

Part-time Officer Accountability Reports Semester 1 2016/17

Campaigns & Democracy Officer

Edward Towers

At first glance it would appear that in my first semester as Campaign and Democracy Officer I have achieved very little. Such a view would not be entirely mistaken for reasons I think most would find perfectly justifiable should they care to ask, however, this report does not appear to be a place of excuses, but for explaining what I have achieved.

At the very beginning of the semester it was brought to my attention that the University's policy on mitigating circumstances had been changed over the summer break so that you cannot both apply for mitigating circumstances and submit an assignment. This has serious consequences for many students, particularly some of the most vulnerable who raised their concerns with me. I used my position in the Governance Zone to raise this and have continued to request reports on progress, particularly as the semester has progressed into assignment submitting territory.

As the semester continued more examples of changes to university policies that do not appear to have had sufficient representation of students in construction have become apparent. This, backed by student opinion, has led me to begin to design a campaign to raise awareness of the changes that the University has failed to bring to the attention of those that they affect (students), and to challenge the University to be more transparent during and about the process for such policies – allowing for greater opportunity for students to raise their concerns before changes are passed, and to aid them in understanding where such policies originate so that they more acutely challenge them.

While this does not expressly fulfil the text of my manifesto, it fits the spirit of ensuring all are sufficiently informed to ensure that no-one is without sufficient representation. Even more will follow in the semester and the next.

Environment & Ethics Officer

Aona Stuart

There are exciting, upcoming plans in place for the second semester. The preceding week of Easter break there is to be a week-long environmental awareness campaign that will involve activities, petitions and much more. This week is to be in celebration of World Green day on April 16th. In addition to environmental related issues, a proposal has been placed to have recycling bins on campus. This will decrease campus waste and increase recycling standards on campus as well as be a reminder to students of the importance of recycling. Advancing into ethics responsibilities there was research into the Fair trade policy at the university that seemed to be of a good standard. As part of the policy, a proposal will be set in place to get Fair Trade valentine roses in the union shop during the month of February.

LINKS Officer

Oliver Woodroffe

LINKS has handed out over 1000 Z-Cards, advertising basic first aid procedures during WelcomeFest. For the first time this year, we have opened our doors and invited members of Boat club and Ju Jitsu society to one of our training sessions, where they learned basic first aid with bone and muscle related injuries. We are soon to be providing a first aid session to LGBT+ on the 9th of December on basic life support. LINKS representative Declan McHugh and Rory Hamill attended the AU Executive meeting on Welfare, where they informed an audience of who we are, what we do and how the members of the AU can get involved with us. A district 'Pathway' course, where we teach everyday people to become St. John volunteers will be run in Hull, and this has been advertised on the evening and will continue. Looking to the future, we hope to invite more societies and committees to our training sessions, as our mission is to provide first aid to as many people as possible! With our current cohort on their pathway course, we currently have 14 members being trained to be fully qualified volunteers and hope to have them in on events such as Asylum nights and Sports by early December. A real corker of a semester for LINKS!

LGBT+ Officers

Connor Massey and Rayne Goddard

One of the main promises and things that I wanted this year with LGBT+ is greater inclusivity and working with the other Liberation groups, we have done this by promoting other Liberation Group events, talking to each other more, having our first campaign be on intersectionality and by creating an Equality and Inclusivity Officer on the committee who was elected last week by our members.

I also wanted us to do more stuff with the wider LGBT+ community. We are doing this by getting involved with UK Pride, which will be in Hull during July, and by planning to help during the weeklong event during July, which will focus on the 50th year anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality. We are also in touch with other LGBT+ groups in other Students' Unions.

The committee and I are also working on LGBT+ and Sport by closely working with the AU and having it as one of our main campaigns throughout the year. We have started sessions of bringing LGBT+ students to try out different sports each month. We are also organising with the AU to get a famous sportsperson to come in during LGBT+ History Month in February.

We have also started to organise a Welfare Fair that will bring all the Liberation groups and other Welfare Services together in order to make students more aware of who we are, we are planning on this being a charity fundraiser as well.

