

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

LAURA DOUDS - PRESIDENT

My campaigns, policy and other work

**My campaigns**

Rent (To be renamed)	In progress
<p><i>Actions updated: 11-09-18</i></p> <p>Budget sent to exec Met with Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge MP - Labour) and filled him in. He seemed really interested in the campaign and asked us to send over some info about how much our halls cost - which we've done. The survey is 80% done at the time of writing but it's not ready to show exec just yet.</p>	
History months	In progress
<p><i>Actions updated: 11-09-2018</i></p> <p>Black history month is underway - Blessing has been a massive help with selecting a theme (Culture - we're celebrating the diversity within diversity) and we've been reaching out to CUSU, Academics and loads of other people. At the moment we have a fashion show planned on the 4th October in the Academy, a film night on the 12th, a black students forum on the 18th, and a panel on the 29th called 'Cultural Appropriation: What Is It and Does It Exist?'</p> <p>We're trying to figure out what to do in Chelmsford - uptake is usually lower for events there however we might be able to make use of the 92 space and do film screenings etc.</p>	
Christmas Companionship	Not started
<p><i>Actions updated: 11-09-2018</i></p> <p>On hold until further research is gathered, other sources of budget have been identified, and have checked that there is a real demand for this. Have meetings in the diary with the chaplaincy and international office to see if there's demand/what they could help with.</p>	

Other relevant updates

Actions updated: [date of update]

The Union had a Trustee Board away day, right before the first Board of Trustees meeting of the academic year, so I had to put a lot of time into making sure the papers were ready and I was ready to chair that meeting - thankfully it went really well!

I've sent a paper about the Government's consultation about the Gender Recognition Act. I've followed NUS guidance while writing this and had a lot of help from Mike Turner - we've sent it to exec for approval and if approved I'll submit the responses as President on behalf of the Union and the students.

I attended an event called 'Students as Governors' which was put on by AdvanceHE. The Secretary&Clerk of the University's Board of Governors paid for me to go on the training so that I can be more effective in that part of my role and the training was excellent. There were loads of different speakers and I'm feeling a lot more confident about being on the Board as a result.

I met with Andrea Cheshire and raised the concerns that were aired at the last meeting regarding hardship funds and the loss of books plus. She has referred me to David Walmsley who is leading on other student funds at the moment and I'll be having a meeting with him in the upcoming weeks.