

Students' Union Council Meeting II

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- Tamiah Forbes (Digby Stuart College President)

Levi Mbiya

VP Education



Sabbatical Officer Update on 21/11/2019

Subsidise the cost of graduation or create a fund for those who can't afford graduation

The university have agreed to the creation of a fund for those who can't afford graduation we are in the process of creating an easy to fill application form that allows students to be means tested and able to graduate without financial constraints. This should be implemented and available for students to use when graduating in July 2020. The fund will cover the cost of a gown and mortarboard. The aim is that the fund makes graduation accessible and available for the students that need it the most financially. This will be a recurring item as work continues on creating an application form that is effective and easy for students to complete.

Undergraduate PAR Review Panel

I will be on the 10 panels that are reviewing each department in the university and each programme in the department. This ensures that students in these programmes and departments are represented and changes or alterations to courses and programmes are done favourably for students.

BAME Conference

I with the help of Sierra and the RSU events team managed to launch a successful BAME conference which saw triple the numbers of last year. The conference explored difficult concepts in the BAME community but also celebrated culture with free food from Afroeats a company started by Roehampton University Alumni. This was a successful event and after the success of Black History Month there is the ability to do more events throughout the year.

NSS

I have also been sat on the NSS strategy group that will be making a series of campus wide changes to improve student satisfaction around campus. These changes will happen hopefully by January 2020 but include work done on commuter kitchens already in place. The changes are based on student feedback and complaints received by the university. This will be a recurring item in the update because work is ongoing.

CSC

This meeting is a panel where various departments bring forward new programmes or qualifications that may benefit current students or prospective students. My role on these panels again are to ensure that students are represented and that consideration for student's voice is priority. It is my role in these meetings to ensure that student representation is the important element in creating new programmes.

George Walker

VP Community & Welfare



Sabbatical Officer Update on 21/11/2019

- 1) I have helped create a Memorandum of Understanding between the University and the Union. Having referenced many other institutions I have helped facilitate a document which outlines the relationship and expectations between the two organizations.
- 2) Working with Aleata (Head of Services) we are very close to hiring a full time member of staff who will roll out Mental Health First Aid training for the student body.
- 3) I have coordinated the RSU Events Team on both open days.
- 4) Working with Emily Cookson and the Bystander team we are working towards creating active bystander training for the student body. I have raised this as an item for discussion in today's meeting.
- 5) I and the Male Sports President attended a meeting with Sport Roehampton to see what possible options there were to improve on campus sporting facilities. This was prompted as an action from the last SUC meeting.
- 6) Working with the off campus and commuting student officer, we have helped the University create an Accommodation Survey which will be released in the coming months. We will analyze the results of the survey and bring the findings to the accommodation subcommittee of which 6 of our PTO's sit on.
- 7) Along with the other two sabbatical officers we have continued to Welfare manage our late night events program

Shez Khan

Southlands College Deputy President



Students' Union Council update on 21/11/2019

Manifesto Objectives:

- Renovations to the reef
- Networking Events
- Interblock Competition
- Continue to use social media communications
- Continue the southlands quiz night
- Increase off-campus attendance at events

Other activities I've been involved with:

- Southlands College breakfast
- Flat rep meeting
- Freshers fair
- Freshers welcome drinks/dinner
- Weekly Southland's events
- Southlands Quiz Night

Ellie Hall

Digby Stuart College Deputy President



Students' Union Council update on 21/11/2019

Manifesto Objectives:

Safety on Campus

- Second Self defence planned and organised

More Social events

- Meeting with Ben about a welcome back event in January

- spoke to the music society to see if they want to host a Bandeoque after the event

Other activities I've been involved with:

-Helped and supported Spark

-Attended the college table at the Univeristy Open day and attended Rememberance day service

-Supports student to register to vote at the Digby Communters breakfast

-Senior flat rep duties

Attended and competed in college cup dodgeball

-Meetings about Digby Christmas Meals

Katie Nguyen

Whitelands College President



Students' Union Council update on 21/11/2019

Manifesto Objectives:

Improve and promote facilities on Whitelands

Implement the Equal Access Campaign - Roehampton University offering scholarships, bursaries, fee waivers and accommodation for asylum seeking/refugees students

Provide a range of events catered to a range of Whitelands student

Other activities I've been involved with:

On-campus washing machines and dryers changing from coin only to card

Organising a TRAIID box to be set up at Whitelands to promote clothing sustainability and recycling

During the Formal Dinners students signed a canvas that had Badger (the cat) and the Whitelands Crest painted on it, dated 2019-20, with the hopes of future years creating other canvas' to be hung next to the current in the Sett

