

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

**AVINASH MIRIYAM - PRESIDENT**

My campaigns, policy and other work

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<i>Committee for BAME students</i>	In Progress
<p>Updated: 18/09/2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>I am planning to setup a committee for BAME students to support them on a large scale. I am in the process of finding out, is there any committee to support BAME students to help them with their Academic, Employability and other tools to encourage and support BAME students. Just Started research to find information from all faculties through VP's, to carry forward.</i></li> </ul>	
<i>Course Rep Communication</i>	In Progress
<p>Updated: 18/09/2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To reduce communication gaps between Students, Students' Union and University, we need an effective communication system. To do that we should have strong relations between officers and course reps to solve issues of students in the ground level. Students' union is running faculty forums on regular basis, I am planning to attend to know more about and is there any change we make to communicate effectively with the students from course level.</i></li> </ul>	
<i>Access to facilities</i>	In progress
<p>Updated: 18/09/2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Students need tools, spaces and equipment to perform up to their potential in assignments. There some needed to open more time than the normal hours at the assignments time. I would like to voice on the facilities required to students to perform to the best their ability at least few weeks before assignments. Had a meeting with James Rolfe, COO of ARU, regarding the support we need and I raised about it in the meeting. Collecting information about the courses that need more facilities from all</i></li> </ul>	

*faculties to carry forward.*

### **Other relevant updates**

*Updated: 18/09/2020*

- *Team Campaigns: Sustainability & Mental Health and Wellbeing.*
- *Sustainability fashion week is from 5 to 9<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2020. All officers are delighted to support it.*
- *Planning of arranging a session on university life of new students with peer mentoring team to support students.*
- *Attended SU digital conference conducted by Coventry University and NUS Lead and change programmes which helps to shares updates about various universities through WhatsApp groups.*
- *International Students fees, University has accepted payment plans for the international students as per survey reports, conducted by the Students' Union.*
- *Freshers week - given opportunity to speak to students after long time and hosted events along with the freshers team.*
- *University Alliance meeting helps us to understand various SU'S approach towards Covid-19, fresher's, return to campus and so on, and good opportunity to meet officers of other SU'S*
- *Organised first meeting with International office to collaborate and to address students on a large scale. This meeting helps me to realize that students' union and international office on the same wavelength to support students. Officers team decided to have regular meetings with international office to discuss students' issues. The next meeting is on 5th October 2020.*
- *Attended Advance HE training on Board of Governors. An informative session about Board of Governors.*
- *Officers had a meeting Roderick (VC, ARU) discussed current student issues like timetabling, live chat to solve issues of students quickly, etc., and received opinions about it from Roderick. Next meeting with Roderick on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 with all officers.*
- *Regular catch-ups with officers for every two weeks to increase formal and informal relations between us and regular meetings with John (CEO, SU) to discuss the updates of the SU.*
- *As chair attended first trustees board on 17th September 2020, discussed about strategy of SU and future plans of SU.*

**Senate Committees that I sit on:**

Senate

Education Committee

**Non-Senate committee's that I sit on:**

Chelmsford Masterplan

Disabled Student satisfaction

LMS Project accessibility

Student Funds