We also helped raise £50 during RAG week.

Lastly, I wanted us to work more closely with the university, we have started this by having meetings with Patrick Johnson who is the head of Diversity and Inclusion at the university, we are working with him to make LGBT+ History Month and July bigger and better.

BAME Students Officer

Claire Govera

This semester's main events for the BAME committee have been the careers talk and the Black History Month Showcase. The careers talk was an opportunity for BAME students to find out more info about their chosen career path and begin planning for their future. We had several speakers from organisations such as the British Psychology Society and BPP Law School among others deliver in-depth and informative talks. The Black History Month Showcase was an opportunity to showcase the talents of students within the university and gather everyone together to celebrate our individual diverse backgrounds, in the form of spoken word, drama, dance and music.

We have also been aiding BAME societies in running their own events, providing counselling and advice to students and establishing a BAME mentoring scheme with recent graduates mentoring current students to further support the overall university experience of BAME students.

Women's Officer

Kym Cardona

On leave in semester one.

Disabled Students Officer

Georgina Lord

- Submitted a motion to Union Council which passed and so I have been able to change the roles on the Disabled Students Committee to have more of an impact for the university's disabled students.
- Working with the charity Scope and in coordination with RAG to fundraise and raise awareness of the end the awkward campaign.
- In the process of working on getting the #endtheawkward videos played around the students' union.
- Also working with the RNIB in order for them to carry out an accessibility audit on the HUU website and also the university website and see what improvements can be made for students who are blind or have a visual impairment.
- Attended the Welfare in AU event to talk about how to make the Athletic Union more inclusive for students with disabilities.
- In the process of coordinating a campaign to install a fully accessible disabled toilet somewhere on campus (a disabled toilet which includes facilities for those with complex disabilities).

Mature Students Officer

Vacant

Part-time Students Officer

Vacant

Postgraduate Taught Students Officer

Vacant

Postgraduate Research Students Officer

Rebecca Devine

As I made clear in my manifesto 'You are not alone', this has been one of the main priorities for me during my first semester as PGR Students Officer. Working closely with the VP Education, Matt Thorneycroft, we are in the process of setting up Hull University's first student-led forum, which we hope will take place in January 2017. The aim of this is to try and reduce isolation among the Postgraduate community by coming together in an informal and relaxed environment.

In the meantime, I have reached out to all PGR students to let them know who I am, what my plans are, and my contact details. I have also recruited four students to sit alongside me on the Research Degrees Committee. For me, this has been a real break-through for both students and staff at the University. What the committee now has is the voices and opinions of students, rather than leaving it up to mere speculation.

Another objective that I feel very passionate about is providing teaching opportunities to students. As a student who wants to avail of every opportunity available to me, I find it exceptionally disappointing that students here at Hull University are not offered the same teaching opportunities that they are in others. In trying to rectify this, I am working quite closely with the Union and the Graduate School to try and find possible solutions to make this happen.

International Students Officer

Qiwen Wu

As an International Students Officer, my responsibility is to represent international students, finding out problems and issues happening in this group.

I have three objectives this year:

1. Help international students to know better about the school, especially how to use the library, Canvas, and how to get around in the school and city. Try to make everything clear for them.
2. Discover current issues in education of international students, improve the quality of education by associating with course reps.
3. Report other issues of international students, such as issues in sports, activities and accommodation.

So far, I have identified one major problem in education of international students, the module Investment Mathematics is not desirable for most international students. Due to the inconvenient classroom structure, they need a projector which enables them to see well during lectures. I have emailed the Education Co-ordinator to ask for the contact information of the course rep of this

module, in this way I can talk to him directly to solve this problem. And I am waiting for responses from him.

Faculty Rep HYMS

Vassili Crispi

Appointed in November.

Faculty Rep Science & Engineering

Steven Storey

No report submitted.

Faculty Rep FACE

Jack Price

Appointed in December.

