

SUC Meeting IV Officers Updates

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Roehampton Students' Union Council Chair did not receive updates from the following officers:

1. **Levi Mbiya** – VP Education
2. **Annabel Black** – LGBTQ+ Officer
3. **Danielle Chegwidan** – Female Sport President
4. **Dre Mbwese** – Froebel College President
5. **Ethan Thubron** – Male Sport President
6. **Fabian Jasonson** – Froebel College Deputy President & NUS Delegate
7. **Farrak Black** – Gender Equality Officer & NUS Delegate
8. **Harry Newark** – Students with Caring Responsibilities' Officer
9. **Jacob Aferi** – Male Interfaith Officer
10. **Jake White** – Mount Clair Site Rep
11. **Joshua Sadler** – Students with Disabilities' Officer
12. **Minaal Ali** – Southlands College President
13. **Olivia Jayeola** – Mental Health Officer
14. **Samir Abubakar** – Whitelands College Deputy President
15. **Sophie Harris** – Mature Students' Officer
16. **Stephanie Rosenje** – Female Interfaith Officer
17. **Tamiah Forbes** – Digby Stuart College President

Dan O'Donoghue

RSU President



Students' Union Council update on 28/01/2020

Social Spaces

- My last update regarding social spaces focused lots on the work done to re wire and get the UNION projector to start working. Now that is sorted we have seen the introduction of an integrated Karaoke system, which is being run by your Post-graduate officer and is a huge success.
- Over Christmas, the UNION and the conference team have been in conversation and have agreed to have BT Sports onto the package, meaning all live sport will be available at the Union.
- The RSU has given the UNION Bar a table football table. With work still ongoing to bring back a Pool table into the canteen area for students to use.

Sport Roehampton & RSU

Since the last update, Sport Roehampton will have 3 full time staff whom will be located in the RSU on a temporary basis. This is whilst there offices are being renovated. We will monitor the impact and engagement that this locational change has and if viewed as positive this may impact potential future moves. However, I believe a centralised Student Hub around the UNION Courtyard with essential services like the SU and Sport Roehampton would benefit all students in the short term and long term.

RSU Accountability

Work surrounding RSU accountability continues. Over the Christmas break, the RSU has recruited X2 new full time student interns. X1 full time content creator and will have by the time this report is read recruited a new Chief Executive Officer, with recruitment for a Deputy straight after. Meaning we can support you all more this term.

Mental Health

"Breaking Taboos" has taken a bit of a setback as the dates clash with Nominations, Re-FRESHERS and the Woman's conference. I am eager to ensure I am doing this campaign at a time in which does not retract from other targeted work the officers and SU are doing. However, this campaign will still go ahead.

Achievements list

- Social Spaces looking much better.
- Halloween event sell out.
- Recruited and planned a CEO search plan. Wrote all recruitment processes and Job description, for the position.
- Successfully hired a new External Trustee for the Students Union
- Secured the Block Grant from the University which equated to (£670,000)
- Pitched the idea to the VC at an expansion of the HIVE (Plans and budgets have been submitted)
- Talks between the University and the HIVE/SU are taking place.
- Planned an International Welcome event for the 23/01/20.
- Starting work to plan the new Strategic long-term plan for the Union 2020-2024.

Daniel O'Donoghue (President of Roehampton Students' Union)

Update form Presented to Students' Union Council 28/01/20
January 28th 2020 – Whiteland's College Room G022

George Walker

VP Community & Welfare



Students' Union Council update on 28/01/2020

- 1) Working with Aleata (Head of Services) we have hired a full time member of staff who will roll out Mental Health First Aid training for the student body. I will be speaking later on to discuss the best way to get students to sign up for this training and hope members of SUC will also take part in the training.
- 2) I have contacted the PTO that I mentor and hope you have regular meetings with them to ensure they feel comfortable and supported within their roles.
Laoise: Sustainability Working Group
Annabel: RSU Pride
Jacob: Coffee and conversation morning
Farrah: Women's Conference
- 3) Having secured the £500 funding from our previous Student Union Council I am now in the process of creating a campaign plan with Emily Cookson and Vilde for Bystander Workshops.
- 4) I have helped create an Accommodation Survey which has now been released. I am in the process of analyzing the results of the survey and will bring the findings to the accommodation subcommittee of which 6 of our PTO's sit on. It would be great if everyone could help in the promotion of the survey.
- 5) Along with the other two sabbatical officers we have continued to Welfare manage our late night events program. The Christmas period has been particularly busy and as such a lot of our time has been spent facilitating this role.
- 6) Since the last meeting of SUC I have sat on important University meetings; these have included Student Senate and University Senate.
- 7) I have been involved in the recruitment process of new interns for the RSU. We have successfully appointed two new interns. I have also been involved in the recruitment of a new CEO.

