

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

14th February, 13:00 – 15:00

1.1 Welcome, apologies and absences, including newly elected members	Shankar Sreenath	<i>To note</i>	Verbal
1.2 Terms of reference*	Shankar Sreenath	<i>To note</i>	
1.3 Minutes of the last meeting	Shankar Sreenath	<i>To approve</i>	11/23
1.4 Actions & matters arising from last meeting	Shankar Sreenath	<i>To discuss</i>	11/23
2. Items for Discussion			
2.1 Liberation Conference	Fraser Luther-Yarwood	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal
2.2 Student Summit	Fraser Luther-Yarwood	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal
2.3 Democracy Review	Fraser Luther-Yarwood/Emma Howes	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal
3. Faculty Rep Updates <i>All representatives to introduce their projects and campaigns and seek support and input from others</i>	All Faculty Reps	<i>To discuss and action</i>	Verbal 12/23
4. Campaign Rep Updates <i>All representatives to introduce their projects and campaigns and seek support and input from others</i>	All Campaign Reps	<i>To discuss and action</i>	Verbal 13/23
5. Executive Officer reports <i>Officers may select one or two campaigns to update on and seek support and input</i>			
5.1 President	Shankar Sreenath	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal 14/23
5.2 Vice President (Business & Law)	Nithin Raj	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal 15/23
5.3 Vice President (Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences)	Akshay Kumbalath	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal 16/23
5.4 Vice President (Health, Education, Medicine & Social Care)	Rohit Dhyani	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal 17/23

5.5 Vice President (Science & Engineering)	Rahman Abdul-Salam	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal 18/23
5.6 Vice President (Healthcare Practice)	Sharmeen Jawad	<i>To discuss</i>	Verbal 19/23
6. Budget Requests			
7. Any Other Business			
Date of next meeting: TBC March 2023			

Executive Committee (FVC and LEDIC) Minutes; 10th January 11:00 – 13:00

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	<p>1.2 Terms of Reference Emma Wong is no longer disabled students rep (Chelmsford)</p> <p>1.3 Minutes of the lasting meeting The Minutes were approved as accurate</p> <p>1.4 Actions & matters arising from the last meeting Action for all members to complete their exec update reports before the next committee Not Complete Action for NS to take SCI and equipment concerns to FPTNS Not complete Action SM to contact charities; research mechanics of screening; talk with medical societies and others (dance society has done things historically) SM Complete Action Exec Members to contact FLY & JB for website profiles and social media showcasing Not Complete</p> <p>New Actions: November 2022 Action for FLY to arrange meet with PP, JB and RG to look at developing space on the website Complete Action for RN to schedule catch up with FLY & JB to look at mental health events for semester 2 Not Complete Action for NR, AK & RS to bring up, Keep Wednesday Afternoons Free issues at FPT Complete Action for all officers to discuss PDT visibility and PDT Hub at FPT Complete Action for FLY to contact committee to get interest and availability for a get together/away day Complete</p>	
2.	<p>2. Items for Discussion</p> <p>2.1. Conferences There are 2 headline conferences coming up with Liberation Conference and the Sustainability Summit. If anyone is interested in attending please contact FLY to find out more information and to get registered for the conference.</p> <p>2.2. Budget There is still a large amount of money still available in the exec spending pot for campaigns, as well as no spending has come out of the wider executive £50 per person. As a new semester begins make sure the money gets spent towards campaigns and feedback gathering. Everyone stood on manifestos so if anyone has any spending to help these campaigns happen please contact FLY</p> <p>2.3. History Months With plans going ahead for both Women's History Month and LGBTQ+ history month, if there are any history months any members would like to get involved with, join a project or run your own event with some spending please reach out to FLY or JB to get involved.</p>	
3.	<p>3. Faculty Rep Updates:</p>	