Faculty Rep Health & Social Care

Victoria Welborn

So this semester has been amazing to see just how many course reps have joined the Faculty of Health and Social Care this year. It has been great to see their enthusiasm which was seen at the first SSC meeting a few weeks back which saw one of the biggest student turnouts in a long while and all the course reps seemed to provide lots of feedback for the group to talk about. Unfortunately due to being out on placement this semester I've been unable to attend any other meetings within the faculty. However, the SSC gave me a few ideas of things for me to work on in the next few months which I have discussed with the VP Education in a meeting we had. These include time tabling, student work load and the pressures on students and improving communication within the faculty, maybe with the addition of a faculty newsletter.

Faculty Reps Business, Law and Politics

Charlie Banks

Since starting the role I have helped students communicate their concerns regarding support tutors and the delay in communication within the Independent Study module.

I have also helped with the confusion regarding ASTs within the business school and the paperwork that students were supposed to complete. This led to discussions over canvas and led to AST meetings being pushed back so students were able to complete the paperwork correctly and within the requested timeframe.

I am currently looking into methods in which I can meet my objectives and trying to establish a way in which communication methods will best meet student needs.

Theodoros Stylianos

Through this Academic Year as the Faculty Representative of Business, Law and Politics we have been working on raising the awareness of representatives in our Faculty. The perfect end of year result is to have: readily and easily accessible information to students of who represents them and how to get in touch with them. By having a wider and recognised support for our representatives such as Course Reps, they will be able to act on issues and matters that are often left unheard. Such information is soon to be accessible either through an introductory semester status email of who represents you, to a quick Canvas search on your modules.

Other objectives we have set out is encouraging communication of the Faculty to students about important information. This is to be done by looking how we can write and communicate effectively to students, avoiding jargon and giving concise and digestible information.

The progress of such objectives has been steady. I am already in communication with the Faculty to create a Semester 2 email which will inform students of who their representatives are. I am also awaiting more information on how to update Canvas panels to introduce a representation section with information of your representatives.

Course Rep Forum Reps

Lisa George

Activities/updates

- Several lecture shout outs
- Making myself known and approachable to the 1st year students
- Attendance of LSAG meeting, SSC and Course Rep & Union meetings
- Raised issues that some students were experiencing and sought advice from the Education Zone.
- Promoted the SLTA's to the students via word of mouth and lecture shout outs
- Made myself available to students with posting of regular hours of availability
- Positive changes made due to my relaying of student concerns and feedback to lecturers

Moving forward

I feel that I have begun to build a very good rapport with a vast number of the year one law & international law students and made myself known to them, as an approachable and friendly individual who will go out of my way to help them address their concerns and assist them in bringing about changes they wish to see. At the beginning of the second semester I plan to send out an all student email via Angie Lead reminding students of the role I play in representing them and will *attempt* to put a short questionnaire together for students to be able to fill in anonymously with regards to feedback, as this has been noted that although I assure students that all feedback/concerns shall remain anonymous they are still concerned. I feel they may well feel more comfortable in the knowledge of anonymity by completing something online.

Carla Busuttil

Activities

- Group discussions within topic area for issues to be raised, as well as positive aspects of the students' academic year so far to be raised.
- Hand out of marking sheets (composed and handed out by me), to give students the opportunity to write down any problems they are experiencing as well as what they are enjoying so far about their time at the university, covering all aspects.
- Within lecture shout outs to make students aware of who I am and their other representatives so they feel comfortable with the knowledge of who to go to if needed.
- Helping with campaigning for the referendum 30/11/16
- Attending meetings such as LSAG, SEERS, etc.
- Raised awareness of some issues students are facing.
- Changes made to some issues students have faced this semester to be implemented for next semester, i.e. timetabling, car parking.
- Informed the students who raised certain issues of the outcomes from their worries (which was accepted with appreciation).
- Got involved with SLTAs, nominated a lecturer (based on what the students wanted) and aimed to get votes.

Discussion

This semester has been a very busy time, but nonetheless I have aimed to meet the students' needs and address their concerns. This has been achieved this semester as those who raised concerns have received feedback and are happy with the outcomes. I am still yet to receive representative training as I was a late starter to Hull University, but from the information I have been given so far, I have been able to create a sense of comfortability and knowing for some of the students within Hull University.

