



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

3:00pm – 5:00pm, 31 January 2018

Members

Jamie Smith	President	FVC/LEDIC	
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Stewart Watson	FST Faculty Rep (Cambridge)	FVC	
Bobby Hughes	FST Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)	FVC	
Michael Graham	LAIBS Faculty Rep (Cambridge)	FVC	
Aysha Goodwin	LAIBS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)	FVC	
Christiane Kouassi	Black and Minority Ethnic Students' Rep (Chelmsford)	LEDIC	
Blessing Raimi	Black and Minority Ethnic Students' Rep (Cambridge)	LEDIC	
Grant Rose	Disabled Students' Rep (Cambridge)	LEDIC	
Gill Jacob	Disabled Students' Rep (Chelmsford)	LEDIC	
Antonia Vetter	International Rep (Cambridge)	LEDIC	
Roman Ivanov	International Rep (Chelmsford)	LEDIC	
Imogen Davnall	LGBT+ Students' Rep (Chelmsford)	LEDIC	
Luca Girardi	LGBT+ Students' Rep (Cambridge)	LEDIC	
Michael Turner	Trans* Students' Rep (Cambridge)	LEDIC	
Kyia Thompson	Women's Rep (Cambridge)	LEDIC	
Anita Mieзах	Women's Rep (Chelmsford)	LEDIC	

In attendance

Daniel Login	Engagement and Volunteer Centre Manager	
Megan Bennett	ARU London and Democracy Coordinator	
Jonathan Malton	Executive/Representation Assistant	

Agenda

Welcome, apologies and absences	Jamie Smith	<i>To note</i>	
Minutes of the last meeting	Jamie Smith	<i>To approve</i>	142/18
Actions and matters arising from last meeting	Jamie Smith	<i>To discuss</i>	143/18
Terms of reference	Megan Bennett	<i>To note</i>	144/18
Executive Officer work plans			
President	Jamie Smith	<i>To discuss</i>	145/18
Teaching Excellence Project	Jamie Smith	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal
Vice President (Science and Technology)	Laura Douds	<i>To discuss</i>	146/18
Vice President (Health, Social Care, Education and Medical Science)	Eliza Torres	<i>To discuss</i>	147/18
Vice President (Arts, Law and Social Sciences)	Johanna Korhonen	<i>To discuss</i>	148/18
Vice President (Business)	Kirran Khan	<i>To discuss</i>	149/18
FVC/LEDIC Reps update	All	<i>To note</i>	Verbal
BME Feedback form	Blessing Raimi	<i>To discuss</i>	150/18
Support for Carers	Clarissa Devey-Smith	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal
Policies			
Against cuts to education	Kirran Khan/Eliza Torres	<i>To discuss</i>	151/18
Against NHS cuts	Eliza Torres	<i>To discuss</i>	152/18
Gender neutral toilets	Michael Graham/Laura Douds	<i>To discuss</i>	153/18
Increased equality for vegan students	Johanna Korhonen	<i>To discuss</i>	154/18
KWAF	Stewart Watson/Jamie Smith	<i>To discuss</i>	155/18
Liberating the curriculum	Imogen Davnall/Laura Douds	<i>To discuss</i>	156/18
Save our space	Stewart Watson/Jamie Smith	<i>To discuss</i>	157/18
TEF	Laura Douds/Kirran Khan	<i>To discuss</i>	158/18
Trans not trans*	Michael Graham/Laura Douds	<i>To discuss</i>	159/18
Up your grants	Laura Douds	<i>To discuss</i>	160/18
Wheels in Motion	Kirran Khan	<i>To discuss</i>	161/18
Easy Access	Laura Douds	<i>To discuss</i>	162/18
We Love the Living Wage	Laura Douds	<i>To discuss</i>	163/18

Ideas	All	<i>To discuss</i>	164/18
Budget	Jamie Smith	<i>To approve</i>	
BME Feedback	Blessing Raimi	<i>To approve</i>	165/18
AOB			
University Mental Health Day	Jamie Smith	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal
EDI Representation	Jamie Smith	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal
Faculty Representation	Jamie Smith	<i>To discuss</i>	166-167/18
Campaign Rep Website	Rose Williamson	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal
Date of next meeting(s)	TBC		



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

20/12/17 15:00-17:00

Item No		Action
1	<div><div>Attendance</div><div><div>1.1 Present</div><div><div>Jamie Smith</div><div>Johanna Korhonen</div><div>Kirran Khan</div><div></div><div>Blessing Raimi</div><div>Stewart Watson</div><div>Antonia Vetter</div></div><div><div>In Attendance</div><div></div><div><div>Daniel Login</div><div>Jonathan Malton</div><div>Megan Bennet</div><div>Rose Williamson</div></div></div><div><div>1.2 Apologies</div><div><div>Eliza Torres</div><div>Laura Douds</div><div></div><div>Benjamin Morris</div><div>Bobby Hughes</div><div>Gill Jacob</div><div>Joel Tyson</div><div>Kyia Thompson</div><div>Leigh Rooney</div><div>Luca Girardi</div><div>Michael Turner</div></div></div></div></div>	

	<p>1.3 Absent</p> <p>Anita Miezah Women's Rep (Chelmsford) Aysha Goodwin LAIBS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford) Christiane Kouassi Black and Minority Ethnic Students' Rep (Chelmsford) Clarissa Devey-Smith FHSCE Faculty Rep (Cambridge) Grant Rose Disabled Students' Rep (Cambridge) Imogen Davnall LGBT+ Students' Rep (Chelmsford) Kathryn Dunnill FMS Faculty Rep (Cambridge) Maggie Raleva ALSS Faculty Rep (Cambridge) Michael Graham LAIBS Faculty Rep (Cambridge) Roman Ivanov International Rep(Chelmsford)</p> <p>1.4 Declaration of Interest None</p>	
1	<p>Congratulations were given to the new members of FVC & LEDIC Antonia Vetter – International Rep (Cambridge) Roman Ivanov – International Rep (Chelmsford)</p> <p>Acceptance of Previous Minutes Add Jamie to apologies</p>	
2	<p>2.2 Matters Arising</p> <p>7. Rainbow Lanyards Action: LD to update at the next meeting/Facebook Exec committee group</p> <p>3.1 Family Day – on hold Action: ET to clarify DBS checks</p> <p>5.7 LD to push Gender Neutral Toilets Action: LD to meet Finance Manager to allow societies to claim more money for grant</p> <p>JS – University do not make profit from graduation (graduation working group)</p> <p>5.10 Grants Money money money, - matter resolved. Students from islands around the UK can now submit work as early as international students. Action: JK and MR to announce win</p> <p>LD to update minibus and diversity projects (ASAP) LD and SW to meet Paul Baxter in new year LD to organises Up Your Grants – Has met with finance officer</p> <p>Terms of reference</p>	<p>LD</p> <p>ET</p> <p>LD</p> <p>JK/MR</p>

	No Change	
3	<p>Permanent items</p> <p>3.1 Executive officer reports</p> <p>President</p> <p>Retention Campaign Jamie meeting with Ruth Taylor & Ashton McGregor Report to loosely follow the LBH report</p> <p>Teaching Excellence This is set by the Government JS wanted to lobby University to change this SW: Introducing new formats of learning, implement it in first year, not to add it during third year. AV: postgraduate courses different to undergraduate courses. Mixtures are good, but would like to have an understanding of different learning styles. Made a difference award – new category for excellence teaching. BR: Meeting students in contact times can help with having personal tutoring times</p> <p>VP (ALSS)</p> <p>Recipe Suggestion Canteen will start cooking meals suggested by students in January</p> <p>Communication Meeting in January with Andrea Turner Officer organised radio shows JK & LD have trained for CAM FM KK to follow Action: JK to find out if students can promote SU events on the radio Add to agenda for January</p> <p>Free Printing Stickers in iCentre from 3rd January to encourage online submissions Important document regarding Books+ and printing</p> <p>VP (Business)</p> <p>Personal Tutoring January meetings with other Universities Asked Exec to discuss feedback of good personal tutoring</p>	JK

