

**Faculty Voice Committee (FVC) and Liberation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LEDIC)**  
January 29th 2020, 15:00 – 17:00

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>	2/20
1.4 Actions & matters arising from last meeting		<i>To discuss</i>	3/20
2.1 Executive Committee Liberation Conference	Matt Hayes	<i>To note</i>	4/20
<b>3. Faculty Rep Updates</b> <i>All representatives to discuss their projects and campaigns</i>	All Faculty Reps	<i>To discuss</i>	5/20
<b>4. Campaign Rep updates</b> <i>All representatives to discuss their projects and campaigns</i>	All Campaign Reps	<i>To discuss</i>	6/20
<b>5. Executive Officer reports</b> <i>Update on campaigns, projects, policy and ideas</i>			
5.1 President	Matt Hayes	<i>To discuss</i>	7/20
5.2 Vice President (Business & Law)	Mary Copsey	<i>To discuss</i>	8/20
5.3 Vice President (Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences)	Amanda Campbell-White	<i>To discuss</i>	9/20
5.4 Vice President (Health, Education, Medicine & Social Care)	Fraser Luther-Yarwood	<i>To discuss</i>	10/20
5.5 Vice President (Science & Engineering)	Siobhan Fouche	<i>To discuss</i>	11/20
<b>6. Big Ideas*</b> <i>New ideas to be discussed and taken forward</i>			
<b>7. New Policies*</b> <i>A discussion of any recently passed policy</i>			
<b>8. Budget</b> <i>An update on the budget / new requests</i>			
8.1 Budget Request: Green Week	Fraser Luther-Yarwood	<i>To approve</i>	12/20
8.2 Budget Request: LGBT History Month	Amanda Campbell-White	<i>To approve</i>	13/20
8.3 Budget Request: Destress Fest	Amanda Campbell-White	<i>To approve</i>	14/20
8.4 Budget Request: Women in STEM Conference	Siobhan Fouche	<i>To approve</i>	15/20
<b>9. Any Other Business</b>			
9.1 Committee Support	Rose Guy	<i>To discuss</i>	
9.2 Elections 2020	Rachel Wilkenson	<i>To note</i>	

<b>Date of next meeting</b>			
TBC			

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

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2. 132- 132a/19	<b>2.1 Trustees Sub Committee Amendment</b> MH: This is to amend the bye-laws to make my life a bit easier. Currently I have to go to all of them, they're three hour meetings and this amendment would free up a lot of time for me. IL: What is being changed? FLY: Essentially other officers can sit on these committee meetings in MH's place to free up some of his time. MH: I've spotted an error – it means that we would need two officer trustees at meetings. Is that a problem? FLY: No, it means two vice-presidents as well. MH: Instead of me and a vice-president, it could be two vice-presidents then. No quorum so will need to move this to an online vote.				All
3. 133/19	<b>3. Faculty Rep Updates:</b> <b>3.1 HEMS Faculty Reps (Chelmsford)</b> MH: I have a question – it looks like you're doing a joint campaign around disability in HEMS IL: Has taken a back-burner, focusing on the nursery right now MH: Please make sure you collaborate with CH when you do pick it up. AJ: Will start surveying soon about childcare and nursery, hoping to engage more with placements students and distance learners. MH: How will you do this? AJ: Looking to have drop-in sessions so when students are on campus, they can come see us. IL: We are also looking at timetables to arrange our drop-in sessions and have emailed distance learners. Will look at skype sessions as well.				
4. 134/19- 134a/19	<b>4. Campaign Rep Updates:</b> <b>4.1 Disabled Students Rep (Cambridge)</b> ES: I have an event happening Tuesday – for International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Encouraging people to wear purple, have had lots of support from the university. Disability and Dyslexia Support will be launching something on Canvas soon – have run into some issues. I'll also have an elephant display. IL: Can we get purple ribbons? RW: As that came out of ES' budget – for Cambridge students only.				
5. 135/19	<b>5 Executive Officer Reports</b> <b>5.1 President</b> MH: Re. Refugee Scholarship Program - Have spoken with the head of marketing, he will speak to wealthy alumni to see if they will pull resources to create a refugee scholarship programme. Drug harm reduction stuff is good to go, hoping to launch today.				

