

SUC Meeting V 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. **George Walker** – VP Community & Welfare
3. **Annabel Black** – LGBTQ+ Officer
4. **Danielle Chegwidan** – Sport Roehampton President – Female
5. **Dre Mbwese** – Froebel President
6. **Ellie Hall** – Digby Deputy President
7. **Ethan Thubron** – Sport Roehampton President – Male
8. **Harry Newark** – Student with Caring Responsibilities' Officer
9. **Jake White** – Mount Clair Site Rep
10. **Joshua Sadler** – Students with disabilities' Officer
11. **Luke Coffey** – International Students' Officer
12. **Minaal Ali** – Southlands President
13. **Nicolò Sodaro** – Postgraduate Students' Officer
14. **Olivia Jayeola** – Mental Health Officer
15. **Samir Abubakar** – Whitelands Deputy President
16. **Sasha Jude Stellato** – Trans Students' Officer
17. **Sierra Kamara** – BAME Students' Officer
18. **Tamiah Forbes** (Digby President)

Dan O'Donoghue

RSU President



Students' Union Council update on 28/01/2020

Social Spaces

Social spaces remains high on my agenda. As I am approaching my final four months as RSU president, I am intending to continue to work with you, and other students to highlight what changes need to be made to the social spaces around campus. With an emphasis on commuting students and non- alcoholic nights, I am looking to find ways of making the current venues more comfortable and current to the needs of the aforementioned.

-The Introduction of a new HDMI projector means all officers can run fundraisers and events on a large screen in the Union, but also societies can make use of it too for various events, which they would not have been able to do otherwise.

-BT Sport and Sky are now showing live sports and popular TV Shows in the union, something small but was requested by students.

-Table football which again is rather trivial but is providing students with something more to do in that space between class as well as in the evening, something requested and being made good use of by students so far.

-The RSU donated an XBOX to the union, which people can now play when requested. All types of game titles provided.

-BINGO & KAREOKE are incredibly popular, credit to (POSTGRADUATE STUDENT OFFICER)

-I am continuing to look at the feedback I am gathering from Students' to see what more we can do to facilitate positive changes to spaces across campus to better fit the needs of the students.

Sport Roehampton & RSU

Sport Roehampton will be moving three full time staff to the Students' Union on the 13/02/2020.

They will be using the old sabbatical space as offices for six weeks, we hope that this will see larger footfall into the RSU building as we share the service offering. In this time, I hope to display Sport Roehampton Merchandise in the reception and work with Sport Roe to help showcase more of their offering whilst at the SU. Lastly, I will be collecting feedback from students to gather an understanding on the thoughts of the temporary move.

RSU Accountability

The Students' Union has now hired its new Chief Executive Officer and I am delighted to announce that Mark Gillespie was successful and has been appointed to the position. Mark brings a working knowledge of Roehampton and was the Students' Union Interim Chief executive officer prior to his appointment. Mark has also held the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer at the University of East London, and student engagement manager at Regents University. We are looking forward to working with Mark and to learn more from his knowledge and understanding of Roehampton and his wider context of the HE sector. Mark's appointment brings with it a unique opportunity, especially now that the Students' Union is coming to the end of its four year strategic plan. I am delighted to be able to work alongside Mark at this exiting time, and will look back with eager anticipation on the amazing things he will go on to achieve in his role.

We have also Hired Grace Ward whom is now the RSU's Full time content creator who started with us on the 03/02/2020.

The students Union is now currently preparing for the annual elections for which planning is finalised, we hope to see many of your faces running again or for other positions.

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.

BAME

In term two, the University will be supporting me in the role out of the BAME student outreach project, which will work closely with the BAME ambassadors to go into local schools to deliver talks to young people.

I am working with the Uni comms team as well as the schools department.

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.
- Planned and executed a whole CEO search, interview day, selection and hire.
- Delivered and lead on the NSS talks to 3rd year students when visiting their lectures.
- Appointed new external financial auditors for the SU after tender process was successful.
- Presented HIVE Expansion, Concept art and business case. Included it in University's strategic plan which means there will be a expansion.

Stephanie Rosenje

Female Interfaith Officer



Students' Union Council update on 20/02/2020

I have had a meeting with the RSU and the male interfaith officer on having a Interfaith Week which would involve the chalpanciy team and the students exploring faith.