	<p>Part Time Job Fair Event taking place on 2nd February, rooms have been booked If a budget is required, this will be sorted at January Exec meeting.</p> <p>Bike Safety Organisations in Cambridge have been contacted to implement talks. Chelmsford to be arranged in January Discuss with environment team, as they have closer ties with organisations. Action: KK to update his papers</p> <p>VP (FHSCE & FMS) No updates, due to illness Action: ET to update her papers due to illness</p> <p>VP (FST) LD & KK to discuss plagiarism talks between students and personal advisor. Business school does offer this service, especially on correct referencing. LD to update exec on her latest projects Action: LD to update her papers due to illness</p> <p>FVC/LEDIC reports Comments from other reps to be included in January exec meeting</p> <p>BR to create a survey – finalised budget for next exec meeting Working in partnership with ET, due to similarities of project Liberating the curriculum – discuss at forum</p>	<p>KK</p> <p>ET</p> <p>LD</p>
4	<p>Appointments None</p>	
5	<p>Policies</p> <p>5.1 Against cuts to education No update Action: KK to meet with Campaigns and Education Enhancement Coordinator (RW)</p> <p>5.2 Against NHS cuts No update Action: ET to meet with Campaigns and Education Enhancement Coordinator (RW)</p> <p>5.3 Gender neutral toilets Action: LD to contact estates after Christmas</p> <p>5.4 Increased equality for vegan students Vegan pledge – finished 19/12/17 with 3 sign-ups Still waiting to discuss with catering, after recipe trial campaign.</p>	<p>KK/RW</p> <p>ET/RW</p> <p>LD</p>

	<p>5.5 KWAF Used to go to VC, now has contact in timetabling</p> <p>5.6 Liberating the curriculum Meeting with Aletta in January Action: JM to organise meeting</p> <p>5.7 Save our space Active Anglia and Director of Student Services to implement dance studio in September Chelmsford dome – launch in Refreshers Peter Taylor House – now has CCTV Action: JS to Jo Harbrow (Activities and Operations Director) for opening times Now in process of fixing disabled toilet button Action: JS to tweet University about accessible toilets</p> <p>5.8 TEF No update Action: JM to rearrange meeting with John Hogan (UCU) JS previously updated</p> <p>5.9 Trans not trans* Approved – going to trustees. Congrats to LD and MG</p> <p>5.10 Up your grants Action: LD to push this policy in the new year</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JM/KK</p> <p>LD</p>
6	<p>Council Equal Access Policy – to discuss at Exec Away Day Equality for Vegan Students – No requirement of vegan café in the resubmission of this policy KWAF – LD & JS re-submitted Up Your Grants – no update Living Wage - Anglia Ruskin Students Union adheres by this University also follows the living wage Wheels in Motion – student discount for park and ride in other cities was discussed Action: KK to gather feedback from Chelmsford and Peterborough NHS Cuts – Previously discussed Action: ET to update in new year</p>	<p>KK</p> <p>ET</p>
7	<p>Ideas SU permanent bar in Cambridge – Ongoing Books Plus card used for printing – Ongoing Summer graduation – Remove – bring back when required Stop charging for hot water – update at next meeting Therapy Dogs - Completed Accessible microwave – Completed in Chelmsford</p>	

	<p>Waiting for risk assessment in Cambridge</p> <p>Free graduation guest fee – Ongoing</p> <p>Halal food and prayer room</p> <p>Action: JK to discuss with Chaplin regarding feedback from students</p> <p>Free parking – Article not on website</p> <p>Action: KK to discuss with Georgia Hingston to add article to website</p> <p>Jacket potatoes – meeting in new year</p> <p>Cheerleading – meeting with Ruskin Raiders – activity team to discuss grants</p> <p>Food in Library – change of staff in January; JS to meet new librarian</p> <p>Lab coats – Completed</p> <p>Action: LD to update if this is necessary</p> <p>Money money money –</p> <p>Action: LD to update and contact Shannon (student staff in shop) - original poster of idea.</p> <p>New Ideas passed:</p> <p>Grad Ball</p> <p>Students Guide of Renting Private Accommodation</p> <p>JK to discuss with accommodation and Natalie Brown when necessary</p> <p>Reduce healthy food prices</p> <p>New Accessible Toilet Signs</p>	<p>JK</p> <p>KK</p> <p>LD</p> <p>LD</p>
8	<p>Budgets</p> <p>LD – LGBT History month</p> <p>Guest speaker no.1 Jacob Joyce - £250</p> <p>Guest speaker no.2 Amie Taylor - £150</p> <p>Art kit - £50</p> <p>Snacks for first guest speaker talk - £35</p> <p>500 wristbands for “Your Irreplaceable” and “Random Acts of Kindness” - £135 (Eliza to provide other £135)</p> <p>Travel expenses for guest 1- £50</p> <p>Travel expenses for guest 2- £50</p> <p>JS – Let’s Be Honest</p> <p>15 A1 posters of promoting the recommendations and headlines of report - £150</p> <p>KK - Part Time Job Fair</p> <p>500 A6 flyers and 10 A3 flyers – Comms Materials - £60</p> <p>Student Staff for 6 hours - £60</p> <p>JS raised suggestion for hours, to KK to follow</p> <p>Action: JS to send an email to all members of FVC/LEDIC to approve budget, due to a lack of attendance.</p>	<p>JS</p>

	No AOB	
	Date and Time of Next Meeting: 31/01/2018	

Jamie Smith – President of Students' Union, approves these minutes

Actions and matters arising from last meeting

27th November 2017

ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	UPDATE
Carried over			
7	Rainbow lanyards – LD to update at next Exec/ Facebook group	MG/VP's	
3.1	Family Day – ET to clarify DBS checks	ET	
	Money money money: JK & MR to announce win	MR/JK	
	Communication – Student Radio: To find out if students can promote SU events on radio	JK	
	Exec papers: KK To update papers	KK	
	Exec papers: ET To update papers	ET	
	Exec papers: LD To update papers	LD	
5.1	Against cuts to education: KK to meet RW in new year	KK	
5.2	Against NHS cuts: ET to meet RW in new year	ET	
5.3	Gender Neutral Toilets: LD to push estates in the new year	LD	
5.6	Liberating the curriculum: JM to organise meetings for all VPs in Jan	VP	
5.7	Save Our Space: JS to discuss with Jo Harbrow regarding opening times.	JS	
5.9	Teaching Excellence Framework: JM to arrange meeting with John Hogan	KK	
5.10	Up Your Grants: LD to meet Finance Manager in early 2018	JS	
	Wheels in Motion: KK to gather feedback from Chelmsford and Peterborough	KK	
	Halal food and Prayer room: JK to discuss with Chaplin regarding feedback from students	JK	
6	Free Parking: KK To discuss with Georgia Hingston to add article in to website	KK	
	Lab Coats: LD to update if necessary	LD	
	Budgets – JS to send email to all Committee members to approve budgets	JS	

BYE LAW 2 – Executive Committee

2.1 Membership

2.2.1 The Executive Committee as defined in the Union's Articles of Association shall be made up of the:

- (a) Faculty Voice Committee; and
- (b) Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

2.2 Faculty Voice Committee

2.2.2 Initiation and frequency

- (a) The Faculty Voice Committee will be held monthly.
- (b) Other Faculty Voice Committee meetings may be called by a simple majority vote of the Faculty Voice Committee.

2.2.3 Organisation

Notice of at least five days shall be given for a Faculty Voice Committee meeting.

2.2.4 Membership

There will be a maximum of sixteen members, being the Student Members who hold the following positions within the Union:

- (a) President;
- (b) Vice President (Arts, Law and Social Sciences);
- (c) Vice President (Business);
- (d) Vice President (Health, Social Care, Education and Medical Science);
- (e) Vice President (Science and Technology);
- (f) ALSS Faculty Rep (Cambridge) and (Chelmsford);
- (g) FHSCE Faculty Rep (Cambridge), (Chelmsford) and (Peterborough);
- (h) FMS Faculty Rep (Cambridge) and (Chelmsford);
- (i) FST Faculty Rep (Cambridge) and (Chelmsford); and
- (j) LAIBS Faculty Rep (Cambridge) and (Chelmsford).

2.2.5 Chair and Vice Chair

- (a) The Chair of the Faculty Voice Committee will be the President.
- (b) The Vice Chair of the Faculty Voice Committee will be nominated by the Faculty Voice Committee.

