EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

MATT HAYES - VICE PRESIDENT (SCIENCE & ENGINEERING)

My campaigns, policy and other work

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Access Denied In Progress

Actions updated: 20/11/18

At time of writing, the trial is still not underway. FSE have apparently done all that they need to do and they are just waiting for AHSS to sign off their half of the document. Once Compass House is underway I will begin thinking about how to data gather and address the access issues in Chelmsford. I am determined to keep pushing against the faculty for more access even if they keep saying things like "we need to decide if it's worth it if there's only 2 or 3 students using it".

Society Skills In Progress

Actions updated: [20/11/18]

Provisional dates are now 11th/12th Feb. These dates were chosen as they fall in line with Student Volunteering Week which is perfect because committee members are volunteers.

Some members of staff have agreed to give short presentations on their areas of expertise including Comms and Commercial.

Drug Harm Reduction

In Progress

Actions updated: [20/11/18]

Andrea Cheshire has formally agreed that something will be formalised within the new Wellbeing Strategy about Harm Reduction.

David Walmsley has verbally agreed to financially assist with the testing kits.

I have spoken to some officers from other unions and we have been sharing best practice. It has given me a lot of ideas for how to frame the campaign and how to physically give away the kits.

Had a long phone call with one of the co-founders of drugsand.me which is an organisation

which promotes harm reduction. He gave me a lot of useful information which am planning to pass on to DW.

Other relevant updates

Actions updated: 20/11/18

Group Chat was fun - lots of engagement particularly in Cambridge. There was some very interesting conversations in Peterborough and I think there is a lot of opportunity to get some of their students involved in some stuff we do as they are very keen.