Appraisals

I would like to thank you for this opportunity again, I will keep trying to live up to the role of my position. I will be aiming to hold a promotional event of some sort next semester if I can to try and boost student moral after the Christmas period, as they arrive back to study.

Chair SEC

Christopher Knott

This semester, I have been focusing on three particular manifesto themes: streamlining the process for societies, ensuring that societies have access to their resources, and modernising the committee and how it functions.

The first, streamlining the process for societies, has seen much progress being made. Over the summer and throughout the semester, I have lobbied for paperwork to be introduced as part of a future addition to the online membership services system. Zone documents have been updated and missing documentation, such as social media and alcohol policies, has been requested to be uploaded to the website. A new paperwork tray has been placed on the desk for societies to drop documents off to us to prevent delays and paperwork being lost.

The second, ensuring that societies have access to their resources, has been more difficult and has taken up the vast bulk of time for the committee, in terms of manifesto commitments. This has manifested in the form of regular meetings and lobbying of the various student officers to themselves lobby senior members of university staff. Progress has been made, but has been very tentative, requiring additional political capital to be used in the second semester. Reception staff have greater but not sufficient powers whilst rooms previously unavailable have been mostly made available.

The third, modernising the committee and how it functions, has been a gradual process coming out of a series of conversations and discussions with committee staff. The new committee roles, as part of this, have been broadly successful with each individual successfully building off of the Standing Order introduced post-election.

Chair Media

Vacant

Chair RAG

Danielle Griffin

Since being elected as RAG Chair, I have worked hard to ensure that I fulfil the three main promises I made in my manifesto.

Raising RAG's Profile

My first promise was to raise RAG's profile both within the University and in the wider Hull community. Raising RAG's profile within the Uni has been done by spreading the message of our work to other zones. This has been working as we had the most AU teams and societies involved in RAG Week for years. We have also slightly re-branded so that we are more recognisable. Using our budget to buy posters, leaflets, banners and jumpers has meant that people are recognising our logo and brand on campus. Our social media presence has also drastically increased, gaining us approximately 200 new likes on our Facebook page this academic year. In the wider community, we are trying to only shortlist charities who work in Hull for our charities of the semester. We have already raised £770.74 for Canine Partners, of which most is being allocated to Hull local Pam Quick's fundraising for a new puppy to be trained. We still have a Christmas quiz, Santa fun run and stall at the Christmas fair to raise money for Canine Partners, as well. We also have a donation week in December of food for a local food bank (joint with the Welfare zone) and toys for Hull Children's University and Viking FM's Cash for Kids.

We have already shortlisted our charities for Semester Two: Preston Road Women's Centre in Hull, Freddie's Friends in Hull, and The Eye Fund which is a charity set up by one of our student's

family. Our fashion show in March is set to be our biggest event of the Semester, open to both students and the public, raising money for The Warren, also a local Hull charity. This is also hopefully going to be supported by the University's Diversity and Inclusion team and in conjunction with the City of Culture Fringe Festival.

Raising Donations and Awareness

My second promise was to raise the amount of money we donate and awareness we bring to the amazing charities we support. We are on track to have a total of approximately £6000 for this Semester, not including money raised by our Kilimanjaro climbers. Moving RAG Week has been a huge part of this as that raised £5022.14 alone. Of this total, £1568.82 went to the RAG Week charity Cancer Research UK, and the rest between ten other charities chosen by societies and sports teams. As we received some of the money raised during RAG Week after we had announced our initial total, we decided as a committee to just add the extra onto the Semester total, rather than re-announce. This total is slightly less than last year but we knew that would be a probability when we decided to move the week.

Our aim was to increase volunteer engagement and, as we have had volunteers at every single RAG stall and event so far this year, it seems to have worked. We also trialled new events in the week such as the Zombie Run which took a lot of planning, but can now easily be used in future years to raise even more money.