2.2.6 Duties

The duties of the Faculty Voice Committee will include to:

- (a) plan and implement ideas and projects to improve the experience of students;
- (b) implement Policy;
- (c) discuss and draw together key issues and/or themes across faculties; and
- (d) plan and deliver campaigns.

2.2.7 Quorum

Quorum shall be at least half of the elected members.

2.3 Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

2.3.1 Initiation and frequency

- (a) The Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee will be held monthly.
- (b) Other Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee meetings may be called by a simple majority vote of the Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

2.3.2 Organisation

Notice of at least five days shall be given for a Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting.

2.3.3 Membership

There will be a maximum of seventeen members, being the Student Members who hold the following positions within the Union:

- (a) President;
- (b) Vice President (Arts, Law and Social Sciences);
- (c) Vice President (Business);
- (d) Vice President (Health, Social Care, Education and Medical Science);
- (e) Vice President (Science and Technology);
- (f) Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Students' Rep (Cambridge) and (Chelmsford);
- (g) Disabled Students' Rep (Cambridge) and (Chelmsford);
- (h) International Rep (Cambridge) and (Chelmsford);
- (i) LGBT+ Students' Rep (Cambridge) and (Chelmsford);
- (j) Trans* Students' Rep (Cambridge) and (Chelmsford); and
- (k) Womens' Rep (Cambridge) and (Chelmsford).

2.3.4 Chair and Vice Chair

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee will each be a Campaign Rep nominated by the Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

2.3.5 Duties

The duties of the Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee will include to:

- (a) ensure campaigns consider and promote liberation, equality, diversity and inclusion;
- (b) scrutinise and monitor engagement with minority groups and support the development of related action plans;
- (c) advise the Faculty Voice Committee on the implementation of ideas and projects to improve the experience of students; and
- (d) plan and deliver campaigns.

2.3.6 Quorum

Quorum shall be at least half of the elected members.



CAMPAIGN UPDATE REPORT

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	20/12/2017
Prepared by:	Jamie Smith	Role:	President

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the campaign(s) of the Executive Committee member*

Retention	
Aim: Does involvement with the SU correlate with good student retention/continuation rates?	
Objective(s):	
1. Email key stake holders to register interest and begin process	COMPLETE
2. Collect Data and analyse	NOT STARTED
3. Create Report	NOT STARTED
4. Use Recommendations to Create Working Group	NOT STARTED

Updates:

1. Email was sent to key stake holders and experts. Awaiting reply to finalise data needed and then will begin data analysis.
2. I collected data however an issue with data protection has meant re-contacting Teesside to discuss how they got around this. Conversations about how we move around this seem positive and will be picked up in the New Year. Currently we receive data two years behind (so I would be working with data from 2014/15 which makes our research out of date before it's even begun. I'm talking to Ash McGregor (Academic Registry) and Ruth Taylor (ProVice Chancellor for Retention) around the the possibility of using our data before it's sent to the regulator and becomes out of date. The meeting will be early in the new year.
The report will be in the style of our Let's Be Honest report in keeping with our strong feeling that what we do to improve student mental health will ultimately improve retention.

UPDATE: I am in the process of drafting a proposal document to explain to the university why this research will benefit both organisations. I need to ensure that I am clear about how beneficial the Students' Union is to retention. This proposal will go to the Student Retention Steering Group on 13th February.

Teaching Excellence	
Aim: Lobby the university to create an internal teaching excellence framework which has students as partners to actually measure teaching excellence	
Objective(s):	
1. Lobby the university to create an internal measurement for teaching excellence	COMPLETE
2. Create a working group of university and students to feed into the definition of ARU teaching excellence	IN PROGRESS
3. ARU feedback mechanisms fit for purpose review	IN PROGRESS

4. Lobby the university to use this measure to benefit students

IN PROGRESS

Updates:

1. Emailed Adam Longcroft (Anglia Learning and Teaching) to discuss my proposal. He suggested emailing a colleague as they already looked into this however the idea was dropped when the government mandated TEF was introduced. Waiting for a reply.
2. **UPDATE:** I have confirmed with Anglia Learning and Teaching that we will look into an internal measure of teaching excellence.

I am bringing to executive committee a number of questions as well as some content so that we can collectively consider some criteria to go towards the end framework. After executive committee have agreed a list of criteria these guidelines will be taken to a group including the Anglia Learning and Teaching subcommittee so that we can dissect, consider, debate and ultimately condense the guidelines into 10 key criteria agreed by all.

3. The module evaluation survey is under review, I intend to be in those discussions and will update further when these meetings begins.
4. Once this framework is in place it will be created by staff and students collectively to create a 'best practice' framework that staff can then use to develop their teaching and students can use as guidelines to support their learning. We could potentially use this to redevelop the MAD award criteria.

Other relevant updates:

Conversations about graduation being moved to July have restarted and are looking positive. This does however, mean re-submitters will not be able to graduate with their class in the ceremony.

UPDATE 20/12 Chasing the Academic Registry to be a member of the group which discusses this. Unlikely to be in time for 2019 graduations.

UPDATE 31/01 I am now invited to these meetings – unfortunately this meeting clashes with a Trustee Subcommittee meeting but I will be sending Johanna in my place and will fully brief her beforehand.

I'm writing to local MPs to discuss the Let's Be Honest report as well as the possibility of student discounted public transport in Cambridge. UPDATE: Both MPs have replied, setting up dates currently.

UPDATE 20/12: Daniel Zichner came to visit the union on Friday 8th to discuss the Let's Be Honest report. Overall he agreed nothing in the report was a surprise. He discussed taking the report to his parliamentary group and we will continue to chase in the new year.

UPDATE: 31/01 After a successful meeting with Vicky Ford she is a big advocate for the promotion of being able to register at your local GP and your university GP. She has also given us numerous contacts within parliament to discuss the relevant recommendations around the Let's Be Honest Report.

She has asked that we give her the contact details for all the professional companies we have with regards to paramedics, nurses or any other course that has a practice based placements around the travel costs and how that affects students mental health (with fees and finance being the number one contributor to poor mental health).

Dance Studio

UPDATE 20/12: The Students' Union and Active Anglia are in conversations about who/how the dance studio will be ran. We are very much keen to give students priority and Active Anglia are working collaboratively to ensure a good partnership.

UPDATE 31/01: The Students' Union and Active Anglia have confirmed the timetable split for the dance studio. We are not waiting for budget to be released so we can refurbish and modify the dance studio to suit all our needs. We are still unsure of an opening date.

I am also still championing for the deal with the university (they will facilitate an appropriate off campus site for societies who used to use the dance studio) to continue for those societies where the dance studio still won't accommodate them – for example pole fitness until we get suitable poles.

University Mental Health Day

University Mental Health Day is March 1st and we are planning a collective event with Student Services. On the day we will be holding mindfulness sessions in PTH and Chelmsford (venue to be confirmed). Throughout the month of March we will also be running a whiteboard campaign with the theme of 'community' as well as social media updates and sharing student content so keep an eye out for that.

FMT UPDATE:

Hopefully you've all seen/heard about my video on social media. After the abolishment of Faculty Board (FB - a strategic level faculty meeting) there has been no replacement mechanism for students to share feedback at a strategic level. All the items that went to FB have now been distributed to either meetings that officers already sit on or to the Faculty Management Team (FMT). We have requested that students have a seat on this meeting and the topic is being discussed by the Deans of the faculty on Thursday (17/01/2017). I will update on the results of this and the next actions we intend to take after we have heard from this meeting.

FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**



CAMPAIGN UPDATE REPORT

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	20/12/2017
Prepared by:	Laura Douds	Role:	Vice President (Science and Technology)

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the campaign(s) of the Executive Committee member*

Clubs and Societies Count

Aim: Improve the quality and membership of clubs and societies on campus

Objective(s):

1. Increase the amount of fundraising	IN PROGRESS
2. Increase the amount of external volunteering done by societies	IN PROGRESS
3. Increase the number of clubs and societies	IN PROGRESS
4. Increase the number of societies achieving our highest level of award	IN PROGRESS
5. Have nominations and wins at the National Society Awards	NOT STARTED
6. Increase membership nos.	IN PROGRESS
7. Societies should feel supported by at least one officer	IN PROGRESS

Updates:

1. Bee Newbould and I are collaborating on some comms stuff – we're setting up a part of the website specifically to gather 'hard to account for' feedback such as why people like societies and any opportunities they've gotten as a result of memberships
2. Have been attending forums where possible
3. Have been attending society meetings where possible to support and be a point of contact.