	Speak Week and Group Chats were successful, had great feedback so thank you to everyone.	
136/19	<b>5.2 VP: Business and Law</b> MC: Absent. Updates taken as read. No questions	
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138/19 183a-d/19	<b>5.4 VP: Health, Education, Medicine and Social Care</b> FLY: Attached are four project plans, the timelines for potential events are all there. Rent, sustainability and Men's Mental Health are all going well. NHS Funding has hit a wall. Open library is now complete- have agreed to snacks on ground floor.	
139/19	<b>5.5 VP: Science and Engineering</b> SF: Absent. Updates taken as read. No questions	
8.	<b>8 Budgets</b> RW: We are not quorate and voting will take place online for 48 hours after the close of this meeting.	RW
140/19	<b>8.1 ARU Mindful</b> MH: This is for £58.52, I will take this as read. Does anyone have questions? FLY: Where is the Peterborough stuff? Is there consideration to have this in Peterborough? MH: Can be passed on and a supplementary request can be put forth at the next exec. FLY: We can just up the budget and move voting online to include Peterborough. MH: Do we want to put this up online for £90? General agreement	All
9. 141/19	<b>9. Any other business</b> <b>9.1 NSS Charities</b> RW: MH: Decide here amongst ourselves to narrow it to two charities per campus and then the exec vote is choosing between charities. ES: I like Jimmy's for Cambridge – local to Cambridge. IL: I like Chelmsford CHESS– have done a lot of good MH: I am in agreement with Jimmy's and CPLS Mind – the local branch. IL: I like Mind for Chelmsford normally but I quite like Open Road-the charity that does stuff around anti-social behaviour. AH: Some of our societies do a lot with them MH: So we're happy to move forward with Jimmy's and CPLS Mind in Cambridge and CHESS and Open Road in Chelmsford. Thoughts for Peterborough? MH: I am inclined to suggest Inspire as I put MH: Shall we do Inspire and CPLS Mind for Peterborough as well.  To be voted online.	All

<p><b>9.2 Refreshers</b></p> <p>RW: Please send dates/events you might want to do for Refreshers.</p> <p>MH: Please have a think about doing something, that is teaching week 1. It could be a faculty forum, a meet up. You can think about using your allocated budgets as well. Do most people still have their budgets?</p> <p>RW: ES has used most of hers and IL will be using hers for her Christmas event.</p> <p>IL: GD as well.</p> <p>FLY: I've spoken with Mike Chambers who organises faculty days – might be a good idea to get involved with things like that to have other channels for engagement.</p> <p><b>9.3 Wintercomfort</b></p> <p>RW: There are boxes in Cambridge and Chelmsford with items needed for donation to Wintercomfort. If you would like to donate something, feel free and if you're out speaking to students have a think about telling them about it, especially those that want to give back for the holidays.</p> <p><b>9.4 Budget Request Changes</b></p> <p>RW: I am considering changing how budgets are requested – nothing in our bye-laws that states the way we currently do it is how we must do it. We can instead have budget requests put online on a rolling basis as we typically have voting entirely online anyway due to issues with quorum. Thoughts?</p> <p>MH: I would think they would need to be more descriptive if there is not as much discussion in exec about it.</p> <p>AJ: Still the option to comment on things would be good.</p> <p>MH: Our website doesn't allow people to be notified – will be on the person to post to check</p> <p>FLY: It's on the person to ensure their requests are thorough.</p> <p>MH: People can post of the closed FB group and ask for comments there. I'm all for this though, makes reactive work much easier.</p> <p>AJ: When people submit requests, will we be notified?</p> <p>RW: Yes.</p> <p>FLY: Emails would be sent out like they are normally done.</p> <p>MH: Should we keep it 48 hours voting period?</p> <p>MH: Should be working days.</p> <p>IL: Difficult, especially for those students on placement.</p> <p>MH: It's 48 hours at the moment and since we manage to pass now, should be fine.</p> <p>FLY: I think it's sufficient – have had previous problems requesting budget so I'm all for 48 hours.</p> <p>IL: As long as we are properly told.</p> <p>MH: Can be from 48 hours of the next day?</p> <p>RW: Yes, if it becomes a problem we can discuss again.</p> <p><b>9.5</b></p> <p>Date of next meeting TBD.</p> <p>MH: There will be no December Exec. Next Exec will be in January.</p>	All
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## **Liberation Conference**

### **1. Background**

1.1. Every year, the National Union of Students holds a series of conferences in which students who self-define into NUS's liberation campaigns can attend. These conferences pass policy, help decide the direction for each national liberation campaign for the year, and elect the officer who will lead the campaign.

