



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

April 28th 2020, 13:00 – 15:00

1.1 Welcome, apologies and absences, including newly elected members	Matt Hayes	<i>To note</i>	
1.2 Terms of reference*		<i>To note</i>	
1.3 Minutes of the last meeting		<i>To approve</i>	36/20
1.4 Actions & matters arising from last meeting		<i>To discuss</i>	37/20
2. Items for Discussion*			
2.1 Bye-Law Change Proposal	Matt Hayes	<i>To vote</i>	38/20
3. Faculty Rep Updates <i>All representatives to discuss their projects and campaigns</i>	All Faculty Reps	<i>To discuss</i>	39/20
4. Campaign Rep updates <i>All representatives to discuss their projects and campaigns</i>	All Campaign Reps	<i>To discuss</i>	40/20
5. Executive Officer reports <i>Update on campaigns, projects, policy and ideas</i>			
5.1 President	Matt Hayes	<i>To discuss</i>	41/20
5.2 Vice President (Business & Law)	Mary Copsey	<i>To discuss</i>	42/20
5.3 Vice President (Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences)	Amanda Campbell-White	<i>To discuss</i>	43/20
5.4 Vice President (Health, Education, Medicine & Social Care)	Fraser Luther-Yarwood	<i>To discuss</i>	44/20
5.5 Vice President (Science & Engineering)			
6. Big Ideas* <i>New ideas to be discussed and taken forward</i>			
7. New Policies* <i>A discussion of any recently passed policy</i>			
8. Budget <i>An update on the budget / new requests</i>			
9. Any Other Business			
Date of next meeting			
TBC			

*Starred items will only be discussed if there are items under these headings

Executive Committee (FVC and LEDIC) Minutes; 24th March 2020

13:00-15:00

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There have been no changes to the terms of reference

1.3 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were accepted as accurate.

1.4 Actions Arising

ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	UPDATE
Carried Over Actions: October 2019			
7.3	ACW to propose a Canvas pop up to warn against external essay support companies.	ACW	Complete
7.5	IL / AJ to meet with BM to discuss interdisciplinary working in HEMS	IL / AJ	Complete- no follow-up from last IPL day. FLY, BM, IL and AJ to continue discussions
Carried Over Actions: January 2020			
2.1	MH to check attendance requirements / agenda for NUS Liberation Conference	MH	All Conferences have been moved online – awaiting some applications – budget requests for this? Send directly to RW when needed to go online. See below
2.1	GG / IL / ES and any other interested members to submit budget requests for attendance at Liberation Conference. See RW / RG for support if needed.	GG/IL/ES/All	Ongoing – MH to check deadline for attendance
5.1	MH to follow up on Exec Committee Review emails	MH	Ongoing – MH to bring update to March exec – Looking to revamp exec so it can run more efficiently with less meetings – every other month during term time. Making it more about campaign development with budget requests moved online.
5.3	ACW to consider placement student timetables when scheduling de-stress fest. BM to support	BM / ACW	Completed – In light of recent events, de-stress fest will not be continuing as planned. Talks on how it can be moved online.
New Actions: February 2020			
1.4	IL to meet with FLY to discuss interdisciplinary working in HEMS	IL/FLY	Complete

	2.2	All exec members to check diaries to see if they are available to attend ASQC or EC and let MH know	All/MH	Ongoing – Faculty and Campaign Reps to let MH know if they would like to sit on ASQC.	
	5.1	MH to ensure surveys for the ‘Break the Cycle’ campaign include ethnic background information	MH	Ongoing	
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	5.3	MH to keep exec committee updated with decisions made at the Well-Being Strategy Group.	MH	Ongoing – last several meetings have been cancelled. Due to meet with Big White Wall and FICA, but this has been postponed.	
	9.1	RW to publish vote on proposal for new student trustee and all exec committee members to vote	RW/All	Complete (14/24 voted)	
	9.3	All exec members to consider nominations for SU Awards & EL to share link to the website to facebook group.	EL/All	Complete – Nominations have closed	
	9.4	EL to chat with RG regarding Bra Bank and both EL/IL to collaborate on cross-campus donations	EL/IL	Complete	
2.	2.1 Items for Discussion				
3.	3. Faculty Rep Updates: 3.1 AJ: Lots of issues with HEMS students and Coronavirus. FLY has been liaising with us to feedback concerns. Hope to get more information soon. IL has been meeting with individual course reps, will have updates from her soon. MH: Is guidance for students on placements more clear now? FLY: Yes, different teams had different responses to questions but now there is more guidance for each year and cohort. Everyone aware of how to respond to questions, don't have to go to one central person anymore. EH: FLY and the Faculty Reps have done a great job working on this. They were involved from the beginning and have worked very hard.				

