

Officer Trustee Report

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What key actions have you taken to progress your officer goals since the last meeting?

Assessment and Feedback: I continued my work on the assessment and feedback working group chaired by the vice chancellor of student experience has provisionally approved the new policy to be implemented in 2017. The new policy states that assessments must be returned in no longer than 15 working days. Faculty specific assessment and feedback policies were also approved. Myself and Freya have presented the ongoing research on anonymous marking to the group that shows why students think it is important. A lecture capture protocol is being discussed for next meetings. This manifesto point is almost completed and the results will be visible in the next academic year.

Library Services: I am setting up an FST library working group to give students a platform to discuss library noise levels, opening hours and so and so forth. After January exams, the library stopped being 24/7 and a lot of students in Cavendish have been affected by it. I have now scheduled various slots for initial consultations to gather data from all students who have been affected by this and wish to come speak to the SU. A lot of people have engaged with this issue and I am making the working group a monthly meeting to be always aware of the library matters and make sure it feeds back to the library manager.

Students Union App: The student's SU app as part of his final year project is coming together and I am making sure I help and support as much as I can by providing him with info and material. He has been working hard on it for the past few months, been in consultation with university members of staff who have provided him with the info needed. At the Students' Union we are also looking to put together an app working group together with the communications department.

Prayer rooms: All societies affected by this project have been made aware and after gathering interest I am now setting up a committee to write a proposal on the prayer rooms expansion to be included in Cavendish 2020 plans as agreed with the university space manager. I have also purchased an hoover stored in the SU storage space for societies and students to keep the prayer rooms clean as this has been an issue in the past.

Joint societies events: I have organised a huge christmas social at the social space where the YouTube society, Marrow Society, Table Top society, Helping Homeless Humans and Smoke radio have participated. The social was a success, seeing students and academics coming together to celebrate the holiday period. We hosted a gingerbread house making competition and had a christmas Photo Booth, meanwhile smoke radio was live streaming a christmas themed show for the occasion. It was a good evening for students who wanted to have a break from the stress of their deadlines. Many more to come.

Employability: I have worked with Freya on the first big day of employability month. All SU staff and students volunteers have been out on all campuses for a day to talk about who we are and what how can working with the union enhance your career. We have then hosted a panel in the same evening with ex Sabbatical Officers of the organisation who shaped the union in the past, talking about the skills they gained from being involved in the SU and how it

has impacted their current careers. The panel was organised to encourage people to nominate themselves for the elections. We have been filming the vlogs and will be releasing them soon. More events on employability are scheduled for the month, both University - Wide and Cavendish specific. We are also working with student societies to organise student - led events for the month.

Consent: I have now launched my Consent campaign, with two amazing events. The first was a very successful Spoken Word night in the Loft with wine, cheese and an amazing headliner. The second was an amazing workshop on self-care run by the Feminist Society. The campaign will continue for the rest of the semester with many more events to come, it is aimed to raise awareness and works alongside with the Athena SWAN and the Universities UK Taskforce to get the university to re-prioritise their stance on harassment on campus.

What other actions have you taken as part of your role?

Jisc: The Sabb Team has worked with the Digital Engagement Director to launch Jisc, a Student Digital Track Survey; a survey that helps identifying what the university could do better digitally speaking. A question on the Students Union ways of communicating digitally was also included, hoping to identify ways we could better communicate to our students.

Re-Structuring the Faculty Student Forum: Myself and students have felt the need to go over the structure, terms of reference and membership of our faculty student forum as people felt like it has changed and lost its purpose overtime. We want it to be the platform for students to raise their issues RE their campus, therefore it is being re-shaped over the next month.

Mobile Learning Project: I have been working with final year student Kiu Sum and staff from FST Mobile Learning Project on highlighting the benefit of having iPads at FST to secure fundings for future years.

Prevent: Myself, Salsabil, Freya and Welfare and Activities manager met with NUS to discuss the issues our students have been facing on campus due to the prevent strategy and discussed a plan of action to run a #StudentsNotSuspects campaign.

Postgraduates: I am with the Sabb Team and Postgrad. Engagement coordinator working on an end of the year Postgraduate Conference. Sat on postgraduate advisory board.

KWAF: Currently working on Freya's Keep Wednesdays Afternoon Free campaign together with the activities team at the union where we are trying to build a case to convince the university not to schedule any teaching on a Wednesday afternoon.

Re-Freshers & Induction talks: Myself and the sabb team carried out a lot of induction talks for international, postgraduate and part-time students starting in January. We also attended all Re-Freshers fair.

Pop - Up Exhibition: Currently working on a pop-up art exhibition on Silent Oppressions and Micro aggressions supported by the Democratic Education Network organised by Department of Politics and International Relations students as part of International Women's Week.

What are 5 objectives you have achieved through attending university meetings this month?

- Approval of the NEW Assessment and Feedback policy attending the Assessment and Feedback working group.
- Beginning to re-structure course representatives system through the newly established Student representation working group.
- NUS strategic review of the organisation approved in the latest Trustee Board Meeting.
- Beginning of the re-structure of the Faculty Student Forum to increase its membership and re establish its purpose by meeting less often allowing people to go away and complete their actions.
- Getting the student experience committee to consider establishing a working group to report on current provision for dealing with students with mental health problems and assess the feasibility of recruiting trained helpers.

What university and SU meetings have you missed or been late for and reasons:

Missed the Mobile Learning Project Joint Presentation because I was ill.

Missed a University Course Review as it clashed with other committee.

Missed SU Staff Away Day as I was home for the holidays.

What are your hopes and plans for the coming month?

How many days ill 3

How many days annual leave 7

How many days other leave 3

PRIVATE INFORMATION

The information you provide bellow will be used to create a group info-graphic. This means that your individual hours or statistics you provide bellow will not be attributed to you individually but to the whole Sabbatical Officer team.

All answers provided should only take into account the work you have done since your last report.

How many GOAL (Go out and learn) hours have you done:
(A dedicated session booked in as a team to speak to students on each or all campuses)

20 hours (probably more, just not scheduled).

How many meetings have you had?

78

How many emails have you sent?

N/A

Name some of the furthest locations you have been as part of your role as a Sabbatical officer:

Littlebourne Farm for Horseriding lol.

In one word, describe your last month

Madness.

In one word, explain what you want to get done before your next report.

Win.