Samir Abubakar

Whitelands College Deputy President



Students' Union Council update on 21/11/2019

Manifesto Objectives:

{1} I want to make events in whitelands for all different demographic and people with range of different interests

{2} Through events I want to build more awareness in issues we face as students like mental health and the jump to university

{3} Finally I want to make a sense of community in Whitelands and make people feel at home as much possible in Whitelands college

Other activities I've been involved with:

Organized an event called "How to pack a shoebox", "collaborating with Samaritans purse charity, aiming to help give to the less fortunate around the world with Whitelands events committee

organized an art competition in whitelands called "Whitelands in winter" which will allow students to display there talents for all in whitelands

Hosting a christmas movie night for students to unwind from the busy period of handing in assignments

Sierra Kamara

BAME Students' Officer



Students' Union Council update on 21/11/2019

Manifesto Objectives:

1. Increase BAME involvement in the student union by introducing volunteering schemes that could essentially enhance employability prospects for them once leaving University, whilst simultaneously allowing them to orchestrate their own University experience.
2. More collaboration with alumni students who can speak based on experience rather than teachings. Creating a termly platform for alumni and current students to discuss academic plights and pleasures, and to share tips on what can be done to alleviate certain issues. These events will be titled #WhatIWishIKnew.
3. My last aim is to listen to and advocate accurately for all BAME students. This will be in the form of several focus groups where I listen to the needs to different groups at the intersections of BAME. There will also be more suggestion boxes and I will be available for regular chats.
4. Greater focus on and relationship with BAME alumni

Other activities I've been involved with:

- Held my first #WhatIWishIKnew event with a 32 turnout
- Held my first Young, Gifted and Black Event with 52 turnout
- Successful BAME Conference with increased turnout and better reviews due to student centeredness.

Annabel Black

LGBTQ+ Officer



Students' Union Council update on 21/11/2019

Manifesto Objectives:

Establish Roehampton Pride

Create and encourage safe spaces for BAME LGBTQ+

Create and encourage safe spaces for LGBTQ+ & faith

Other activities I've been involved with:

Collaborating with Jude to support and host the Trans Awareness Week stall

Performing my own (trans & non-binary positive) spoken word at the T.A.W. open mic & drag ev

Acted in a film student's queer positive short film

Jude Stellato

Trans Student's Officer



Student Union Council Update on 21/11/2019

Manifesto Objectives:

More gender neutral toilets, Alternative Route for name change, Staff Training and Safe space for trans people.

-Attended Mentoring Training

- Met with student voice coordinator to organise campaign and events
- Collaborated with committee members to organise Trans Awareness Week
- Organised screening of "The death and life of Marsha P. Johnson" in collab with Film Society and Roepaul Drag society in occasion of the start of Trans Awareness week
- Upcoming stand in the library for trans awareness week, will offer useful resources for allies, questioning people and members of the trans community. We will also be selling small items to raise money for charity. 19/11/19
- Upcoming Drag night+ open mic in occasion of trans remembrance day organised in collaboration with Drag Society 20/11/19
- Upcoming Safe Space Meeting that aims to offer a comfortable social space for trans individuals. 21/11/19

Other activities I've been involved with:

- Volunteered for Campus Shop
- Took part in haunted house workshop held by SSOAP's president Cameron Turner
- Took part in haunted maze workshop held by RSU president Dan O'Donoghue
- Participated as a Scare-Actor in BOP's horror maze, RSU's attraction for Halloween's BOP night.
- Took part in a Mental Health focus group to give feedback about NHS at the university of London
- Attended Student Life Committee meeting
- Auditioned for SSOAP's fundraising event The Simpsons
- Auditioned for SSOAP's fundraising event Sherlock Holmes
- Currently attending rehearsals for SSOAP's original horror play Redwater and for upcoming SSOAP's fundraising event Sherlock Holmes and the Simpsons.

Sophie Harris

Mature Students Officer



Students' Union Council update on 21/11/2019

Manifesto Objectives:

- One of my points was to ensure this year there was a regular meet and greet and that there were more events for mature students. This point is a consistent ongoing objective.

- Mentoring for mature students where needed and ensuring they have a point of call where needed.
- To try and get a well rounded experience for mature students. This is focusing on any area which can affect mature students while study, such as academic issues, accomodation, wellbeing and events.

Other activities I've been involved with:

- I have had a session with mature students and found out events they wish to hold themselves, these include things such as meals out, day trips our and some events in the evenings such as cocktail nights etc. I am currently trying to look at doing something for Christmas which is for the mature students.
- I have been in contact with Luke from student engagement team and who also deals with the mentoring side of univeristy and am now working with him and the engagement team to try and have mature students included in the mentor system.
- I have been gaining feedback from the mature students regarding some issues they face with accomodation, wellbeing and their studies. I am in the process of creating a feedback survey for them to fill out and with the results I will consult the relevant people I need to with that feedback.