Raising Volunteer Numbers and Engagement

My third and final promise was to raise the number of volunteers and keep them engaged. As mentioned above, this seems to be happening. We have also introduced a sign-up fee for the first time, of just £1, which has seen us recruit almost 50 dedicated volunteers already, not including Kilimanjaro climbers. We have started to have volunteers' socials which are proving to be popular, as well as our regular volunteers' meetings. We also have a dedicated volunteer photographer who attends all large RAG events. Our dedicated volunteers often receive nominations for the Union's volunteer of the month and they will also be able to purchase RAG jumpers in the new year. The two positions on committee that needed filling at our EGM, Treasurer and Volunteers Coordinator, were both contested, which is also a great sign for the future of RAG.

Kilimanjaro Challenge

Our work on the Kilimanjaro challenge for Childreach International deserves its own section. The whole committee has worked to recruit what is currently the largest team in the UK. We had the largest ever first information meeting that the Charity has seen with approximately 80 people in attendance. We currently have 34 people on our team and that is hopefully set to hit 40 this week. We were the first to reach 30 in the country and the team have already raised over £2000. We were awarded the Most Improved Partner Award at this year's Childreach Awards for our efforts. This kind of achievement has gained us national recognition as the amazing RAG we work so hard to be and is a great advert for the University, as a whole. We are yet to launch our Budapest Marathon and Jailbreak recruitment which will see our challenges section achieving even more.

All of this has been achieved as a team and the RAG committee this year have been incredible. Not only do they work so hard that we had to implement 'RAG hours', they also go above and beyond to help each other in their various roles to ensure the success of RAG as a whole. Of course, it is not always plain sailing and we have certainly had to face many issues, but these have always been dealt with professionally and efficiently. We have also been very grateful for the support we have had from the Union, especially from the VP Activities, the Community Volunteering Co-ordinator and the Membership Services Director, in our work this year. The new Google Drive and online calendar that we have has also been a great tool for us as a team. This teamwork and communication is the reason why RAG have achieved so much already this year and will continue this way next semester to build an amazing legacy for future years.

Society Presidents' Representative

Max Cummins

Starting my role on Wednesday 5th October. Initial confusion between myself & relationship w/ SEC due to my role not having a list of responsibilities within the standing orders.

Primary point of focus during my election was room bookings. To that end I have worked closely with VP Activities, Chair SEC and HUU staff trying to improve the process as much as possible, taking into account extensive feedback from societies.

The issue has currently been escalated to the following:

- Chris Paget, Estates Director at University of Hull
- Anji Gardiner, Director of Student Services
- Jeanette Strachan, University Registrar and Secretary
- The University's timetabling working group

Whilst the issue, from the side of HUU is primarily in the care of VP Activities, I have made sure to chase the issue regularly to ensure resolution is as swift as possible.

I have also followed up on an issue raised at Societies Council regarding the scrapping of discount cards in exchange for money into the society fund. Have met with several HUU staff members regarding the feasibility of the proposal, I have fed the updated information back to the SEC who will review before deciding to proceed with a motion.

For the upcoming Governance referendum, I have worked closely with both sides to arrange a debate specifically aimed towards how the proposed changes might impact the activities zone as a whole. The aim of this has been to show students involved in the zone how the changes affect them, and issues that they care about, thus getting them more directly involved in HUU's democratic process.

Campaigns Officer Scarborough

Bernhard Budin

The semester started by designing a poster for the Exec Town Tour, which was a moderate success, on the 10th of November. I've also been looking into starting a Vlog or a short series of regular videos giving updates for what the Scarborough union is planning and what events are coming up.

After the resignation of the Equality and Diversity Officer, I started helping Si with the Liberation campaign and after the election of the new Equality and Diversity Officer I joined with her to do the campaign together.

For the next semester I am planning on running an environmental awareness campaign, with the help of SHrUBS. I've also looked into the organisation of a touch tank, with intertidal animals, in cooperation with SHrUBS for a stress awareness event. However this was a dead end due to the seasonal availability of wildlife.