	<p>3.1. JF – Looking at the development of the Student Professional Society and getting students to register, at the moment there have only been 12 so they are working with the faculty to boost these numbers.</p> <p>3.2 LB – 6 Faculty Forums have been held so far and the feedback has been reviewed and acted on. Currently looking at the potential of more regular drop ins for students in the faculty. Plans are well underway for the end of year Nursing & Midwifery ball.</p>	
4.	<p>4. Campaign Rep Updates</p> <p>4.1. PP – Met with JB to discuss student concerns over the rise of hate based activities towards the students of the lgbtq+ community. I have been planning a regular evening activity to spend with the people of our community to re-verbalise the fact that student union is a safe place to be and to socialise, and we will always be there to stand against the behaviour of others around campus.</p> <p>Also working on a LGBTQ+ workshop to take place in a lecture theatre, to educate, introduce and refamiliarize members of the university about labels, sexualities and genders to those who may feel as if they need more information on the subject!</p> <p>4.2 SM – Working with Cambridge SU on the street lighting campaign, the next step is to follow up on the feedback from the end of last semester and take to the local council.</p> <p>Also working on Women's history month with Aliza and Jo as well as breast cancer awareness.</p> <p>4.3 JC – The library spaces in Cambridge have no heating and it is getting to the point students and staff need to wear multiple layers. Also, it has been found out that some students are using AI to write assignments for them which is also been widely sponsored on Instagram.</p> <p>ACTION - SS to email estates about heating in Cambridge Library</p> <p>ACTION - JC, SJ, RD – Discuss the use of AI to write assignments and what is being done to address this</p>	
5.	<p>Executive Officer Updates:</p> <p>5.1 President</p> <p>Currently have students who are willing to paint the mural, so will get a list of equipment they will need for it so they can get started.</p> <p>Following a request from Roderick the VC, the initial paper behind KWAF was sent over and Roderick is happy with it, we just need to arrange a time to meet up and have a signed signing of the agreement.</p> <p>5.2 VP AHSS</p> <p>The first 2 Mental Health Podcasts have been recorded and they are due to go out and be made available at the end of this month.</p> <p>With exam and deadline period being in April/May, would like to bring back the exam support packs as well as hold a couple of different events for students to de-stress and relax around that period.</p> <p>5.3 VP B&L</p>	

	<p>Student Entrepreneurship Week is coming up, the Motivational & Start Up speakers have been arranged and confirmed.</p> <p>There will also be a student stall fair for students who have their own small business to come and promote themselves to students. This is available on both campuses.</p> <p>5.4 VP S&E With accommodation issues, the student renters guide has been sent off for printing. Other than this have recently been responding to some serious accommodation cases, looking at alternatives to provide guarantor support to students as well as looking at student mental health in accommodation.</p> <p>5.5 VP HEMS Student Entrepreneurship Week is coming up and there will be an Entrepreneurship Quiz as well as an Entrepreneurship Hour for students to be given an item/scenario and will need to come up with an initiative to make it different then what currently exists, at the end a panel will decide a winner and a prize will be given to the group.</p> <p>5.6 VP Healthcare Practice SJ – The amendments to the renovation plan for the prayer spaces is complete, now just waiting for the budget and the build to start on this. The next step is to look at the immediate provision of spaces for students. The HEMS Transport guide is complete, going to FPT. EDI group – placement survey. Publishing article following meeting with NUS for students.</p>		
6.	<p>6. Budgets Student Entrepreneurship Week - £315 – Approved with 13 votes cast (10 in room and 3 via email) and 13 approvals</p>		
7.	<p>7. AOB NR & RD – An extra judge is required for Entrepreneurship Hour and there are still vacant stalls so if members of the exec could help support and promote, that would be greatly appreciated.</p>		
ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	UPDATE
Actions Carried Over:			
2.4	Action for all members to complete their exec update reports before the next committee	All	
3.1	Action for NS to take SCI and equipment concerns to FPT	NS	
4.1	Action Exec Members to contact FLY & JB for website profiles and social media showcasing	All	
4.1	RN to schedule catch up with FLY & JB to look at mental health events for semester 2	RN	
New Actions: January 2023			
2.1	Any reps that would like to attend the Sustainability Summit, Liberation Conference, or any other conference please let Fraser know to look at registration.	All	
4.3	Shankar to email estates and facilities regarding the cold spaces in the library	SS	