1.2. This year, in order to save money, NUS have decided to hold a single liberation conference for all campaigns which will then break out into the individual campaign groups.

1.3. The campaign groups are as follows:

- Black (NUS use Black to mean students from African, Asian, Arab and Caribbean heritage)
- Trans
- LGBT+
- Disabled
- Women

### **2. Delegate Entitlement**

2.1. All unions are allowed to send one student who self-defines into each group plus an additional place for a student who identifies as a black woman. This doesn't mean the delegate for the Black Students' Campaign has to identify as a man, it just means that if we send two delegates, at least one of them must identify as a woman.

2.2. Delegates that self-define into multiple liberation groups may participate, vote, speak and contribute to any of the groups they are eligible to attend.

2.3. NUS Liberation officers have urged Unions this year to prioritise the participation of Black Students (particularly Black Women) and Disabled Students. Therefore we



have been asked to prioritise these places when sending delegates. If we are unable to do this we'll be asked to indicate this as part of the registration process and to let NUS know why we are unable to fill these spaces.

### 3. Details

3.1. The conference will take place across three days, from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

3.2. This year, the conference is being held in Southport (North-West England, near Blackpool, Liverpool, Manchester, and Preston).

3.3. When we send delegates to conferences, we allow food budget however lunch is usually included and often, the hotel cost will include breakfast. The allocation per meal is below.

Breakfast	£6.95
Lunch	£8.85
Dinner	£14.75

3.4. The cost of the conference will be ~£180 + travel which can be applied for from the Exec conference budget.

### 4. Proposal

4.1. As the Union's representatives, I would like to give you the first opportunity to express interest in delegate places.

4.2. If we have more than one member of Exec express interest for the same delegate place, we will move to a system whereby interested individuals should tell us in no more than 500 words why they would like to be a Liberation Conference Delegate.

Matt Hayes  
President

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

**FACULTY REPS**

## Campaigns, projects and other work

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AHSS Faculty Rep (Cambridge): Sarah Strachan
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<p>Follow up discussion with sexual health support organisations re best night out</p> <p>Faculty partnership meeting</p> <p>Sourced info re organisation of host families for international students at Christmas</p> <p>Faculty education committee meeting- ACW/SS raised booksplus cap for CSA</p> <p>Ongoing discussions with Head of CSA re promoting student community</p> <p>Student consultant - TEF</p> <p>Sustainability workshops course level feedback to GSI</p>
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HEMS Faculty Rep (Cambridge): Tiegan Lawson

HEMS Faculty Rep (Cambridge): Beth Miller

HEMS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford): Imogen Lay
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had a meeting with Rachel to create a plan for a student survey around disability support in HEMS</li> <li>• Exploring options around childcare support for placement students with Catherine Lee (teamed with Ashleigh). Discussion at FPT (Sep 19th)</li> <li>• Meeting with Sports to discuss more HEMS students in sport (with Ashleigh)</li> </ul> |
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HEMS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford): Ashleigh Jackson
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- Exploring ideas for student surveying around disability and inclusivity in HEMS.
- Working on supporting placement students in HEMS with childcare.
- Planning to meet with the heads of schools within HEMS to discuss course specific issues.
- Working on mini forums in order to engage with DL and apprentice students.

HEMS Faculty Rep (Peterborough): Marta Kalista

B&L Faculty Rep (Chelmsford): Damien Francis

B&L Faculty Rep (Cambridge): Alessia Mevoli

S&E Faculty Rep (Cambridge): Em Long- updated for 29/11/2019meeting

- Meet the Dean- Course reps were very helpful in providing information and feedback that I can take action on
- Timetabling has become an issue within the Faculty- Many classes are booked in incorrect rooms, no room for edits once booked (so far in advance), masters students find that timetabling hasn't allowed them time to go to work during the week (e.g Animal behaviour MSc- lecture on monday outside of the usual Thursday and Fridays as originally planned when students signed up to the course)
- Communication study- survey has been created & sent out
- Networking event-
- facebook group following course rep feedback
- Course-based societies encouragement- ongoing
- Opportunities for student partnership- meeting with Julian Priddle