Laoise Holohan

Environmental and Sustainability Officer



Students' Union Council update on 28/01/2020

Manifesto Objectives:

- Planning FairTrade Fortnight, with Celia and other PTOs, to best reach out to students. In contact with organisations such as Amnesty International and Wen.
- Working with Amnesty Society on Jumble Sale, taking donations at the RSU reception :)
- Chair of the Sustainability Working Group
- Contacting our MP about a Q&A on Sustainability

Other activities I've been involved with:

- Been in contact with Farrah about a gender equality conference
- Completed UR Leadership Conferencel
- Continued planning of Amnesty Society events for the next two terms and for the future of the society once our co-president graduates.
- Doing work as 2nd year Classics programme rep and workshops for the Bystanders.

Katie Nguyen

Whitelands College President



Students' Union Council update on 28/01/2020

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:

- Working with other college presidents for Shitelands and Frigby
- Working with Whitelands football team for Shiteland
- Meet your SWOs for flat reps and on-campus freshers

Shez Khan

Southland's Deputy President



Students' Union Council update on 20/01/2020

Manifesto Objectives:

- Increase off-campus attendance rates at event
- Host a fifa tournament which is on the 30th of January 2020
- Work with business department
- Continue the southlands pub quiz
- Start a cricket team

Other activities I've been involved with:

- Attended introduction meeting with relevant university department
- Southlands College breakfast
- Flat rep meetings
- Freshers/Refreshers fair
- Freshers/Refreshers welcome drinks/dinner
- Weekly Southland's events

Nicolo Sodaro

Postgraduate Officer



Students' Union Council update on 28/01/2020

Manifesto Objectives:

1. Make PG students feel welcome and represented within all aspects of student life. - I have written a survey for postgraduate students on their first term experiences and what they felt about the University teaching methods and about postgraduate financial support.
2. Creating a more vibrant postgraduate social life experiences at the University - I have been trying to create social events with postgraduate students to fulfil their experiences of London. Especially those who are living abroad.

Other activities I've been involved with:

- Item one: Creating the Bingo Nights at the Union – Starting monthly in January 2020.....
- Item two: Plans to organise a postgraduate meet up in February

Jude Stellato

Trans Students' Officer



Students' Union Council update on 28/01/2019

Manifesto Objectives:

- More gender neutral toilets, Alternative Route for name change, Staff Training and Safe space for trans people.
- Discussed Alternative Route for Name Change during the last SUC meeting held in December
- Issue was also presented by collaborator Mars Nicoli during LGBT Network Meeting, on my behalf
- Currently collaborating with LGBTQ+ officer for the ongoing planning and organisation of Roe Pride

Other activities I've been involved with:

- Joined the Bystander Intervention Team
- Received training as part of the bystander team
- Taking part to the RSU CEO recruitment panel on 24/01/2020
- Currently attending Rehearsals as a cast member of Legally Blonde, Player's production

Luke Coffey

International Students' Officer



Students' Union Council update on 28/01/2020

Manifesto Objectives:

- I wish to achieve in helping international students feel like Roehampton is their home away from home. I want to make sure to work specifically with the Vice President of Community and Welfare in order to ensure that international students are made to feel welcome and at ease during their time here at the University.
- 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.

Other activities I've been involved with:

- Thursday night Karaoke co-host at union bar with Nicolò Sodaro: kicking off January 23
- Planning an American Super Bowl party for February 2
- General planning for the new year
- Making ideas for activities and events for the new incoming international abroad students in spring term
- Touch base with the larger student body of international students to reexamine their needs for 2020

Sierra Kamara

BAME Officer



Students' Union Council update on 28/01/2020

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:

- In the process of planning a #MeTooOnCampus continued conversation event revolving around consent and policing of peers. I've contacted the Bystander Intervention Head, Vilde for a potential collaboration.
- Also, looking to collaborate with Laoise, the new Environmental Officer on how BAME communities are negatively impacted by climate change. Looking to hold an event, on how to alleviate such issues and what our roles are.

Ellie Hall

Digby Deputy



Students' Union Council update on 28/01/2020

Manifesto Objectives:

- Increase of events
- Meeting and planning with the music society to get a bandeoke night and meeting with the Lionesses Committee for a charity event

Other activities I've been involved with:

- Encouraging new digby flat reps on social media before interviews start
- Attended both Digby Christmas meals and attended Spark planning meeting