4.3	Rohit/Sharmeen/Jade to meet up to discuss and share progress around the use of AI to write assignments	RD/SJ/JC	
5.4	Rahman to chase up Natas regarding outstanding actions	RS/NS	

FACULTY REPS

Campaigns, projects and other work

AHSS Faculty Rep (Cambridge):

Completed:

- Lgbtq+ alphabet
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Working on:

- Student's own artworks through common areas
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Looking ahead:

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HEMS Faculty Rep (Cambridge): Lucy Barton

Updated: 17/01/2023

Completed:

- Hosted 2 Faculty Forums
- Helped students with some issues that arose from these drop ins
- **Made and sent out microsoft form to students to gather information and interest for the N&M ball**

Working on:

- Planning Nursing and Midwifery Ball!
- Working with Sharmeen to possibly start having regular drop ins throughout the year
- **Meeting with Louise Jenkins (HoS N&M) on 19th Jan to discuss 3rd year nurses workload**

Looking ahead:

HEMS Faculty Rep (Cambridge):

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HEMS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford):

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B&L Faculty Rep (Chelmsford):

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B&L Faculty Rep (Cambridge):

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S&E Faculty Rep (Cambridge):

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Working on:

- Check-up of the laboratory equipment in SCI06
- Renew the terrarium on SCI atrium

Looking ahead:

- Fix the PC in open access and the screens in the library rooms

S&E Faculty Rep (Chelmsford):

Completed:

- Assignment and Referencing support from Professors to Students to reduce cases of misconduct
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Working on:

- Getting students aware of Being a Chartered Engineer from Engineering Council by help of professors for a support to their career from the faculty of science and engineering

Looking ahead:

- Project Expo by students Infront of core companies!
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CAMPAIGN REPS

Campaigns, projects and other work

Race Equality Rep (Cambridge):

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Working on:

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Looking ahead:

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Race Equality Rep (Chelmsford):

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Disabled Students' Rep (Cambridge):

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Working on:

- British Sign Language Week (March)
- Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness

Looking ahead:

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Disabled Students' Rep (Chelmsford):

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International Rep (Cambridge):

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International Rep (Chelmsford) :

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LGBT+ Students' Rep (Cambridge):
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Women's Rep (Chelmsford):

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Mental Health Rep (Cambridge):

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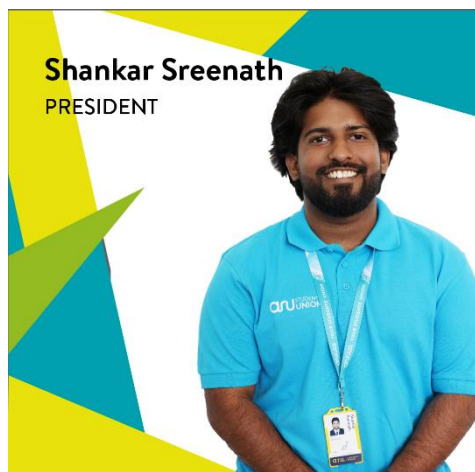
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My campaigns, policy, and other work

My campaigns

<i>Promoting Student Merchandise</i>	Status: Working on
Context of the Campaign: Organize business weeks and comms support to promote student merchandise	
Aims and Objectives: Increase student engagement through benefitting students	
Updates and Wins: Working on how the basic skeleton of the event	

<i>Get IT Sorted</i>	Status: Working on
Context of the Campaign: Restart Get It Sorted program by university. Aims and	
Objectives: Workshops and classes available to students to gain experience on IT so that they could get around studies and work in a organized manner	
Updates and Wins: Liaising with IT team to set this up	

Other updates

Wider University Projects:

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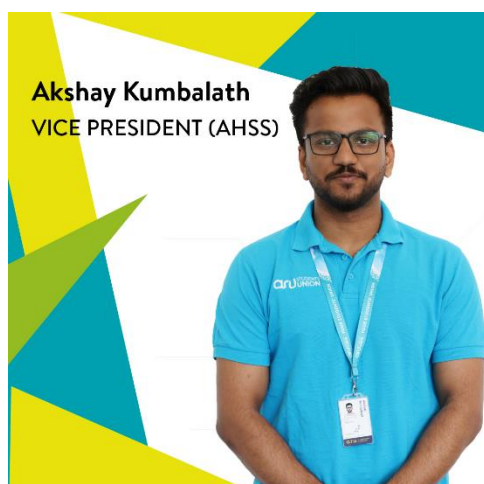
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My campaigns

<i>Mental health support</i>	Status: Completed
<p>Context of the Campaign: To provide mental health support to students who are coming back to the on-campus university life and help them settle in. Also support them in dealing with the cost of living crisis and how its affecting their mental health</p> <p>Aims and Objectives: Collaborate with the wellbeing team in the university with their podcast and include stories about accommodation issues and cost of living issues from students and share the stories to students to let them know that they are not the only one going through this.</p> <p>Updates and Wins:</p> <p>Recorded the first episode of the podcast on the topic 'understanding mental health and wellbeing' and the remaining episodes are to be recorded soon on different mental health topic. The release of the episodes would be by January focusing on the new students also the existing students. In conversations with the wellbeing team about the progress in the podcast</p>	
<i>SU visibility</i>	Status: Working on

Context of the Campaign: Make SU more visible to student.

Aims and Objectives: To make SU space and the services provided by the SU more visible to students. To increase the student engagement and get students to use the SU space for more events and other activities conducted by the SU.

Updates and Wins: In conversation with the Estates and Facilities to put more sign boards around the university to direct students to the SU space. Went around the campus to put necessary signboards to direct students to the SU and waiting for the design update and the quotation from the estates and facilities team.

Design for the floor stickers are done and waiting for budget approval. The updated signage boards and the floor stickers will be on campus by January refreshers, so the SU would be more visible and accessible.

Advance training in AHSS

Status: Working on

Context of the Campaign: Organize additional workshop or other training sessions for students to improve their skills to support their course.

Aims and Objectives: Make it more easier for students to get the necessary skills they need to improve their employability and also make their course easier.

Updates and Wins: In talks with the course reps to understand which courses need particular trainings and how students can make use of these trainings to make their course much easier and also improve their employability.

The courses needed more resources with the increasing number of students, talked with the department to provide more resources (cintiq pens) for students.

Held faculty forum with the course reps to listen to the issues and brought to the attention of the faculty that the cost of living is affecting them as the prices of the materials are going up. This was raised in the FPT meeting and the cost of the materials will be revised to make it more affordable to students .

Other updates

Wider University Projects:

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Wider Union Projects:

- Cost of living

In conversation with NUS regarding the cost-of-living campaigns and how we can help the students on a national level. Supporting the NUS cost of living survey with cost-of-living stalls to get students to take the survey and mail their MPs to write a letter to the chancellor to include some student funds in the budget.

- Reviewed Hardship fund application to make the application easier and more accessible to students to apply.
- Article on the website for students regarding the cost-of-living campaign, for students to access information that they need to fight the cost-of-living crisis. Working on getting a navigation tab on the website to get all the information and updates together.
- The website information was updated on the First Bus website about the discounts that the students from ARU could get, it was updated on request as their website did not have that information updated.

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My campaigns, policy and other work

My campaigns

Campaign Name	Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started
Context of the Campaign: Workshops for FBL Students Aims and Objectives: 1. To promote self-employment as a credible pathway for students. 2. Entrepreneurs can share their knowledge and advices, about their own experiences and future plans for development. 3. It helps students to think broadly and unleash their creativity. Updates and Wins: The campaign has been completed. During student entrepreneurship week, more than 30 students attended the event, which was very successful.	