Diversity Projects

Aim: To promote EDI on campus, and aid understanding of minority groups.

Objective(s):

1. Raise awareness of liberation group issues	IN PROGRESS
2. Provide safe spaces for students	IN PROGRESS
3. Promote intersectionality	IN PROGRESS
4. Inform students of historical and present-day minority figures	IN PROGRESS

Updates:

1. LGBT+ History Month comms are D O N E
2. Katie Potts has paid for Jacob Joyce to come in
3. Looking for drivers for 23rd (evening event, Chelms->Cambs) and 28th (gues speaker, Cambs-> Chelms)
4. The graphic designs are all finished and I am so in love with them.
5. Please share events and come along if you can! The event list is on angliastudent.com/lgbthistory

Other relevant updates:

- Academic skills report has been sent to appropriate people (Julian Priddle/Adam Longcroft/Library/Study Skills Plus)
- Johanna and I had our first show on CAM FM – you can listen on catch-up here: <http://www.camfm.co.uk/shows/brunch-with-the-su/>
- Kyia Thompson (Women's Rep) and I are co-chairing an event on sexual respect on campus at 5pm on 8th Feb. Please do feel free to come along! It's going to be a great session.
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Vice President Health Social Care, Education and Medical Science

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	19/1/2018
Prepared by:	Eliza Torres	Role:	HSCE/MS Vice President

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the campaign(s) of the Executive Committee member*

Priority campaign(s) and objective(s)

1. **Let's Be Honest:** To improve mental health services on campus, encourage the ARU community to have more honest conversations about mental health and equip them to support one another. We will be rolling out our "You are irreplaceable" campaign to support this
2. **Monthly distress events** To allow all ARU students access to free event and space to relax and take a break from daily stresses of life
3. **Monthly drop ins-** To ensure all students are able to express and raise any questions, comments or concerns regarding their course, module, faculty etc.
4. **Cultural GIAG** – Empower students to share their love of their culture with the ARU community and bring a bit of home to ARU.
5. **Family day** – Aims to cater to mature students and students whom 9-5 working hours don't allow them to access services that they need. Whilst also providing an open house / bring your family to uni fun activities day.

Progress on priority campaign(s)

2. Monthly distress events

- The aim of this campaign is to extend last year's distress fest into a more frequent occurrence on both small and large scales.
- How I am going to achieve this aim is through working out the events and dates so that as many students as possible can attend.
- What I have done so far I have collaborated with student services on one event and we will be running another together. I have some dates and places already insight so please check out the attachments. There is also a budget break down for what is needed and why.
- What my next steps are to put all of these in the staffs calendars, set up events pages on the website and get the communications out there so everyone can join in on the fun!

IN PROGRESS

Update January 2018

The last LUSH cosmetics event had more than 120 students on the combined campuses. Which is really exciting and I also saved a bit of money on the Chelmsford event, due to their honouring prior agreed upon rates.

I have received funding for the next two events which are my fresh check days and you are irreplaceable bracelets. The fresh check date for Chelmsford is on the 29th from 12-2pm in the dome and on the 31st in HEL street from 12-2pm. Feel free to drop by and check it out. The You are irreplaceable launch is super exciting and I will be working with Laura to get this launched during LGBT History month in February.

Black History Month

- The aim of this campaign is to empower students through representation and a celebration of culture. Last years first ever black history month was large and we aim to have the same kind of buzz.
- I will achieve this through running successful and student lead events for the month.
- So far I have worked closely with Katie P, to get other administrators in the University to get involved. We have had by in and have had our most expensive expenses for BHM covered! There is a calendar of events out and weekly events happening. I also have NUS president Shakira Martin in to speak as well as Lionheartfelt a TEDX and BBC international speaker.
- Booked all the needed rooms, made adjustments and finalized the times.
- A variety of societies are involved and excited to partake!
- ACS will be hosting a fashion show and Katie and I have been working closely on everything to ensure it's a success.

Update January 2018 "3Vs"

The events that fall under this campaign aim to promote pride through cultural awareness, entertainment and education. Although ambitious I would like to work towards breaking down barriers of ignorance of different heritages, through facilitating events that encourage better understanding through representation thus enhancing the diverse community we have within the ARU community.

- I have finished the design briefs for the shareable images and the main launch video/image on Voice, Visibility and Validation.
- I am working on getting the videos and images together for the launch with the help of our Cambridge BME rep
- The main three events to kick off this campaign will take place during global week. On Monday the 13th there will be a global fashion show and on the 12th there will be a 'reppin your roots' open mic night. Both of these events are taking place only on the Chelmsford campus.

3. Monthly drop- ins

As Vice President of two different faculties I appreciate and embrace the fact that each faculty has their own students with different individual needs. Bearing this in mind I would like to host monthly drop in sessions allocated to different key areas dependent upon which campus I am on. The chat would be a time where you could express questions, concerns, happiness or any other feelings regarding your course. I will do my best to improve and help change things that are widely and deeply felt by students within the FHSCE and FMS student body.

The drop in sessions would also be a time where students can come in and generally meet other students within their faculties and relax. I am aware that some students won't be able to make day time hours, due to this I will also try and host evening sessions so as it's more inclusive and accessible.

Update January 2018

I have been meeting with lots of students and am collaborating with a few of them on upcoming campaign events. The shareable image and pop up poster are done. So it's a go!

4. Cultural GIAG

The idea behind this is that I was homesick and I thought that it would be great to have GIAG activities centered on learning about different cultures. Students teaching others about their cultures, doing some activities and enjoying great food from around the world. I thought it would be a great way for students to embrace where they are from and to share it with the ARU community.

Update Nov 17

- Cultural GIAG inflatables budget ran over by £40 due to shipping. I ask that the £40 be taken out of my communications budget to pay it back.
- Teaser videos and most of the communications has also been done. Passports and boarding passes look amazing!
- The event is now live on the website as well as on Facebook. So please feel free to share that!
- I am contacting the Jerk station to have them cater the event and am asking for an extra £50 for food. The projected £150 would not be enough to cover the service charge for food service.

Update January 2018

- The event is finally set to happen in Chelmsford on February 1st from 12-2 in the dome.
- I have booked the photo booth and am working on changing the green screen images to be that of places in Nigeria. The cater is making nice little snack and finger foods so students can have a taste of traditional Nigerian food.
- I am working with Georgia to get the passports and boarding passes printed in house as the images are already done and ready.
- The event is already live on Facebook and has a few people who have RSVP but please feel free to like and share!

5. Family day: the one stop shop

Work in progress, I will update better once I get the other campaigns rolling and out. From the talks I have had with different faculty members there is a major buy in to this and im really excited/ looking forward to working more on this to roll it out for term 2!

IN PROGRESS

Update January 2018

- *Working on creating a template that can potentially be carried over by the next officer team.*

Day to day updates

- I have been working on trying to set up a social work society in PB and putting on a GIAG.
- I am working with a nursing rep from the Chelmsford campus to bring about a placement support peer to peer type event and system.
- I am looking forward to going to the national conference and will be gathering feedback on what students would like me to represent or bring. Feel free to comment and let me know your thoughts.



CAMPAIGN UPDATE REPORT

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	20/12/2017
Prepared by:	Johanna Korhonen	Role:	ALSS Vice President

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the campaign(s) of the Executive Committee member*

INCREASED FOOD VARIETY

Aim: To offer a wider variety of food that reflects student feedback and is good value for money

Objective(s):

1. Analysis of catering survey and agreement of the process with the head of Catering (Terry Hope)
2. Recipe suggestion website is set and in action!
3. Recipe suggestion period happened from 13th till 24th November
4. Collated the recipes into categories and students voted for their favourites – top 10 have been presented to the catering team to trial
5. Recipe trial dates: 5th February – 16th February
6. Collect feedback during recipe trial to indicate which recipes students want to have permanently introduced, and to gain a better understanding of what students mean by 'good value for money'

COMPLETED

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IN PROGRESS

Updates:

1. Recipe Suggestion is complete – canteen will trial the top 10 recipes that students voted
2. Recipe Trial will take place from 5th February till 16th February two weeks of second semester
3. Canteen staff have also collaborated additional 7 student suggestion into their 6-weekly menu, which is fantastic!