4.	<p>4. Campaign Rep Updates:</p> <p>4.1 MH: Taken as read.</p> <p>Want to draw attention to ES' update, sunflower lanyards arrived. How do we move this campaign online?</p> <p>ACW: Can this be turned into an online provision? Like use the sunflower in email signatures.</p> <p>EH: Maybe some Facebook frames? Other online visual resources could be considered.</p> <p>MH: Can I action RG and RW to check in with ES regarding this?</p>	RW/RG
5.	<p>5 Executive Officer Reports</p> <p>5.1 President</p> <p>MH: *Taken as read.</p> <p>Two things have happened:</p> <p>1st update - Refugee Scholarship Scheme, I had a phone call with marketing team member who looks after philanthropic giving, looking at a bursary rather than a scholarship at this point. Not ideal but it is still exciting. That team is launching a new type of giving called payroll giving which will allow ARU staff members to donate to particular charitable causes. Marketing team looking at whether the Refugee Bursary would fit into this.</p> <p>EH: What is the difference between a bursary and scholarship?</p> <p>MH: The original plan was for the University to fund a few students with both maintenance fees and tuition, this was the scholarship plan. From conversations, this was not feasible due to cost-savings measures. With a bursary, there are given a lump sum instead.</p> <p>2nd update – Break the Cycle, have had conversations with Officers and had a call with RG and RW on having a temperature check survey. Thought it would be worthwhile to include questions around COVID-19. It would help us to better understand how students are faring in light of these circumstances.</p> <p>EH: Is this meant to be concise and tailored to a particular use or for a long-term research project?</p> <p>MH: Needs a significant sample size, with NSS we cannot do this until the end of next month. Gives us 6-8 weeks. We can start on the initial stage of it. We know the next year's Officer Team have run on a significant mental health platform, they will be able to use this data.</p> <p>EH: Worth thinking about outcomes and who the audience is for this? Practical outcomes for current Officer team possible as well.</p> <p>5.2 VP: Business and Law</p> <p>MC: Taken as read</p> <p>MH: Have notes from MC to be read out.</p> <p>International Support - We now have a funding in place for international students this has been a two-year long officer campaign and I want to thank everyone who got involved and supported.</p> <p>Hardship funding - the hardship fund is no longer frozen and any student facing any hardship (except international) can apply for the hardship fund (including UG and PG) There were issues for PG students, but now clearly one for both groups.</p> <p>Supporting you remotely- The officers and I have been working tirelessly on how we can support you remotely over the coming weeks including advocating scrapping rent costs, supporting hungry students and other areas of wellbeing.</p> <p>MH: As an Officer team, we are of the opinion, ARU should scrap rent costs for students who have been asked to leave accommodation. We've drafted a letter to send to the VC.</p>	MH