Campaign Name	Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started
Context of the Campaign: Promoting CV/ Interview Preparation for Students Aims and Objectives: 1. Selecting the right candidate is the main aim of an interview, Interview Preparation is an important learning opportunity for students.	

2. It will provide them with experience , confidence and will be an important step in obtaining a job.

3. Helping the students to prepare the CV to wow the interviewer in that short period of time.

Updates and Wins: Finished my campaign and the sessions were a big success with the help of employability services during the future festival. More than 40 students attended each session and I'm confident they all left with some great tips and tricks to secure their career.

<i>Campaign Name</i>	Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started
Context of the Campaign: Organising Awareness Seminars about U K Driving for International Students	
Aims and Objectives:	
1. International students are not aware of the U K driving rules, So my main aim is to make them aware of the U K Driving rules.	
Updates and Wins: Article prepared on driving awareness campaign and shared with the comms team of the students union and the international office team to share with the new intake students.	
An article is being prepared on the topic of awareness of driving an electric scooter or motorbike	

Other updates

Wider University Projects:

- **Food Bank Campaign - Done**
- **Movie Night – Valentine's Week**

Wider Union Projects:

- **Football World Cup 2022 Big Screen Event**
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- **The Student Summit**
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My campaigns

Campaign Name	Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started
Context of the Campaign: Plagiarism (Essay Mills) and Misconduct Aims and Objectives: Many acknowledged that international students and home students are not familiar with UK writing styles for assignments and can struggle in classes, especially with a 2-3 day a week timetable. SM added that workshops for these skills might be helpful for them to avoid the issues. Updates and Wins: Currently working on the posters for the awareness of plagiarism.	

Campaign Name	Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Context of the Campaign: Incubation centre Aims and Objectives: To get a physical space where University entrepreneurs could work on developing their business and solving problems associated with it, especially in the initial stages, by the support of the university by providing an array of business and technical services, initial seed funds, lab facilities, advisory, network Updates and Wins: The Campaign is in progress and currently working with the emperorship team regarding the physical space for it. 	

Campaign Name	Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started
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Context of the Campaign: Awareness campaign

Aims and Objectives: To make aware of students what are the resources university have which most of the students are unaware of by making a small video on those topic.

Updates and Wins: Currently working with student union and university to develop the videos.

Other updates

Wider University Projects:

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Wider Union Projects:

- Online Gaming tournament In which all the four campuses will be involved.
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Policies:

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Committee updates

Senate Committee

- Education Committee
- Student Misconduct Committee

Non-Senate committee

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Students' Union Committees

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Working groups

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My campaigns, policy and other work

My campaigns

<i>Campaign Name: Free fruit basket</i>	Status: Complete
<p>Context of the Campaign: Provision of Free Food:</p> <p>Aims and Objectives: Rising costs and a busy schedule can easily impact the healthy eating patterns of any student. As we move towards winter this becomes even more of a serious issue. I have already begun engaging student services in providing free food such as fruit and porridge sachets, so no student on campus goes hungry during their day.</p> <p>Updates and Wins: to have free fruit basket in SU Students' space along with free porridges and soup sachets. It happened with help of Libby Homer (Director of Student and Library Services).</p>	

<i>Campaign Name: Accommodations</i>	Status: Working on
<p>Context of the Campaign: <i>Accommodation for students</i></p> <p>Aims and Objectives: Every Student of the Anglia Ruskin University should be able to live near the campus if they want to. Rent rises and deposit returns are major issue which is being faced by many students. Knowing their rights as tenants, as well as what to expect when it comes to living independently. By reviewing and updating our Student Renter's Guide and</p>	

providing practical information about how to save money whilst at university, we better protect our students and ensure they reach their full potential during their time in study..

Updates and Wins:

Updated renters guide with Jo and Fraser for more awareness about the rules, regulations and the rights for tenancy.