Harry Newark

Officer for Students with Caring Responsibilities



Students' Union Council update on 21/11/2019

Manifesto Objectives:

- To create an opportunity for students with caring responsibilities to talk about their issues in a therapeutic context, either in the form of short or group sessions.
- To raise awareness of certain issues that students may have to care for in their responsibilities such as Rheumatoid Arthritis, Dementia, MS etc.
- Provide a first link between students and faculty staff, whereby if extra help, time or support is needed information can be given to where it can provide the most valuable support is needed.

Other activities I've been involved with:

- Possible Union Charity Gig/awareness raising event
- Utilising University Instagram account for such event
- In talks with official charities for support (RA UK etc)

Luke Coffey

International Officer



Students' Union Council update on 21/11/2019

Manifesto Objectives:

Plan to build a relationship of solid communication with the International Office at Roehampton as well in order to promote the resources that are at hand for international students to make the most of their time here.

In addition to my general hopes to help other international students' transition to life in London, England, I want to host numerous events to honour and celebrate various holidays from other countries' cultures around the world.

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Farrah Alice Black

Gender Equality Officer



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Manifesto Objectives:

Collaborate as much as possible with other officers + societies }

- Been collaborating with the Trans change committee
- With RoePaul's Drag Society and Film Society, for Trans Awareness week we cancelled our weekly screening of RuPaul's Drag Race UK to instead screen *The Death and Life of Marsha P Johnson*- giving representation to trans woman of colour and drag queen, who founded the gay rights movement, rather than RuPaul who has a problematic past with regard to trans issues
- Following the trans vigil in Digby Chapel on Wednesday Nov 20th (trans day of remembrance) RoePaul's Drag Society are hosting a trans and gender expression celebration in Digby Diner- with a focus on shoocasing the trans and non-binary community at Roehampton

{Make it easier for students to report sexual assault }

- Volunteered with the Bystander Intervention Team in their 'Consent is...' campaign- spreading awareness about gaining enthusiastic consent, what is sexual assault/ rape, how to report issues and the resources available to students. Also, free condoms!

{Re-start the feminist society and spread awareness of feminsit issues}

- My campaign form has been handed in + I have had a meeting with the student voice coordinator (Johanna). Currently there's discussion of wether the blog will be a separate website, or part of the RSU website and we haven't 100% settled on a name yet that's fun enough. But the blog and zines project is well on its way to becoming a reality- hopefully to be launched by re-freshers fair in January!

Other activities I've been involved with:

Have now completed my campaign form and plan for a period poverty campaign, that will involve a regularly topped-up supply of free santiry pads in all toilets in the library. I am currently researching wether sustainable products would be viable, who's job it will be to top up the supply, and compling facts to display on a poster about period poverty- all to present to a meeting at the RSU (most likely with the student voice coordinator) . So hopefully, this too is in the pipeline and will be a reality within a few months!

Danielle Chegwidden

Female Sport President



Students' Union Council update on 21/11/2019

Manifesto Objectives:

- Run an event week to make sport more accessible
- Spoke to James Ayres, Josh Sadler
- Logistics: January
- Identified the federation to get wheelchairs for basketball/tennis/rugby
- Run a campaign to recognise female athlete exceptional achievements
- Emailed every female sport committee
- Revealed in conjunction with 'win of the week'
- Publish weekly 'female athlete of the week' chosen by the team's committees
- This Girl can week: taken part in a video to celebrate leadership, a timetable published to raise female sport participation
- Produced a post with all female sport captains showing why they play sport
- Run a campaign to bridge the gap between mental health and sport
- Mental health training for all the sport team committee members reorganised
- Reached out to a non-profit organisation "Sporting Minds UK"
- Highlight the on-campus services and the new Roe wellbeing app
- Work with and advocate the Nuffield health campus gym yoga course to promote wellbeing through means of exercise
- Accessibility to sport facilities outside of training
- Arrange meeting with James Ayres to understand the process of booking and budget for additional training

Other activities I've been involved with:

- Participated in MOvember 'move' and helped promote and support the mens teams raising money/awareness!
- Worked with a student to understand the gap for an alternative to tour, partnered with sportroe staff to create a festival in the spring
- Produced material to inform committees and athletes about safe drinking/tour in conjunction with the bystander team during alcohol awareness week
- Been apart of disscussions with the sabbatical team about the accessibilty of facilities oncampus and the possibility of using whitelands fields for games : have been assessed by FA and the ground is seen to be in good condition!