	<p>RG: RW and I are here to help and support if you need us.</p> <p>EH: Sounds well-thought out and directed by student feedback.</p> <p>MH: As of last week, Manchester and Liverpool along with several other universities have done this. I've emailed all the external halls providers to find out their policies on releasing students from contracts and what their welfare policies are for students stuck there, had one response and it was poor. This could be relevant to Chelmsford but awaiting response from University. Need to get University on board so that we can lobby with external halls and letting agencies.</p> <p>ACW: We should see if we can get Vicky Ford and Daniel Zeichner, the MPs for Chelmsford and Cambridge on board.</p> <p>EH: Where have MC's other wins been communicated, this needs to be promoted and discussed with Comms.</p> <p>MH: Currently on a Comms lockdown, but will chat with TB and BN to see if we can get something else out unrelated to Coronavirus.</p> <p>MC also said she's happy to have her work mobile available, will post it to Facebook after Exec.</p> <p>5.3 VP: Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</p> <p>ACW: Taken as read</p> <p>Did not update my google doc, sorry about that.</p> <p>Going back to what MH was talking about Well-being steering group was postponed, hopefully will be rescheduled. Big White Wall and FICA meeting didn't happened but 10 minutes ago, we received an email to rearrange. In terms of current university provisions for student mental health and wellbeing, they are offering counselling appointments online. Not sure how this is going.</p> <p>Regarding the SU bar, student consultations will be going ahead online. MH and I have created a Prezi and slides, there is also a page on the website.</p> <p>Have received a lot of feedback from students during this time about the Coronavirus. Especially those in need of studio spaces.</p> <p>EH: Is there any provision for studio based learning.</p> <p>ACW: Not at the moment, the faculty is speaking with art councils. I emailed Harriet Richards, head of school of Art and the deputy heads including Wendy Moody and William Hill, to see what they were doing. Said they would send an email to students with what they're doing. Have received no response from other faculty members in AHSS.</p> <p>MH: Assessment in AHSS was raised as a matter of urgency as Coronavirus Response group. A lot of assessment related software and supplies are unavailable to students.</p> <p>ACW: I raised if laptops would be made available for renting.</p> <p>MH: There is a new laptop bursary available to all students to apply to. Entitles students to £400 to purchase a laptop or can be used on repairs to an existing one.</p> <p>RG: When will it be communicated to students?</p> <p>MH: Was launched and communicated today.</p> <p>ACW: A student email was sent today</p> <p>AJ: I haven't received an email, will keep checking.</p> <p>5.4 VP: Health, Education, Medicine and Social Care</p> <p>FLY: Taken as read</p>	<p>MH/ACW</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MH</p>
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	<p>From requests from 3rd Year students, Michael Adeen, the heads of school and I will have a live online forum for students to ask questions. I'll be there to pick up on concerns and trends from students concerns. A link will be sent to these students to join the forum.</p> <p>We are developing things for a student newsletter written by students, like one about caring while studying.</p> <p>With rent, student accommodation audit report came back, there were several interesting recommendations. Not all university processes are correct and the university has committed to fixing some of this. Trying to contact Zoe about this. MH: She is on sabbatical and has been recalled by the NHS.</p> <p>FLY: Meant to be hosting Responsible Futures Support Day, looking to host this entirely online.</p> <p>The Sustainability strategy is with the university to read over and approve.</p> <p>Citizens UK, meant to have hustings today but this has been cancelled.</p> <p>Continuing to work with faculty on 2020 Year of the Nurse and Midwife and provisions for students online.</p> <p>5.5 VP: Science and Engineering N/A</p>	
8.	<p>8 Budgets RW: No budgets were submitted for approval this month.</p>	
9.	<p>9. Any other business EH: Big thank you to all of the Officers for stepping up and engaging with this. Your work is appreciated. RW: Please don't hesitate to reach out to RG and me for support and help with campaigns. RG: Reminder to keep the flow of communication, especially important at this time.</p> <p>9.1 Date of next meeting TBD.</p>	

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5.1	MH to further consider outcomes and audience for Break the Cycle surveys and wins for the current Officer team.	MH	
5.2	MH and ACW to reach out to local MPs regarding support and welfare for students in accommodation.	ACW/MH	
5.2	MH to discuss promoting campaign wins with Comms team in light of lockdown.	MH	
5.2	MC to share work mobile to Facebook group following exec	MC	



Bye-Law Change

1. Background

- 1.1. Currently there is sporadic attendance to the Executive Committee from the voluntary campaign and faculty reps. It is felt that this is because it has become more about signing off budgets than working on campaigning for change and representing students – the true purpose of the union.

2. Proposal

- 2.1. Bye-Law 6, paragraph 3.1 currently reads “meetings shall be held monthly during term time on a date set by the Chair with at least five working days’ notice.”
- 2.2. It is proposed that this is changed to “meetings shall be held at least 5 times during the academic year on a date set by the chair with at least five working days’ notice.” This is a reduction from the current **nine**. This will put less time pressure on representatives who have to juggle studying, personal and work commitments.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

FACULTY REPS

Campaigns, projects and other work

AHSS Faculty Rep (Cambridge): Sarah Strachan

Faculty Partnership Team meeting - raised issues of access to facilities, resources and affordability. Apparently a benchmarking process is underway re cost of resources

Attended Faculty Forum with ACW/RW & ER and course reps

Faculty Education Committee meeting - response to removal of booksplus cap for CSA students was a 'No' from Director of Student Services. Deputy Dean will follow up regarding specific use of the copy shop for printing for assessment etc and where any unspent bursaries are 'donated'.

