improvements can be made with later waves of badges.

Refreshers meetup (mon 28th):

Hasn't happened yet for past Niamh but will for future Niamh

LGBT+ History month:

Stuff is still being organised all over but it's shaping up to be a really good.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

FACULTY REPSCampaigns, projects and other work

Alex Mead - Faculty Rep (Cambridge)

Update:

- I had a conversation on 03/12/2018 with Fraser regarding his Peer Mentoring Scheme. The purpose of this meeting was to try and offer feedback and guidance as to how we could potentially incorporate some aspects from the AHSS Buddy Scheme.
 - I shall be having a meeting on 23/01/2019 to discuss the reviewal of the AHSS Admin Office Hours.
 - Demi has successfully setup a Facebook group so that faculty-wide issues can be raised by course reps to their Faculty Rep, Vice President, SU staff, and other course reps. I have used this to inform all group members about the upcoming election!
 - To end, I shall soon be organising a faculty forum with Amanda and Demi once all course reps have attended their second SSLC meetings.
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Semester Two Budget Update

Prepared by Rose Guy, Campaigns and Education Enhancement Coordinator

Following the end of Semester One, a budget review has been done on the Campaigns budget in order to assess current spending and re-allocate money into the Campaigns pot.

The initial allocation of funding across Semester One's Executive Committee meetings brought the requested funds to £4,525, leaving the Campaigns budget with a remainder of £475. However, almost all campaigns have thus far underspent on their budgets. There was one overspend of £19.20 which resulted from a staff miscommunication (not an officer error), but which still must come from this budget.

For campaigns which have concluded, or situations in which the money requested was no longer necessary due to external funding, the unspent money has been re-allocated into the budget. For unelected campaign rep positions, the £50 allocated to them at the beginning of the academic year has also been re-allocated into the budget. This equals a total of £1,136.22 extra which is now available.

While the total spent from this budget is £674.80, it is anticipated that a further £2,733.18 is projected to be spent in Semester Two for active campaigns, bringing the spent amount plus the allocated (but unspent) amount to £3,407.98. This means that there is £1,592.02 available to request from for further campaigning in Semester Two.

Name	Role	Amount Requested	Amount Spent	Amount Left to Spend	Amount Returned (if any)
Laura Douds	President	£1505.00	£264.95	£553.83	£686.22
Matt Hayes	VP FSE	£560.00	£126.39	£433.61	--
Amanda Campbell White	VP AHSS	£1100.00	£39.69	£1060.31	--
Mary Copsey	VP FBL	£360.00	£148.77	£230.43	--
Fraser Luther-Yarwood	VP HEMS	£350.00	£0.00	£0.00	£350.00
Blessing Raimi	BME Rep Cam	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	--
Miranda Gayle	BME Rep Chelms	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	--
Disabled Rep Cam	Disabled Rep Cam	£50.00	£0.00		£50.00
Angela Sizer	Disabled Rep Chelms	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	--
Vesela Mihova	Int'l Rep Cam	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	--
Louis Abou Nader	Int'l Rep Chelms	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	--
Niamh Cubitt	LGBT+ Rep Cam	£75.00	£45.00	£30.00	--
Antonio Dmitrov	LGBT+ Rep Chelms	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	--
Michael Turner	Trans Rep Cam	£75.00	£45.00	£30.00	--
Trans Rep Chelms	Trans Rep Chelms	£50.00	£0.00		£50.00
Kyia Thompson	Women's Rep Cam	£50.00	£5.00	£45.00	--
Courtney-Lee Collins	Women's Rep Chelms	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	--
Final Totals		£4500.00	£674.80	£2733.18	£1136.22

Campaigns Budget Form

Please submit alongside project plan or update

Name: Mary Copsey
Dates: Semester 2

Role: Vice President for Business and Law.

Which campaign is this for?: International Support

Date of Executive Committee: 31st January

What are you delivering?	Estimated Cost	what you need and why you need it: :	Amount Approved	Amount Spent	Items Purchased	Date Spent
<i>FOOD = international Games night Cambridge</i>	£80.00	student food (pizza/snacks/drinks) The International Office and FBL have also agreed to split costs.				
<i>FOOD = international Games night Chelmsford</i>	£80.00	student food (pizza/snacks/drinks) The International Office and FBL have also agreed to split costs.				
Events	£50.00	Materials for International Games Nights				
Meet Ups -Snacks	£20.00	snacks for students to be given out during meet ups and working groups.				
Total Requested	£230.00		£0.00	£0.00		
			Variation between Amount Approved	£0.00		

Campaigns Budget Form

Please submit alongside project plan or update

Name:

Matt Hayes

Role:

VP FSE

Dates:

07/01/2018

Date of Executive

Committee:

30th Jan

Which campaign is this for?:

Drug Harm Reduction

What You Need:	Estimated Cost	Why You Need This:	Amount Approved	Amount Spent	Items Purchased	Date Spent
60 Drug Checking Kits (20x cocaine, 20x ecstasy, 20x ketamine each at £50 for 20).	£150.00	To allow students to equip themselves with as much knowledge as possible before choosing to use a drug.				
Total Requested	£150.00		£0.00	£0.00		

Variation between
Amount Approved