- Working towards the FSE hub- additional page on canvas to allow student placements, work etc to be posted all in one place, students can look for others to help in projects, research etc, events calendar etc
- Calendars- reps found inconvenience in having separate calendars (one for uni timetable, another for outlook)- can the academic timetables be convertible to add into outlook calendars?- ongoing
- !! NSS results- I enquired after information about the students taking the NSS survey, spoken with Claire Pike- some students aren't being added/removed from the survey- an administration issue? Essentially the government take registers from universities the christmas break of students' 2nd years and is not updated, it is assumed that students will take the survey the same time as all others, regardless of whether they need to retake modules or years. The register is not updated(as far as I have been made aware) even if universities are missing students who may have left uni, intermit, moved from overseas etc, whose voice can also lend to the feedback collected during the NSS.- resolution?- the NSS register is ran by the government- can universities have access to edit, add & remove students to ensure that the register is up to date? Claire said " We are missing out on some students who have used a variety of processes at the university but cannot provide feedback on them." As it is gvt led it may need to be passed on to the officers to look into whether universities have this issue nationally?

S&E Faculty Rep (Chelmsford): Jose Hermosilla

## 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><b>Completed:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have attended Rep training with Rachel Wilkinson</li> </ol> <p><b>Things For The Future:</b></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

**Elephant in the Room Campaign:**

3rd December is international day of persons with disabilities so I will be asking students and staff to wear purple in order to show their support for people with disabilities. There will also be a giant painted elephant in Helmore for the day to symbolise disability as the elephant in the room. I will also be running a tea and coffee discussion in the students union for students with disabilities and asking students to place the name of their disability onto a board which will be in the SU for the whole day.

This campaign is focused on raising awareness of invisible disabilities, including mental health, and acknowledging that sometimes people would rather not talk about disability, whether its their own disability or someone else's and this is treated as the Elephant in the room.

I am also going to be supporting Mary with her #ARUAccessible campaign.

Disabled Students' Rep (Chelmsford): Caroline Hill

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

### MATT HAYES - PRESIDENT

My campaigns, policy and other work



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#### My campaigns

Refugee Scholarship Scheme	In progress
<i>Actions updated: 23/01/20</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No progress since November Exec</li></ul>	

Break The Cycle	In Progress
<i>Actions updated: 23/01/20</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Officers ran very successful Blue Monday events in Chelmsford and Cambridge</li><li>Thousands of freebies were handed out, many pictures were taken in the photobooth, much MarioKart was played.</li></ul>	

Drug Harm Reduction	In Progress
<i>Actions updated: 23/01/20</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Packs were very successful, particularly in Cambridge</li><li>Didn't manage to gather any data; I would guess that this was due to students fearing a loss of anonymity despite me emphasising that the survey would be anonymous.</li><li>I have had a conversation with Rose around potential next steps for data gathering.</li></ul>	

#### Other relevant updates

<i>Actions updated: 23/01/20</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gave the opening speech at CUSU conference - spoke about the importance of research-based campaigning and the scope for future cross-institutional collaboration.</li><li>REFRESHERS</li><li>Working with Rachel to look at making exec run more effectively and efficiently, proposals being drawn up to take to TRI2 Group Chat.</li></ul>	
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

# MARY COPSEY - VICE PRESIDENT (BUSINESS & LAW)

My campaigns, policy and other work



## My Officer update

This month has been a time for reflection and evaluating my progress for my campaigns and projects.

It has also been a busy month in the union as we welcomed new students ARU throughout our international orientation and refreshers period! Alongside this The business and law faculty hosted a couple of faculty days where I supported them welcoming lots of new students!

Brexit campaign	Working on
<p>Patiently waiting for the outcomes of end of Jan - More to update on at next exec.</p> <p><b>Brexit:Impact on Education (ACTIVE POLICY)</b>            Link to policy:  <a href="https://www.angliastudent.com/pageassets/represent/thegroupchat/april19/Minor-amendment-GC1919-Policy-submission-Brexit-Policy-The-Group-Chat-April.pdf">https://www.angliastudent.com/pageassets/represent/thegroupchat/april19/Minor-amendment-GC1919-Policy-submission-Brexit-Policy-The-Group-Chat-April.pdf</a></p>	

ARUaccessible?	Working on
<p>This month I have begun analysing the data form the student consultations I held in trimester 1.</p>	