Met with Rose Guy re strategy to reframe affordability (away from Bookplus) and address issues of equity of resourcing/provision between courses (across faculties?)

Sustainability SU strategy workshop attendance on 12/02/20

HEMS Faculty Rep (Cambridge): Tiegán Lawson

HEMS Faculty Rep (Cambridge): Bethany Miller

- still no feedback via email from course reps
- Verbal feedback from students at young street: another microwave
- Feedback from mental health students regarding a recent IPL day wasn't good and students ended up leaving half way through. Students found that other lecture staff were rude towards their subject and felt that the day wasn't useful for them.
- Course rep meeting with Demi, Fraser and Imogen regarding issues especially with covid 19 took place. Students complained about lack of feedback from lecturers and lack of communication. They also highlighted that assessments were being changed leaving people with no time to study due to work or child commitments.
- Lots of students who are living at CB1 have complained to me about the fact they have to pay rent even though uni have asked us to go home however due to worries around placement, most HEMS students can't actually terminate contracts.

HEMS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford): Imogen Lay

- Continuing with the Childcare for Placement Students campaign. Been looking at the Speak week and SSLC feedback. Now that the new NHS support fund is available, we can look into those options. Still planning on polling students within faculty.
- Been talking with Beth (HEMS Cambridge) to look at interprofessional scenario-based learning for the new nursing/paramedic teaching guidelines. Will be bringing this to FPT (Feb 19th) to discuss with HoSs.
- Organising and planning a mental health fair for University Mental Health Day (Thu 5th March) with charities including Mind and Samaritans!
- Chelmsford want a nursing society, will have a look into this with Ashleigh

HEMS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford): Ashleigh Jackson

- Had Interprofessional learning day (IPL) for HEMS 29th Jan. Good feedback so far. Have yet to meet with the team to discuss formal feedback.
- More guidance has been given to nursing students regarding placements and the options available to them during the pandemic.
- Course rep zoom meetings with heads of department to discuss issues regarding placement during Covid-19 pandemic are going well and are productive and informative.
- New Covid-19 e-learning has been made accessible to placement students to equip them for practice.
- Some concerns highlighted by 3rd year nursing students regarding a lack of supervision for assessment.

HEMS Faculty Rep (Peterborough): Marta Kalista

B&L Faculty Rep (Chelmsford): Damien Francis

B&L Faculty Rep (Cambridge): Alessia Mevoli

Has been working closely with Dan Berger and attending FPTs and FECs. Appreciated this opportunity to learn about education standards and ARU's partners. Really valuable to full understand how the system works. Contacted all the course reps in B&L and acted on the feedback received, especially related to teaching and modules.

Would like to be able to access course rep emails to reach out to them directly, especially as there is a lot of collaboration with professional courses and reps.

S&E Faculty Rep (Cambridge): Em Long

- FSE hub follow up- working with teaching and learning staff to figure out how to enable the aimss on canvas. Monitoring is still an issue.
- Students asking for more faculty networking events.
- Student engagement quite low, 0 attendees to last faculty forum
- Athena Swan- representing women in STEM pathways.

S&E Faculty Rep (Chelmsford): Jose Hermosilla

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

CAMPAIGN REPS

Campaigns, projects and other work

Trans Students' Rep (Cambridge): Ethan Dredge

Completed:

- LGBT quiz night for Trans Awareness Week
- Help students with questions about LGBT terminology and being trans.

Things for the future:

- Events for LGBT History Month to be planned with LGBT rep.
- Workshop with tutors/lecturers about how to support LGBT students.
- Continue to answer student questions.

International Rep (Chelmsford): Gold Dominic

International Rep (Cambridge): Anna Kiss

Completed:

- Sent out upcoming events and reminders about it
- Helped students with their questions (Visa, societies, etc.)

