Full Time Officer Report

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**Societies**

* The Students’ Union (SU) has 89 societies this year, with 59 established societies continuing activities from last year. We now have 30 new societies and extended the deadline by a week.
* 50% of society leaders have been trained. I aim to increase the level of support and training provided for societies by having further training sessions.
* I have been supporting student societies in lobbying the university to provide adequate space for society events.
* The SU has negotiated a dedicated societies menu over the summer to cater for societies events.
* Empowering societies and clubs has been a key priority. This has led to societies playing a key role in the university and the SU, where they have been allowed to organise key SU events such as the Halloween Party and RAG Week.
* I have been in dialogue with the university, who are pushing for a poster policy to be introduced. This will have an impact upon societies in the way they promote their activities. Thus I have been meeting with university departments to ensure societies are protected and are able to effectively market their events.
* For the next few months, my priorities for societies will be reviewing the external speaker policy and investigating how can have a more efficient system. I will also review the way the SU funds its societies, looking at the procedures and requirements and potential ways to give further financial support. Furthermore, the SU currently has no procedures in place to communicate what society events are on. I believe we should be providing more support to our societies, by assisting them in their communications to students.

**Raising and Giving (RAG)**

* I have been working closely with the SU’s RAG Officer in order to organise the SU’s annual RAG Week. Our first RAG week will take place on November 28th to December 2nd. However I am committed to having two RAG weeks this year, as indicated on my manifesto and will looking towards organising a second RAG Week for the second semester.
* I have been working closely with societies and university departments to come up with fundraising ideas. The SU will be raising money for Mind (a mental health charity) and Side by Side (who helps with the refugee crisis in France).

**Student Media:**

* I have been working on relaunching Student Media at City since I have been post. However there have been delayed progress to due to severe shortages in resources.
* However, I have still been able to make progress. This includes recruiting Senior Editors for Student Media. I have created job descriptions, applications forms and have successfully recruited three senior editors.
* I have also created job description and application forms for section editors. The recruitment for these positions is ongoing.
* Due to resources shortages, Student Media will run as a society this year. This will allow further support for SU Media, from SU staff. I assisted the senior editors in creating the application form for the Student Media Society.
* I am working closely with senior editors in branding SU Media, organising Media Law training and having a SU Media launch.
* Student Media is also being supported by Santander Universities. We have been given £5000 in funding. This has allowed the SU to buy equipment, such as MAC computer, cameras and tripods. This will allow SU Media to operate effectively and produce content.
* Further priories for SU Media is to explore the possible idea of having a Media Offer as a part time officer role in the Students Union Executive Committee. This is to provide support for effecting running of SU Media, media to be better represented for those that are interested and to have a central person to communicate barriers to participation.

**Sports Representation:**

* I have been participating in discussions with the Sports Department about having a potential varsity partner. We made the decision to have Kingston University as our varsity partner. I have been and continue to be involved in the organisation of varsity and specially looking at how we can ensure students that don’t play sports participate in varsity. I will be lobbying the university to provide coaches for students to travel to Kingston sports ground, so they are able to participate in varsity and support our sports teams.
* I have been assisting the Sport Department in organising its annual sports dinner. This includes helping pick a venue and working with the sports officer to see how we can market the event to students.
* I will also be working further with the Sports Officer to explore how we can further communicate sports events and achievements around campus and how we can get students involved in sports.

**Events**:

* I have been in touch with many full time officer across London to see how we can collaborate on events. I am working closely with the Vice President Activities and Development of Kings, University of London, to organise events and parties for our students.

**Late Night Licensees at City Bar:**

* I have raised the dissatisfaction of students have with the closure of CityBar at 11:00 PM and the issue of revoked licenses with senior members of staff at the university, including the President of the University as well as the Chair of University’s Council.
* I am in continued discussion with the university to seek solutions and have made it very clear to the University this is greatly impacting upon the student experience.
* In the meantime, I have been working with external originations to organise alterative nightlife opportunities for students. This includes weekly events and a dedicated sports night.

**Scholarships for Refugees**

* I have been working with various university departments for the implementation of refugee scholarships. Three refugee scholarships have been approved which include full fee waivers and a fully funded bursary. I am also happy to announce that a further three scholarships is subject to approval. This will be aimed towards refuges who will not meet UK residency requirements and will therefore have to pay international student fees.
* I am engaging with relevant organisation such Student Action for Refugees (STAR) to see how we can promote these scholarships to those in need and how we can communicate and market these scholarships.
* I will continue to be working on what the SU can do further and be part of the discussion on how the university can implement these scholarships.

**Friday Prayers**

* I have been working close with Muslim Faith societies in resolving issues around Friday Prayer. I have been participating in various discussions and supporting their needs by communicating this to the university and advising what actions can be taken by the faith societies.

**Employability/Career Events**

* I have been working working with the Vice President Education and the Careers Service in developing a collaborated leadership project. This will include a series of events and interactive opportunities with leading CEO’s and individuals. Also, the project will provide opportunities for students to win work experience opportunities, mentoring opportunities and an opportunity to network with leading figures.
* £5000 has been secured from Santander Universities after a proposal submitted by the SU. This funding will be used to support the leadership project.

**Nov 19 Demonstration**

* I am working with City’s local UCU branch to support the national demonstration organised by NUS and UCU. This demonstration asks for free education, an end to cuts and better support for students in light of recent changes to NHS bursaries and maintenance grants.
* I have organised banner making sessions with a commitment of resources from the SU to support this demonstration and will be present at the demonstration with City students and staff.

**Food:**

* I am supporting the SU President in his food campaign to lower food prices and for more healthy option at the various food outlets on campus. I will assist in coordinating the food survey organised the by the SU President to gather student feedback to report back to Sodexo, in order to demand changes.

**Recruitment:**

* I sat on the panel and successfully recruited for the Societies Coordinator role and ensured the candidate selected encompassed the ethos of the union and will be able to effectively work with student societies.
* I will also be sitting on the panel for the recruitment of the SU’s Media & Communication role and ensure the person selected will be of benefit towards the students**.**

**Transparency & Accountability:**

* I have created a Facebook account where I can communicate to students what I am up and using it as a platform to allow students to get in touch with me.
* I aim to create regular monthly updates of what I have been doing for it to published on our website
* I have been working with the Full Time Officers to ensure the SU better communicates events and what the SU is up to students. This will include having a say in the SU’s communication strategy.

**University relationships:**

* I have been meeting with various departments of the university to form positive relationships, so we can work collaboratively for the best interest of students.