Katie Nguyen

Whitelands College President



Students' Union Council update on 20/02/2020

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:

Whitelands hosted 6 commuters' breakfast, three days for two weeks with positive responses

Had a mentoring session with Levi to further develop plans for potential future Whitelands commuters' breakfast

Developing plans for May Day and History Week

Laoise Holohan

Environmental and Sustainability



Students' Union Council update on 20/02

Manifesto Objectives:

Fairtrade Baking Competition going ahead from 24th-27th February, forms can be picked up from RSU, baked goods can be dropped off before 2PM any day, winner announced on the 28th

Amnesty Society Jumble Sale, to promote sustainable clothing habits, at Digby Square on February 27th from roughly 12PM onwards. We might even have a card machine.

WEN workshop on the 26th February from 1PM in Howard 002, awaiting their external speaker forms before advertising

In discussion with Sam about doing a "Go Green" Bop that will likely combine the theme of Sustainability with St. Patrick's Day. Not because I'm Irish. But that helps.

Planned workshop for Farrah's conference, on sustainability and gender.

Still trying to get "Climate Change Emergency" pushed to the Uni, but there seems to be a misunderstanding on the whole concept of "declaring an emergency".

Sustainability Working Group at the RSU, trying to create a proposal on vetting voluntourism based activism on campus, as suggested by Celia.

Other activities I've been involved with:

"Active Bystander Workshops" with the Bystander Team, Farrah and I are running two, one should be tomorrow if nothing changes between me writing this and the SUC meeting.

"Let's Talk About Yes" campaign with Amnesty International HQ, discussing their plans for a consent-based campaign going forward, and appearing in their promotion for this campaign across Europe.

Joined FRESH, the STUDENT MEDIA NETWORK, so will be hopefully publishing a few articles on sustainability and other stuff.

Probably not running again in the role so if you know anyone who'd suit this role, you can send them my way.

Jacob Afedi

Male Interfaith Officer



Students' Union Council update on 20/02/2020

1. I had a second meeting with Dr Daniel Eshun debating how the discussing on knife crime should go and that I must speak to SU for a confirmed date and time, remember the venue is Whitelands.
2. I met with Dr David Muir who is currently our public engagement officer, who is excited about the subject in question but will not be available on Saturday the 29th of February.
3. Finally, I again met with few people informing them about upcoming breakfast meeting on knife crime

Farrah Black

Gender Equality Officer & NUS Delegate



Students' Union Council update on 13/02/2020

Manifesto Objectives:

- Became a shift leader for a Bystander Intervention Lead
- Preparing active bystander workshops + I'm leading the one on Feb 21st with Laoise Holohan
- Met with Lauren Ramsey (sports activator) to develop ideas for the Women's Conference on March 11th
- Reached out to students who will be running mini workshops at the Women's Conference

Other activities I've been involved with:

- RoePauls Drag Society had a history themed event in celebration of LGBT+ history month and our 2 year anniversary of becoming a society
- Rehearsing Legally Blonde with Roehampton Players
- Am in Roehampton Players 'battle of the parodies' in Mean Girls
- Written + am directing SSOAP drunk drama parody: Bee Movie

Fabian Jasonson

Froebel Deputy President



Students' Union Council update on 02/2020

Manifesto Objectives:

Starting to plan the Student Minds charity event with Nicolo in order to raise money for students with mental health issues. This will involve several different societies either performing (such as UBM providing spoken word or Jazz society performing a live set) or providing other services (such as RAG supporting by running stalls)

Other activities I've been involved with:

- Receiving feedback on the state of Elio within Roehampton
- Finalising the flat rep system and placing them in their block allocation
- Working with Dre and our CLDO to solve issues within flats in Froebel

Shez Khan

Southland's Deputy President



Students' Union Council update on 13/02/2020

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

Sophie Harris

Mature Students Officer



Students' Union Council update on 13/02/2020

Manifesto Objectives:

- Continuing to set up social events with a focus on an off-campus one.
- Continuing working with Luke from student engagement on the mentoring system
- Working with the students to gain feedback on areas they feel need addressing

Other activities I've been involved with:

- I helped Levi with the Mature Students Brunch
- I am in the process of planning an off-campus event for Mature students to help aid commuting students and those from Whitelands to be included. Also to help get on-campus students out of Uni and seeing London, which helps international students too.
- Mental health training to help aid the wellbeing of students