Things I want to do in the future:

- International food day
- Continue to help students with their questions
- Continue to keep them updated

Women's Rep (Cambridge): Kerdisha Ali-Arab

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Women's Rep (Chelmsford): Angela Atuahene

BME Students' Rep (Cambridge): Ganesh Gupta

BME Students' Rep (Chelmsford): Obinna Ogbbankwa

LGBT+ Students' Rep (Cambridge): Luca Girardi

LGBT+ Students' Rep (Chelmsford): Andrew Taylor
<p>Completed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have attended Rep training with Rachel Wilkinson <p>Things For The Future:</p>

1. Organise a meet to bring LGBT+ students together to discuss what they would like to see happen / change within the university -I will then be able to gather so ideas for a campaign using this information
2. Look at arranging some events for LGBT Month for Feb 2020
3. Meeting With the new Chelmsford ARU Chaplain (Jackie-Dee Thorton) , to explore ways in which she may be able to help support the LGBT+ students across campus

Disabled Students' Rep (Cambridge): Emma Scriven

- Working on how we can move sunflower lanyards launch online, e.g. email signatures, fb banners etc
- Working with employability service to create some sessions specifically designed for disabled students, potentially these will be online vodcasts with subtitles for students to access whenever they need to.

Disabled Students' Rep (Chelmsford): Caroline Hill

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

MATT HAYES - PRESIDENT

My campaigns, policy and other work

**My campaigns**

Refugee Scholarship Scheme	In progress
<i>Actions updated: 09/03/20</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now in contact with an alumna who is used on a lot of the university's marketing who has a really interesting story - she came here as a refugee from Afghanistan aged 13 and is now a lawyer. I have asked her some questions which she has kindly answered - she broadly seems to have had a very positive experience at ARU but did not receive any specific support related to her refugee status. 	
Break The Cycle	In Progress
<i>Actions updated: 09/03/20</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking at doing some kind of wellbeing survey maybe using some of the questions from Let's Be Honest - this way we could do a sort of "temperature check" of some of the problem area questions from the report. 	
Drug Harm Reduction	In Progress
<i>Actions updated: 09/03/20</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet been able to trial other data gathering methods. 	

Other relevant updates

<i>Actions updated: 09/03/20</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended the Students' Unions 'Strategic Planning Meeting'. It's essentially where we sit down with the most senior people from the university and outline our plans for the coming year. From this, they establish how much money they will give us. Been getting back into faculty stuff - started by meeting with the Dean of the faculty in order to get caught up on what is big on their agenda. Currently, the dominant conversations are around student wellbeing, the British Science Festival (being held in Chelmsford in Sept), and "unprofessional feedback in Module Evaluation Surveys" Plans for the bar are now underway - initial designs have been agreed. Amanda's consultation will hopefully (have) shed some more light on how students want the bar to feel etc. 	
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE




MARY COPSEY - VICE PRESIDENT (BUSINESS & LAW)

My campaigns, policy and other work



My Officer update

Brexit campaign	Working on
<p>No progress made since last exec committee.</p> <p>Brexit:Impact on Education (ACTIVE POLICY) Link to policy: https://www.angliastudent.com/pageassets/represent/thegroupchat/april19/Minor-amendment-GC1919-Policy-submission-Brexit-Policy-The-Group-Chat-April.pdf</p>	

ARUaccessible?	Working on
<p>Thank you to all the students that took part in the ARUaccessible campaign last semester! I am now in the process of condensing all the data into themes (currently gone through 200 comments!)</p> <p>I have provided a breakdown below of the committees I have sat on and the changes influenced by the ARUaccessible campaign.</p> <p> Assessment Review: Guidance on Assessment workstream -This workstream was only formed this semester and I have been attending monthly meetings reviewing all aspects of assessments, assignment deadlines and exams. From this, I have taken feedback forward and making recommendations to support student's best interests. For instance, we have successfully removed bunching of deadlines in the business and law faculty and reviewing how we can make this change across all schools.</p> <p> Disabled Student Satisfaction task and finish group - This committee has reviewed the NNS results over the last 3 years as well this we held focus groups with current students in Tri1 to bring forward any barriers to inclusion. My job mainly on this committee has been to represent the student's voice and work in partnership with the university to create a list of recommendations to review hidden barriers which can negatively impact the student experience. For instance, I have recommended reviewing lecture notes content making sure the information is clear and concise and put on canvas in a timely manner.</p> <p> Student Experience Senate Committee (SEC) - This week I attended SEC where we discussed barriers to inclusion and general accessibility challenges that are negatively impacting student experience. The outcome of this meeting led to an agreement that the university marketing department will review the new branding and create an accessible option and this review will lead to a wider review of course materials and any other barriers to inclusion.</p> <p>Wrote a initial data findings paper and presented this at USU - **veral update**</p>	

Other relevant updates

ARUmindful

No updates since last exec committee.