CLEARER COMMUNICATION

Aim: Students can easily access information, it is clearly signposted, and communication with students is coherent across the different parts of the University. Students have an understanding of what events are happening and who they can talk to.

Objective(s):

1. University Comms and Marketing teams have put together 'a student applicant journey' with an aim to make communication with students clearer
2. I met Kate Powell (project manager for LMS – Canvas) to see where SU would fit in regarding Canvas: it is for educational purposes only and is not aimed to be a communications platform

COMPLETED

COMPLETED

3. SU Comms Focus group on Facebook is set and Georgia is keeping it updated with questions to find out more about how students want SU to communicate	COMPLETED
4. Georgia and I went through the SU website and have given suggestions to each department to make relevant changes to make the website easier to navigate, it is generally up to the departments to update the websites but Georgia will track the progress and assist when needed.	COMPLETED
5. University Comms, Marketing and Student Experience staff are running an experiment to make the application process easier	
6. SU has a weekly show on Cam FM with Johanna, Laura and Eliza presenting – Laura is trained and Johanna and Eliza are getting trained!	
7. I have chased the student Comms 'profile' with Andrea Turley (what information/emails students receive and when to avoid duplication) which has been collated by the University Comms teams. She will keep me updated in the process	IN PROGRESS
8. I have put together an Actions list of Comms for Andrea Turley to take in a meeting with her (coherent information about the SU across university platforms, Comms plan for the Uni to promote the SU, clear distinction between Uni and SU Comms, Intranet project)	IN PROGRESS
Updates:	
1. Meeting Andrea Turley is rescheduled for 30 th January	
2. SU Comms Focus Group has been set up on Facebook – anyone interested to join let me know!	
3. SU now has a weekly show on Cam FM called Brunch with the SU on Wednesdays 10-11am with Johanna, Laura and Eliza presenting – Laura is trained and Johanna and Eliza are getting trained!	
4. Johanna and Georgia have gone through the SU website and suggested changes to all departments to make the website easier to navigate. Departments will make changes and Georgia will change the menu buttons around to make the website easier to navigate.	
FREE PRINTING	
Aim: Reduce the amount of hard copy printing students have to do, as well as provide means to pay for printing documents that are required for their courses	
Objective(s):	
1. Faculty specific printing surveys have been sent to reps, waiting for some more responses from FST & LAIBS	COMPLETED
2. Free Printing campaign prompt included in SSLC Agendas - reps have given us feedback about printing	COMPLETED
3. Met Chris Whellams (iCentre Manager) regarding online submissions – iCentre is ready for more courses to be moved online	
4. 'This Costs Me and the Earth!' Stickers have been in the iCentre from January 5 th and will be there until January 23 rd . The campaign will be repeated during the submissions of second semester for a bigger impact as the stickers arrived late and the campaign was slightly delayed. Feedback has been great!	
5. Iain Martin (VC) agrees with a University wide push for moving towards online submissions, need to look into practicalities. Aletta Norval is key contact going forward and she seems to be on board with the idea.	IN PROGRESS

6. I have contact details for Faculty Admin Managers who submit all the information regarding online submissions – they seem to struggle finding data so Chris Whellams from iCentre is looking into this.	
7. I have submitted Reduced Printing Policy into Student Council for 6 th Feb!	
8. I will submit a paper to the relevant committee to propose that any new modules will have default online submission as far as possible and practicable.	
Updates:	
1. I have been doing a lot of research into printing across the University. Surveys have been sent out to reps but I am still lacking responses from LAIBS and FST reps.	
2. 'This Costs Me and the Earth!' Stickers have been in the iCentre from January 5 th and will be there until January 23 rd . The campaign will be repeated during the submissions of second semester for a bigger impact as the stickers arrived late and the campaign was slightly delayed. Feedback has been great!	
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OUTREACH	
Aim: There is a greater feel of international community in ARU - international and EU students are engaged and international societies are thriving	
Objective(s):	
1. Committee is together and International society is set!	COMPLETED
2. I will meet the Cambridge International Society Committee in the new year to see how I can support and how the International Office can support (Caroline Shanahan is happy to help with events and activities)	IN PROGRESS
3. I'm planning a Speed Friending event with Cambridge International Students' Rep Antonia where international and home students can make friends	
4. Caroline Shanahan is working on a Student Comms 'profile' of an international student, which she will share with me once it is done	
5. I met the new Cambridge International Students' Rep and discussed campaigns/collaboration and will meet the Chelmsford International Students' Rep in the new year.	
Updates:	
1. Waiting to meet the Cambridge International Society Committee	
2. International Students' Reps for both Cambridge and Chelmsford have been elected, meeting both in the new year to plan campaigns and events.	
3. Speed Friending event is being planned for the new year, date and time not set yet.	
Other relevant updates:	
1. Planning a food waste campaign with Green Society in collaboration with Catering Services for February	
2. I have been in touch with IT Services about One IT initiative, which will hopefully improve a lot of services. To help us with the process I welcome any feedback about IT Services!	

3. I'm co-chairing a working group under Active Curriculum called Co- and Extra-Curricular learning, which will put together recommendations for the university regarding co- and extra-curricular learning. If you have feedback or want to find out more, please get in touch!
4. I've been supporting Natalie who has been working hard to put together the Student's Guide for Renting Private Accommodation and it's coming together!

FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**



CAMPAIGN UPDATE REPORT

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/1/18
Prepared by:	Kirran Khan	Role:	Vice President (Business)

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the campaign(s) of the Executive Committee member*

A More Personal Tutoring System

Aim: To review the PT system, ensuring that it is effective for more students

Objective(s):

1. Conduct primary research in the form of a survey
2. Generate a series of recommendations to improve the PT system

IN PROGRESS

NOT STARTED

Updates:

1. Ruth Taylor (Dean FHSCE & ARU lead on retention) and I are working together, and have agreed to survey both students and personal tutors to determine barriers to engagement with current system. Survey period will be late October / November.
2. Not started – pending student feedback in form of survey
3. Ruth and I have advertised for a data analyst to conduct survey / focus groups and then collate information. The role should start in late November.
4. The PT team are working on arranging Vision Visits and focus groups to gather opinions on what people would want from a PT system

Part Time Jobs Fair

Aim:

Objective(s):

1. To provide students with the opportunity to meet with employers and secure part time jobs

IN PROGRESS

Updates:

1. I have met with the Employability Team and agreed that the PTJF will take place in late January / early February
2. I'm also set to meet with Tony Bickley (SU Sales) to talk about the companies that could feature at the PTJF
3. We have set a date of Friday 2nd February for PTJF on both campuses simultaneously. In the process of contacting companies to see interest – thinking about retail companies in particular
4. I'm in the process of contacting companies and have already confirmed the SU, Employment Bureau. Event to take place 2nd Feb 11-3 in The Dome / HEL Street

Bike Safety

Aim: Generate awareness of safer cycling practices

Objective(s):

1. Speak to a large proportion of students who cycle into campus
2. Provide offers on cycle lights / locks
3. Provide maintenance checks

IN PROGRESS

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4. Provide cycling proficiency training	
	IN PROGRESS
Updates:	
1. Have already asked for initial feedback on Facebook, need to gather more accurate / representative feedback by going out and talking (GOATing) to students	
2. Working with Tom (Commercial Services Manager) to implement an offer	
3. Working with Environment Team, need to meet to confirm what they can do to help	
4. Working with Environment Team, need to meet to confirm what they can do to help	
5. Doing a GIAG for students who want to learn more about safe cycling. Event to (provisionally) take place on 17 th April	

FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**

7) I feel my course submissions are fairly marked:

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Yes

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No

Please elaborate:

8) I feel I am fairly treated at ARU:

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Yes

☐

No

Please elaborate:

By completing this form, you agree to this data being shared to support the BME campaign. All answers will be kept anonymous.

Please contact **blessing.raimi@student.anglia.ac.uk** if you have any questions.