Managed to organize temporary accommodation for students with the help of Paul Harris from the Residential team, however it was just for a short period, and it is now discontinuing- planning to have more discussions with them to sort out emergency situations as the issue is still not resolved.

Drop-in sessions in the SU in both campuses to hear the student issues about their accommodation situations.

Organized an Accommodation forum to talk with students about their opinions with help of Andy Lefley the director of Estates

Campaign Name: Cost of Living	Status: Working on
<p>Context of the Campaign: Good and affordable Accommodation for students</p> <p>Aims and Objectives: A nationwide issue which is prevalent across the news and impacts students across ARU. As housing becomes scarcer and more expensive, other avenues need to be explored to provide for our students.</p> <p>Updates and Wins: By providing good quality, temporary accommodation for those that are struggling to pay rent and invest in supported housing, we can protect students during this difficult period and make sure they can study their full courses at our university.</p>	



My campaigns, policy and other work

My campaigns

Prayer Space in Chelmsford	Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started
<p>Context of the Campaign: to obtain an adequate prayer space in the Chelmsford campus, as the current one is too small and not appropriate given the growing student population who use it.</p> <p>Aims and Objectives: to liaise with the university and chaplaincy to find and establish an alternative/additional space which is larger than the current one and meets the needs of the diverse student population e.g., ablution facilities.</p> <p>Updates and Wins: 22/11/22: Sawyer's gym renovation plans are almost complete, now just a matter of confirming these and starting the renovations. Makeshift prayer room will be required for Ramadan 2022 10/1/23: renovation plans are complete, additional requirements and equipment e.g. speakers, bathrooms, interior design are confirmed. Proposal to be sent for budgeting at the end of this week- subject to approval, building work will start soon. Estimated completion time is June. Makeshift prayer space for congregational prayers on Friday is Mildmay sports hall as confirmed by estates, but we do not have a makeshift space for other events where larger prayer spaces are needed e.g. Ramadan (Taraweeh)- will liaise with ISoc and estates about this to find a temporary solution.</p>	

Free Transport Campaign	Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started
<p>Context of the Campaign: Free transport to and from placement for HEMS students, given the CoL crisis and current travel provision not being fair for all courses (e.g. medics get reimbursed, but nurses don't, etc).</p> <p>Aims and Objectives: to encourage the university/other organisations to somehow fund travel costs for students and remove barriers to attending placement for students.</p>	

Updates and Wins:

22/11/22: Have met with all HoS except one, and they are on board but have expressed concern at the university being able to fund this. In the meantime, I am working on a placement travel guide (due to be released soon). Practice hub is in process of being improved/accessible to all healthcare students (partnering with ME and Student Opportunity team in HEMS).

10/1/23: Meeting confirmed with remaining HoS. Travel guide is complete, requires approval from FPT and will be published soon! FF drop-in sessions for HEMS, and placement in general, organised over December (6 sessions in total) which provide more evidence for transport cost struggles. I have created a placement survey which will supplement the sessions- requires approval from FPT/work with ME and will also be released soon- hopefully before next exec!

EDI Project

Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started

Context of the Campaign: to implement EDI strategy and improve this for students and staff at ARU

Aims and Objectives: implement lectures/CPDs/educational sessions for students and staff, promote race equality advocates and foster a more inclusive and informed community at ARU.

Updates and Wins: Project group is in the works (SU); considering affiliating with university.

Other relevant updates

Wider University Projects:

- **Faculty Forum (HEMS)**
- Resolving numerous complaints (formal and informal) in social work, paramedic science
- NUS concerns- due to meet with them
- Futures Festival

Wider Union Projects:

- World Cup screening
- Student Marketplace

Policies:

- N/A

Senate Committee

- N/A

Non-Senate committee

- FPT: Canvas site in place of HEMS newsletter; PDT hub improvement

Students' Union Committees

- USU (not present at either meetings)

Working groups

- Sexual Respect Working Group (meetings cancelled thus far)
- EDI Working Group