Policy

Began writing the accessibility policy for the group chat

Southern Conference at Kent

Matt, John and I traveled to Kent alongside many other unions from the southern region. During this conference we attended a variety of workshops including the future of higher education, how to engage with our PGR and PGT students and many more! To share best practice and network with other student unions.

Retail Manager Interviews

This month I have been involved in the recruitment process for the retail manager role.

University meetings that I have attended this month

Student experience Committee

Academic Regulations Subcommittee

advice team meeting

Officers Fortnightly Meeting

SU awards

Brexit Meeting

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

My campaigns, policy and other work



My campaigns

De-Stress fest	In Progress
We're moving online! Any ideas, suggestions or activities that any one wants to run for De-stress fest please let me know. We want it to be as student led as possible so the more students qh want to do things the better :)	

	In Progress

	On Going

Other relevant updates

<p><i>Actions updated: 22/01/20</i></p> <p>General update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Held faculty forums within each school within AHSS to gather more students feedback from our course reps - I have weekly meetings with Apurba (Deputy dean for the faculty) to discuss student issues and faculty progress - Weekly livestreams every monday @ 2pm with my pets - 	
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

My campaigns, policy and other work



My campaigns

RENT	In Progress
<i>A student accomodation audit took place with UUK ACOP (Universities UK, Accomodation Code of Practise). Once the results and findings are available to share i will provide an update to Exec.</i>	
Men's Mental Health	Complete
<i>This campaign is now complete</i>	
Sustainability	In Progress
<i>The Responsible Futures Support Day took place online in partnership with Keele University</i> <i>The Universities Sustainability Strategy is to be discussed at CMT we are just waiting to hear their response</i>	
NHS Funding	Complete
<i>Paramedic students will get a £5000 support payment each year</i>	
Peterborough	Complete
<i>The work to be done in Peterborough is complete</i>	

Other relevant updates

Open Library **(Complete)**

The library senior management has made the decision to allow cold snacks on the ground floor!

Athena Swan **(In Progress)**

The next deadline for the draft to be sent off for review and consultation is June! We are currently gathering all the staff and student data in preparation for the submission write up

2020 Year of the Nurse and Midwife **(In Progress)**

I am working with the faculty, societies and reps to plan out events for the year! Some ideas that have been put out is an Addenbrookes conference, I appreciate nurses because event, Nurse and Midwives fair, End of Year celebration, Mental Health support, Women in Nursing and Midwifery and Men in Nursing and Midwifery.

PGR support **(In Progress)**

The workstream for renovating the ARU website to make it more interactive and accessible for Distance Learners and PGRs has begun. So far a lot of work has gone into looking at key stages of the PGR/DL student journey with easy access to relevant services. There are also other links to bring students to SU services like volunteering and there is a page for students to find their reps as well as be able to read SSLC minutes. The development and testing is due to be finished in June and then rolled out over the summer if it all goes well.

Society of the Month **(Complete)**

This campaign has been handed over!

Citizens UK **(In Progress)**

The PFCC elections have been postponed until next year. In the meantime however we will be looking at how to keep the SU involved in the relationship with both Citizens UK and the university once a new team comes in.

E-Textbook Governance Group **(In Progress)**

This Group started before the start of the last academic year and was setup to ensure a smooth implementation of the Books Plus replacement scheme. We have spent time looking at the systems, the communications, student feedback and accessibility. We are currently looking to ensure as many staff members as possible who deal with students know how to use the system and then in we will review the first year with the books plus replacement

Policy updates

Against NHS Cuts (Complete)
<i>Paramedic students will get a £5000 support payment each year</i>

Sustainability Awareness (In Progress)
<i>This policy is being resubmitted to Group Chat</i>

Wheels in Motion (Complete)
<i>The resolves of this policy have been completed!</i>

Trans inclusion in Sport (Complete)
<i>This went to a BUCS advisory group with the Head of Sport Delivery where they have set out key milestones for how they will make BUCS more inclusive. A Diversity and Inclusion working group is to set up by Mia, who is one of the BUCS officers to progress these actions and hold them to account.</i>

Action updates

Exec action updates/ Group Chat action updates