AGAINST CUTS TO EDUCATION POLICY

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/01/18 Due to lapse 06/02/2018
Prepared by:	Kirran Khan	Role:	Vice President (Business)

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the policy*

1. To stand and campaign against all proposed cuts to the education field.	IN PROGRESS
2. To support student campaigns against cuts to prospective education and teacher training students.	NOT STARTED
3. To support local community campaigns against cuts to education.	NOT STARTED
4. To liaise with local teacher's union groups to strengthen the knowledge base.	NOT STARTED

Updates:

1. We provided transport to the National Demo in November and organised a Free Education banner for students to sign. We have agreed this should be a team priority in the future.
2. We organised a student action day for student to sign the Free Education banner.
3. KK to raise this with local MP's for Cambridge, Chelmsford and Peterborough.
4. KK to meet with Jonathan Hogan (UCU Rep) and to consider existing NUS resources we could use at ARU
5. Policy resubmitted to council

FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**



AGAINST NHS CUTS POLICY

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/01/18 Due to lapse: November 2018
Prepared by:	Eliza Torres	Role:	Vice President (Health, Social Care, Education and Medical Science)

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the policy*

1. To stand and campaign against all proposed cuts to NHS services	IN PROGRESS
2. To support student campaigns against cuts to the nursing and allied health professions	IN PROGRESS
3. To support local community campaigns against cuts to NHS services.	NOT STARTED

Updates:

1. ET to attend NHS Consultation Meeting
2. ET to meet with BM (FMS Faculty Rep) and Nursing Societies to take forward
3. Update from ET

"I was forwarded an email from James Sharp, Communications and Engagement Officer for the Mid Essex area clinical commissioning group, talking about the local NHS in Mid and South Essex launching a formal public consultation on the outline plans for the future of health and care services across mid and south Essex, and in particular our three hospitals. These proposals set out the ambition to reorganise services across our hospital sites in Basildon, Chelmsford and Southend. As part of our consultation process they will be running a number of public engagement events, where attendees will be able to hear more about our proposals and have the opportunity to tell us what they think. These events will be an important opportunity for local voices and especially students to be heard. One of the consultation events we will be running is being held in the **Michael Ashcroft Building (1st Floor) at ARU on Wednesday 31 January (1:30pm to 3:30pm)**. I have been pushing this to students on all of my social media links and have emailed it out to all HSC and MS student representatives. So that they can then tell their peers and directly help impact the consultation.

Ben Morris and I will also continue looking for opportunities to continue lobbying the NHS and on finding ways to better assist paramedic students. Looking particularly into why they are not allowed on any of the bursary schemes and how we can push to change that. I will also attend so that I can feed back to students on what was said and raise some concerns that students have expressed."

FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**



GENDER NEUTRAL TOILETS POLICY

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/01/18 Due to lapse 06/02/2018
Prepared by:	Laura Douds	Role:	Vice President (Science & Technology)

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the policy*

1. To campaign to Estates and Facilities to create university regulations which ensure that all university owned buildings have at least one accessible GNT.	IN PROGRESS
2. To encourage Estates and Facilities to not only develop GNTs in the future but create or convert toilets that are gender neutral as appropriate.	IN PROGRESS
3. To proactively encourage or co-ordinate a Gender Neutral Toilets Audit of ARU core campuses (Cambridge, Chelmsford and Peterborough) to look into the practicality of converting any gendered toilets to become GNTs.	NOT STARTED
4. To actively review, amend and change policy on GNTs for future developments such as gendered/non gendered signage of toilets and expanding this policy to accommodate gender neutral single cubical changing room facilities for the gym.	IN PROGRESS

Updates:

1. Estates have reassured me that their new-build policy requires GNTs in each new building, however no word on if it is required in all buildings yet.
2. Received a reply to my initial enquiry about GNTs and converting some, specifically concerning Helmore/LAB as those are where I've had feedback from. The initial response was to ask about renaming accessible toilets to act as dedicated GNTs, however I asked for student feedback and it was a resounding no. I replied to Sandy Lynam's email and she has since said she's taking the student feedback 'very seriously' whereas before it was a hard no on converting.
3. Not started.
4. MG and I need to chase AA/Sandy Lynam.

FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**



INCREASED EQUALITY FOR VEGAN STUDENTS POLICY

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/01/18 Due to lapse: November 2018
Prepared by:	Johanna Korhonen	Role:	Vice President (Arts, Law & Social Sciences)

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the policy*

1. More vegan options will first be provided in the existing catering services around university.	COMPLETED
2. All clubs and societies will be required to provide vegan alternatives at any event they hold or, if not possible, to inform their attendees that vegan options will not be available.	COMPLETED
3. Vegan options within the catering services at university will be placed separately from the non-vegan options – this is to allow ease of access for vegan students.	NOT STARTED
4. Vegan options will be widely advertised and actively promoted throughout university.	NOT STARTED
5. The University's Environment Team will be encouraged to consider the impact of meat, dairy and egg consumption on the environment and to take steps to address this issue.	IN PROGRESS
6. All catering services around university will be required to participate in "Meatless Mondays".	NOT STARTED
7. 30 day Vegan Pledge will be advertised throughout university	COMPLETED

Updates:

1. Catering have added two weeks to their menus (was 4, now 6 week rolling menu) ensuring that there is a vegan option every day
2. Vegan alternatives are offered in all clubs and societies events and mentioned in emails, training and literature.
3. To be brought up with Head of Catering once Recipe Trial is completed
4. To be taken to ARU and SU Comms teams
5. To be taken to Environment team and Sustainability working group
6. JK to speak with Sarah (author of policy) to move this forward
7. 30 days Vegan Pledge took place from November 20th till 19th December

FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**



KEEP WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS FREE POLICY

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/01/18 Due to lapse: November 2018
Prepared by:	Jamie Smith	Role:	President
Summary: <i>This paper provides an update on the implementation of the policy</i>			
1. We will continue to lobby the University to make an ongoing commitment to avoid the scheduling of lectures for all courses after 12pm on a Wednesday.			IN PROGRESS
2. We will lobby the University to commit to support students to change teaching times and assessed sessions after 12pm on a Wednesday where possible and provide alternative methods for affected students to access materials or resources.			IN PROGRESS
3. We will ask students on courses which do have teaching or other academic obligations beyond 12pm on a Wednesday about how it is affecting them. If necessary we will report to the university on our findings.			IN PROGRESS
4. We will ensure students are informed of their responsibility, where lectures are still in place, to receive permission to be absent from their Course Leader as early as possible.			NOT STARTED
Updates:			
1. The Vice Chancellor expressed his support in the principle of KWAF and has provided information on the current lecture scheduling on a Wednesday afternoon. We continue to contact students on courses where lectures fall at this time to see how they would like us to take this forward.			
2. We have received the spreadsheet from timetabling and have been given a new contact so we can receive it earlier in the year. Next steps are to look at the data and see how many courses now have Wednesday afternoon lectures.			
3. Ongoing			
4. Not started			

FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**



LIBERATING THE CURRICULUM POLICY

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/01/18 Due to lapse 03/04/2018
Prepared by:	Laura Douds	Role:	Vice President (Science & Technology)

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the policy*

1. Lobby the university to increase representation of lecture content from the perspectives of liberation and protected groups.	IN PROGRESS
2. Lobby the university to make sure that all modules should make sure that they strive to be inclusive of all liberation groups particularly within modules that mention terms to do with liberation within their names.	IN PROGRESS
3. Further lobby the university to particularly focus on the improvement of Trans experiences within modules themed around LGBT+ experiences.	NOT STARTED
4. Lobby the university to make sure that within the life sciences and other areas of the curriculum more studying that can resonate with disabled students occurs.	NOT STARTED
5. That once these changes are implemented the Students Union must investigate data from the Let's Be Honest report that focuses on liberation groups in the coming year. Liberating the curriculum may help this due to the fact liberation groups will feel better represented.	IN PROGRESS
6. Work with NUS, who are running a national campaign on liberating the curriculum, to support and advise us in implementing these changes.	NOT STARTED
7. That all appropriate faculties, such as the Faculty of Health, Social Care, & Education and the Faculty of Medical Science should provide compulsory lectures that include information on trans healthcare. These lectures would provide information on some of the issues that transgender people may face in the healthcare system. These might include: pronouns (and the importance of respecting them), gender dysphoria, hormone therapy, urological care, surgical complications, birthing for transmen/non-binary individuals, and cancer screening techniques in transmen/transwomen/non-binary individuals. These lectures would be particularly important in courses such as Midwifery but also Nursing, Surgical Care, Public Health, Mental Health, etc.	IN PROGRESS
8. That appropriate online resources regarding LGB and transgender issues are made available to faculty members. This would mean that faculty members have more support and direction in modifying the lectures to introduce such issues.	NOT STARTED