## Other relevant updates

<p><b><u>ARUmindful</u></b>            Relaunching the boxes for trimester 2 and creating a box for peterborough.</p> <p><b><u>University meetings that I have attended this month</u></b>            Brexit Planning Group            Officers Fortnightly Meeting            SU awards            Task &amp; Finish Group: Disabled Student Satisfaction            Group Chat Planning            Global Week Meeting</p>
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

My campaigns, policy and other work

**My campaigns**

A Bloody Mess	In Progress
<p>Pledges Page update - we received 200 pledges!</p> <p>The Survey: 132 reponses!</p> <p>Currently now going through the data analysis of the survey. Also writing up the Bloody mess report.</p>	

Raise The Bar ARU	COMPLETED
<p>WE DID IT! WE RAISED THE BAR. But, I will update you all and students on the next steps and progress for the bar installation and dates when I have had a chat with SMT.</p>	

Mental Health (Team Campaign) - BWV proposal	In Progress
<p>Still waiting on what is to happen next. I have written an article here:  <a href="https://www.angliastudent.com/news/article/union/Break-the-Cycle-Access-to-mental-health-services-at-ARU/">https://www.angliastudent.com/news/article/union/Break-the-Cycle-Access-to-mental-health-services-at-ARU/</a> </p>	

Best Night Out	On Going
<p>As part of BNO Fraser and I have been organising some stuff for National Sexual Violence Week (5th feb-11th)</p>	

**Other relevant updates**

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*Actions updated: 22/01/20*

**General update:**

- Organising LGTB History month events
- De-Stress fest planning - exec input and help would be great please!!
- Policy writing - Period poverty (new one) and Student sex workers (rewriting and resubmitting)
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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
<p><i>The first working group has taken place looking at the provisions for students coming in our January intake. The next working group is in December which will allow us to get into the nitty gritty of the rent report.</i></p>	
Men's Mental Health	In Progress
<p><i>The filming for the video has happened and we are now looking to launch it!</i></p> <p><i>At the moment i am looking to do the 'Walk &amp; Talk' events in May next year during Maternal Mental Health Month and National Walking Month</i></p>	
Sustainability	In Progress
<p><i>The tree planting events took place and during the event with the council we was able to plant 1000 trees We are looking to hold an aftercare event in March</i></p> <p><i>In April 2020, ARU and ARUSU will be hosting the responsible futures support day where other unions can come along to find out about the changes we have made, what can be done to become more sustainable and what they can get involved with.</i></p> <p><i>At the moment i am involved in both the University and SU sustainability development groups to ensure that both sustainability strategies are effective and have ambitious but achievable goals</i></p> <p><i>The resolves from the Sustainability Awareness policy have been met and can be seen through the university and SU's approach to making sustainability a key feature in our day to day and strategic work</i></p>	

NHS Funding	In Progress
<p><i>An open letter will be written, signed and then sent to Health Education England supporting the idea of providing funding for Paramedic students.</i></p> <p><i>I will be following up a conversation with Eva from NUS about getting their support for a funding review!</i></p>	

Peterborough	Complete
<p><i>The work to be done in Peterborough is complete</i></p>	

### Other relevant updates

#### Open Library **(Complete)**

*The library senior management has made the decision to allow cold snacks on the ground floor of the library in Chelmsford and Cambridge*

#### Athena Swan **(In Progress)**

*HEMS faculty is now looking at having a school specific Athena Swan to feed into the faculty submission and use data comparisons from before and after the faculty restructure. The next submission deadlines will be February and April.*

#### International Nurses' Day! **(Not Started)**

*Just like last year i would like to hold some International Nurses' Day activities on all three campuses and work with the faculty as well*

#### PhD and PG support **(In Progress)**

*At the moment some of the things i am working on with PGR students is free printing, Bitesize CPD for supervisors and supporting student lecturers to be able to seperate being a student with being a lecturer.*

#### Society of the Month **(Complete)**

*This campaign has been handed over!*



## Policy updates

### Against NHS Cuts (In Progress)

*An open letter will be written, signed and then sent to Health Education England supporting the idea of providing funding for Paramedic students.*

*Part of the team mental health campaign, which is being led by Amanda, is to look at additional support during out of officer hours which will be to the benefit of placement students.*

### Sustainability Awareness (In Progress)

*The resolves of this policy have been completed!*

### Wheels in Motion (Complete)

*The resolves of this policy have been completed!*

### Trans inclusion in Sport (In Progress)

*The registration processes for students who want to sign up with BUCS has been flagged as an issue as students are unable to identify as trans or non-binary. This alongside the issue around trans inclusion in sports has led to BUCS planning to hold a student consultation with help from SUs and NUS to discuss these issues and then following this there will be a full review of their policies on trans students!*