Updates:

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| 1. Aletta Norval has started and I have a 1-2-1 meeting set up with her. This is going to be the first agenda item. |
| 2. See 1 |
| 3. See 1 |
| 4. See 1 |
| 5. The Let's Be Honest report has launched: Data from this will be used to support arguments that we need better curriculum. |
| 6. Not started, will be assessing whether their help is needed. |
| 7. I'm compiling a list of healthcare based courses to assess exactly how many courses need reviewing. |
| 8. See 1 |

FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**



SAVE OUR SPACE POLICY

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/01/18 Due to lapse 06/02/2018
Prepared by:	Jamie Smith	Role:	President

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the policy*

1. To lobby the institution for new multipurpose recreational spaces on campus and to prioritise student-led activities.	IN PROGRESS
2. To lobby the university to actively seek spaces (on or off campus) for clubs/societies to undertake activities to fulfil their aims and objectives.	IN PROGRESS
3. To lobby the institution to guarantee that any space that becomes available will be discussed with the Students' Union as to what its purpose will be.	IN PROGRESS
4. To gather and use student feedback when making decisions on the use of new space.	IN PROGRESS

Updates:

1. In progress. There is recent news that there will be a Dance studio reinstated on the Cambridge campus from December 2017. LR/JS are due to have conversations with the Director of Student Services to decide who will facilitate/take ownership of the space.

UPDATE 31/01: The Students' Union and Active Anglia have confirmed the timetable split for the dance studio. We are not waiting for budget to be released so we can refurbish and modify the dance studio to suit all our needs. We are still unsure of an opening date.

2. In progress

UPDATE 31/01: I am also still championing for the deal with the university (they will facilitate an appropriate off campus site for societies who used to use the dance studio) to continue for those societies where the dance studio still won't accommodate them – for example pole fitness until we get suitable poles.

3. This could be stronger. JS role as a Governor will allow these kinds of conversations to happen at early stages.
4. In progress. The student consultation for Peter Taylor House and Tindal is complete. This will inform the kind of furniture that is sought for the spaces.

FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**



TEACHING EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK POLICY

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/01/18 Due to lapse 06/02/2018
Prepared by:	Kirran Khan	Role:	Vice President (Business)

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the policy*

1. To lobby ARU to create a definition and internal benchmark of teaching quality informed by staff and student opinion.	NOT STARTED
2. To campaign to local MPs to stand against the TEF with us.	IN PROGRESS
3. To hold events which inform students of what the TEF is and how they can take action to encourage genuine teaching quality while standing against harmful metrics.	IN PROGRESS
4. To stand in opposition to the metrics used in the TEF and to decide each year what our relationship to these metrics will be.	IN PROGRESS
5. To work together with ARU's UCU branch against the TEF if they want to join us.	NOT STARTED
6. To empower student reps to influence the educational direction of ARU on this level.	IN PROGRESS
7. To raise awareness of tuition fee increases.	COMPLETED
8. To lobby the Vice Chancellor to not raise fees for students after they have started their degree.	COMPLETED

Updates:

1. Not started
2. Spoke with Nicola Dandridge when she visited RE the TEF and our stance on it.
3. None planned as of yet.
4. No update.
5. KK and Jonathan Malton tried to arrange a meeting but he's not getting back to us.
6. No update.
- 7.
- 8.

FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**



TRANS NOT TRANS* POLICY

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/01/18 Due to lapse 03/04/2018
Prepared by:	Laura Douds	Role:	Vice President (Science & Technology)

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the policy*

1. That we should stop referring to Trans students as Trans*	COMPLETE
2. That the title of Trans* Rep should be changed to Trans Rep	COMPLETE

Updates:

COMPLETE

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UP YOUR GRANTS POLICY

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/01/18 Due to lapse: November 2018
Prepared by:	Laura Douds	Role:	Vice President (Science & Technology)

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the policy*

1. To increase the grant pot by 15% each year for both Cambridgeshire and Chelmsford campuses.	IN PROGRESS
2. For this money to be sought from Union budgets that do not relate to Clubs and Societies activities and Extra-curricular student experience.	IN PROGRESS
3. To lobby the University to continue to fund off campus facility hire.	IN PROGRESS
4. We will still actively encourage clubs and societies to fundraise to increase the resources being put into their societies to reach their aims and objectives.	IN PROGRESS

Updates:

1. This is currently being discussed with our Finance Manager
2. In progress
3. We now manage the Dance Studio. Conversations ongoing about alternative facilities for some of our societies/clubs.
4. Ongoing. In committee training/1-1's with coordinators and Activities Officers/Part of the Bronze, Silver, Gold accreditation scheme/SU Awards (Fundraising Group of the year). More information to be put online.

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WHEELS IN MOTION POLICY

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/01/18 Due to lapse: November 2018
Prepared by:	Kirran Khan	Role:	Vice President (Business)

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the policy*


1. To explore potential partnerships with Cambridge Regional College; Cambridge University Students Union; College of West Anglia; and other educational providers in Cambridge, to lobby Cambridge County Council to acknowledge the issue and work towards offering a student discount for the park and ride service in Cambridge.

NOT STARTED

Updates:

1. Currently contacting relevant stakeholders.
2. The Wheels Are In Motion! I'm in the process of setting up meetings with CRC, CoWA, and CUSU

FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**

		EQUAL ACCESS POLICY	
Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/01/18 Due to lapse: November 2018
Prepared by:	Laura Douds	Role:	Vice President (Science & Technology)
Summary: <i>This paper provides an update on the implementation of the policy</i>			
1. To campaign for ARU to classify all those seeking asylum as home students for fee purposes.			NOT STARTED
2. To campaign for ARU to offer at least 10 scholarships that cover study and maintenance costs for people who have come to the UK seeking refugee protection.			IN PROGRESS
3. To campaign for ARU to publicise their Equal Access policies and make them easily locatable, so that potential students can easily apply for these scholarships.			NOT STARTED
4. To publicise its support for refugees and their right to education during Refugee Week.			IN PROGRESS
5. To publicise its support for refugees and their right to education during relevant political votes in the Houses of Parliament, including encouraging local MPs to vote in support of refugee needs.			NOT STARTED
Updates:			
1. Not started – need to ascertain whether this is a university decision or a student finance decision.			
2. Spoken with original policy proposer and we met to discuss/research what other unions have been doing. Original policy proposer initially agreed to write a paper for me to review and send to the university as a basis. Will need to follow up with original proposer to confirm if this is still happening – if not then I still have a good basis to work on.			
3. Not started			
4. I'm attending a conference about refugee week to improve understanding and gain ideas on how best to proceed.			
5. Not started			

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WE LOVE THE LIVING WAGE POLICY

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	31/01/18 Due to lapse: November 2018
Prepared by:	Laura Douds	Role:	Vice President (Science & Technology)

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of the policy*

1. To use any employability events the Union is involved in to promote that students deserve a living wage and to talk to students about why they should seek a living wage employer when looking for work.	IN PROGRESS
2. To take part actively in the next living wage weeks while this policy is active.	NOT STARTED
3. To put the Union's commitment to the Living Wage into their recruitment practices and internal policies.	NOT STARTED

Updates:

1. This is will now be included in KK's Part-time Jobs Fair.
2. This week has passed so will be handed over to the next Executive Officer team.
3. Clarification to be sought on the best way to take this forward.

FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**



IDEAS

Prepared for:	Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)	Date:	20/12/2017
Prepared by:	Executive Officers	Role:	

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the implementation of ideas*

SU permanent bar on Cambridge campus!

Amanda Campbell White

(JS) *Conversations have been positive and the general need for an SU ran social space has been widely accepted by the university. Currently the SU is undergoing multiple developments and it was agreed that we would revisit the conversation when we were 'settled' with our current ventures.*

JS will keep this at the forefront and continue to push as a priority.

IN PROGRESS

Books Plus card funds should be allowed to be used for printing

Johanna Korhonen

(JK) **Update 31/01/18:** Books plus review ongoing with new Director of Student Services with thoughts on what should be included. General statement to be created. Students encouraged to take part in the online submissions sticker campaign

IN PROGRESS

Graduation Ceremonies in Summer and October

Leigh Rooney

<https://www.angliastudent.com/news/article/Representationpage/Graduation-ideas-update/>

(JS) **Update 31/01/18:** This has been moved back to in progress as the university are now open to this conversation. JS chasing dates for the working group.

IN PROGRESS

Stop charging for hot water

Andrene Love Sutherland

(JS) **Update 31/01/18:** Free hot water will be available in the new SU spaces (if students provide a mug/pot noodle for the water)

IN PROGRESS

Therapy Dogs

Marissa Lewis

COMPLETED

Accessible microwave

Victor Clemente Junior

(JS) **Update 31/01/18:** Microwaves for both campuses have been bought. Currently working on risk assessments and insurance.

IN PROGRESS

Free graduation guest fee

Precious Nwanze

ARU currently don't make any profit on the event through the guest ticket fee. They are making improvements to ensure the event is better value for money.

<https://www.angliastudent.com/news/article/Representationpage/Graduation-ideas-update/>

IN PROGRESS

HALAL FOOD & PRAYER ROOM

Ashraf Adnan Mohammed

(JK) **Update 31/01/18:** Halal food is available, Head of Catering to arrange advertisement of this, will be brought up in Fairtrade, Sustainable Purchasing

IN PROGRESS

and Food Group on 31 st Jan. Currently awaiting responses from Islamic Societies.	
Free parking Stephen Adeyemi (KK) Update 31/01/18: Article will soon be displayed on the website.	IN PROGRESS
Jacket Potatoes to be available in the canteen all day Adele Grant-Johnson (JK) The Head of Catering expressed that students should contact them directly with feedback: terry.hope@anglia.ac.uk Update 31/01/18: This will be brought up again in a meeting with Head of Catering when Recipe Trial is over.	IN PROGRESS
Make Cheerleading an Active Anglia sport! Laura Douds (JS) Update 31/01/18: JS to confirm the decision of both teams and write statement to explain how the funding of societies work.	IN PROGRESS
Allowing food in the library Katie-Rose McGuire (JS) The Head of the Library explained this was not an option. The team has been doing research into other institutions. Update 31/01/18: Due to a recent change in ARU staff this conversation will now be opened again.	IN PROGRESS
Washing the lab coats Gemma Twinn (LD) Update 31/01/18: This idea has been moved back to “in progress” as it has become an issue again, LD to follow up.	IN PROGRESS
Money, money, money!! Shannon Williams (LD) Because of the funding scheme that some students in FMS are on, it is not possible for travel costs to be reimbursed. Update 31/01/18: New Course Reps in place, LD to contact and take forward with ID.	IN PROGRESS
Graduation hand shake should come with academic certificate Kathleen Vanderpuye (JS) Update 31/01/18: JS to take to the working group.	NOT STARTED
Grad ball Sophie Griffiths (JS) Update 31/01/18: JS to meet with Roderick Watkins and David Sexton (ARY London) to enquire about possible funding.	IN PROGRESS
A Student's Guide to Renting Private Accommodation Natalie Brown (JK) Update 31/01/18: Natalie has been working on the content, it will be finalised before Exec and comms plan will be put together so we will have an idea of budget for printing. The Guide will also be digitised.	IN PROGRESS
Reduce the price of canteen food Tracey Dwamenah (JK) Update 31/01/18: JK to contact Tracey and to include in her “Increased Food Variety” campaign.	IN PROGRESS
New Accessible Toilet Signs Michael Graham (LD) Update 31/01/18: This has now been implemented in the new Students' Union space in Cambridge. LD has taken to ARU's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion group to consider, the response was positive.	IN PROGRESS

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Executive Committee Request For Funds

EC165/18

Name	Blessing Raimi
Position	Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) Students' Campaign Representative
Date Of Request	31/01/2018
Name Of Campaign	BME Forum
Date Of Campaign	05/02/2018

Item Description	Cost	Why You Need This	Web Links To Product	Amount Given
Refreshments	£20.00	To engage students and encourage a relaxed environment for them.		
50 A5 Feedback Forms (double sided)	£30.00	To gain feedback on student experience of BME students at the forum.		
Total Requested	£50.00		Total Allocated	£0.00

Funds Authorised By	
Date Authorised	

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

Minutes

19/01/18 14:00-15:00

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2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Jamie has discussed the timeline of student representation at senior faculty level. This has been detailed in a separate document.</p> <p>Action: DL to check Date Protection for Faculty Reps within Faculty meetings</p> <p>Action: DL – Proposals on how we effectively facilitate Faculty Rep interactions with their constituencies</p> <p>Action: JS – Vice Chancellor's paper on newly formulated FMT for next FVC/LEDIC meeting (31st Jan)</p> <p>Action: JM – Regular meetings between Faculty Reps/Vice Presidents</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>DL</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JM</p>
3	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>All updates will be discussed on 31/01/18</p>	

Briefing document: Student representation at senior faculty level

Background

In June 2017, it was agreed by the university's most senior committee within its academic governance structure that Faculty Boards would be discontinued as, in their words, they had largely become "information outlets" that rarely provoked "any substantial debate".

We believed that these meetings - attended by the relevant Vice President and other student representatives - provided a valuable, and the only, opportunity for students to be represented at a senior level of the Faculty.

The decisions made by Faculty Boards such as developing academic policy, agreeing Faculty strategic plans and looking at what courses should be run are now made by the Faculty Management Team (FMT) - an executive decision-making body with no student representation.

We were deeply concerned about the lack of students involved at this level of decision-making at the university. As a result, ARU agreed to investigate an alternative way students can input at Faculty level.

The options

The Academic Registry convened a meeting of (Deputy) Deans of Faculty and the SU in late October 2017 to discuss this issue and two principal ideas for a way forward emerged:

- To establish a forum in each Faculty, to provide a regular opportunity to discuss issues primarily identified by the students. This is based on a 'Student Advisory Board' model operating in the Lord Ashcroft International Business School
- To allow the relevant Vice President to be a full member of the FMT

The SU position

We believe the answer is quite simple - to make the relevant Vice President a member of FMT. This would send a real signal to students, staff and others that ARU were dedicated to taking the needs of its students seriously.

This option would allow the Vice President to bring issues to the table - as an elected representative - but also to contribute to the discussions that are already taking place within each Faculty, many of which will have a direct impact on students.

Setting up another meeting (the alternative option) would take up more of people's time and focus largely on being a forum which works one-way, student representatives bringing issues to the table.

Moving forward

After a number of failed attempts to contact the Academic Registrar, the SU were told that the issue was to be debated by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) at their meeting in early January 2018. We had not been invited to the party.

The President of the SU lobbied CMT members in advance of the meeting. The feedback we received ranged from support for our preferred option, to a reluctant agreement with reservations. It seems there remains concerns around the SU managing confidential and/or sensitive matters. In the end, we did attend the meeting however no decision was made. It was agreed that the matter was to be discussed at a Vice Chancellor's Group/Deans (VCGD) meeting on 18th January 2018.

Call to action

We had hoped that a resolution would be found fairly quickly, and as such, it would not be necessary to escalate the matter any further. As that had not happened, and after we were told the President of the SU would not be given the opportunity to be present at the VCGD meeting, we took the action we did* on 15th January 2018.

[*https://www.facebook.com/AngliaRuskinSU/videos/1700835013293599/](https://www.facebook.com/AngliaRuskinSU/videos/1700835013293599/)

We strongly believed students representatives should have a seat at FMT, and had told the university just that. But now we needed students to do the same.

Conclusion

VCGD met on the morning of 18th January 2018. The President of the SU received a call from the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education). She said that it was agreed that the relevant Vice President will be able to attend FMT but will required in the terms of reference to not be considered as a 'full member'. It was also discussed that there will be 'closed business' for these meetings in which the Vice President will not be in attendance.

The Vice Chancellor will be drafting a paper to outline the definition of this newly formulated FMT and this will be coming to us by 26th January 2018. We will discuss this at the FVC/LEDIC meeting on 31st January 2018.