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**Action updates****Exec action updates/ Group Chat action updates**

*A microwave is going to be put in on the Peterborough Campus however it will be done through the SU not the university and we will need to manage its maintenance ourselves*

*This was raised with the Deputy Dean, relevant Head of School and Elaine Brown (Who runs the PDT initiative) this is currently being acted on to have an additional staff member to work on Peterborough campus occasionally and additional drop in sessions are being offered*

*All of the cases that were raised at the Peterborough have been dealt with and all students had been directed to the advice services*

*The letter to the Chair of the Board of Governors is now on the Sustainability campaign page*

*Speak to estates about lights -*

*The Clothes Recycling Banks were raised however there is not much space elsewhere on campus to put them. A map is being developed to show students where they can find these clothes banks and then there will be of a social media push and use of the university website to better highlight these banks. Officers to raise the location of clothing recycling banks with staff from the estates / residential team*

*We have ordered canned water to be sold in 92*

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

# SIOBHAN FOUCHE - Vice President (Science and Engineering)

My campaigns, policy and other work



### My campaigns

Survivor Support	Completed
<p>Desperate Fleas event went well and was a great atmosphere for raising awareness. Some posters and resources are up around Chelmsford and Cambridge campus. All resources I have collected and looked at have been sent to David Walmsey (student services) and after a good meeting, these will be made into leaflets for the wellbeing walls and circulated to staff and counsellors for better signposting. The posters from NAPAC will become part of the wellbeing walls circulating content and the article (on the SU website) will be sent to the Sexual Respect Working Group. The only thing not completed is the blog which has experienced technical difficulties.</p>	
Sustainability - aka saving the world one student at a time	In Progress
<p>Joined a “declaring climate emergency” webinar in Jan on the 16th which went over next steps, the importance of the movement and how other unis and unions can declare one/ what this means to declare a crisis. Earth Day will be part of our campaign, simple events to be circulated soon. Fraser and I have had chats with Victoria from GSI and Claire White (student and president of the sustainability society) on initiatives to implement and further workshops being held in our student spaces. National Green week (3rd-7th Feb) is a new initiative that we have taken on in hopes of pushing the sustainable agenda and providing methods for day-to-day changes that have sustainability in mind (also great for international students adjusting to UK policies).</p>	
FSE - unhappy students make unhappier lecturers	In Progress
<p>I am part of my faculties ATHENA SWAN committee (women and under-represented groups in STEM) and this is great for the work i am also doing with the faculty to prepare for the British Science Festival in September which ARU are holding in Chelmsford. Set up the relevant meetings to discuss improving SSLCs and their role in the student voice, Toby has been key in this process. Still fighting for better access to Compass House and marconi buildings as this is repeatedly being pushed back/ not given any real solutions so there will be a bigger push on this during the next semester.</p>	

### Other relevant updates

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I will be in Kent for Southern Conference Feb 3rd & 4th where we get to meet and discuss multiple areas of students' unions and ways to improve our services and get what the students want from their unis.

Upcoming meetings where any feedback or updates from students would be helpful:

ATHENA SWAN (30/01) - any ideas for representing minority groups in science, engineering and maths

Research Degrees Committee (11/02) - more to follow on this verbally

Academic standards & quality committee - open to questions and suggestions







<div>Campaigns Budget Request</div> <div>Please submit alongside project plan or update</div> <div><div>Name: Siobhan Fouche</div><div>Dates: 21st May</div><div>Which campaign is this Science and Engineering student engagement and British for?: Science Festival</div><div>Role: VP FSE</div><div>Date of Executive Committee: 29-Jan-20</div></div>		
What are you delivering?	Estimated Cost	What you need and why you need it:
Conference	£325.00- £329.00	day conference in London on women in STEM offered to ARU for participation in discussions - links to SU involvement with the british science festival happening in Chelmsford in September and also links to FSE in Athena Swan committee <a href="https://erc.pmg ltd.co.uk/store/Register/3162?discountcode=SP32E4K">https://erc.pmg ltd.co.uk/store/Register/3162?discountcode=SP32E4K</a>
Travel	£22.60	Anytime travel card for London
Total Requested	£347.60 - £351.60	