Community Officer Scarborough

Joe Barker

Have been working with students to try and set up new societies or to try and run events so that there are activities for them to take part in.

Have been liaising with privately run societies in the Scarborough area to negotiate discounted membership for our students.

Organised a Children in Need RAG event which raised £152. This included organising a bake sale and a campus wide pyjama and onesie day.

Sports Officer Scarborough

James Lamb

- Completed union training in both Scarborough and Hull as well as being introduced to those in the Sports Zone. Discussed with Matt Bramall about possibilities of intercampus events.
- Advertised Campus Sport events as well as Active Coast in and around the campus. Discussed with Si about promoting activities, groups and clubs in town.
- Unfortunately, we didn't have much of a take up on the Active Coast events on campus so instead promoting their events in town.
- Ran a variety of events with other officers including welfare events, pumpkin carving and a town tour. Looked into a variety of team building events and give it a go sessions.
- Currently circulating a survey with campus sport on how to improve sports provisions next semester. This includes replacing Badminton with Hand Ball and Dodgeball.
- As primary teachers are going on placement next semester we aren't using the sports hall for activities and they are all moving up to campus. The basketball courts have received

maintenance in preparation. Discussed condensing activities to a few days a week instead of every day.

- Promoting Xmas Super Teams.
- Incorporating advertisement of campus sport and exam stress relief into our welcome back wellbeing event 'The best you' seen as the entire campus will be third years. Stress relief needs to be a big focus. Discussed ideas such as a local boxing club coming for use of punch bags etc.
- Sport on the beach in May? After dissertation hand in, multiple summer sports rounder's kwik cricket etc. Community involvement such as the Volleyball team which has done very well in turn outs this year. Going to ask the RNLI to do life guard runs etc.
- Various contact with students through sports sessions, lecture contacts, surveys and social media.
- Looking forward to a great final year.

Welfare Officer Scarborough

Eden Clark

Appointed in December.

Equality & Diversity Officer Scarborough

Rosalyn Davey

Appointed in December.

Education Officer Scarborough

Rebecca Potter

During this semester I have been trying hard to organise a series of different events and activities within the union however these have not yet been completed but they are on-going projects that can carry on into the next semester.

Within my role I have recruited and trained the course reps on Scarborough Campus and attended all the Talk Scarborough meetings, Exec meetings, Union Councils and even an SSC.

I've worked hard and collaboratively in order to organise a meet up between course reps across campuses with the VP Education, VP Scarborough and various other members of staff on each campus however I believe that this will have to wait until next year as the Year 3 Primary Teachers are going on placement for 3 months, starting in January.

I have also tried to organise first aid training for the FACE. I was able to find a trainer and training that was highly appropriate for the courses. It was a paediatric first aid course that was Ofsted approved. However this has gone through the university and I have been in talks with the head of FACE and Katy Graley to try and find funding from this.

I have helped with various events on campus such as Children in Need where we raised £152 just through a day's bake sale. We took cakes around the campus to encourage people to donate and buy the cakes and other food available. I tried to support my peers in any way that I can such as trying to sort out placement and costing of this placement and how to pay for it.

I will try to carry these on into semester 2 and try a variety of different activities and campaigns within the union and on the Scarborough Campus.

AU Tour Officer

Evie Edmed

No report submitted.

AU Varsity & Events Officer

Kim Houghton

No report submitted.

AU BUCS Officer

Jags Sanghera

First semester of BUCs has been challenging with a new platform for teams to submit their scores in place. This platform has worked well and communication between all teams has improved. At the start of this year I wanted teams to have someone who they could talk to with any issues that they had on a match day by being more accessible, I feel that I have achieved this and have supported teams with their issues. I wanted to make sure that I supported Vicky with any sport relating jobs to ensure that basic questions could be answered without having to put extra work load on Vicky. I feel the new Facebook platform for BUCs has helped both myself and Vicky to communicate. In regards to submitting scores to the official BUCs website, this has been done on the day of games and kept up to date.

Secondly, I also wanted to support all teams on their match days, although I have taken some time out to do this, playing on Wednesday's and other commitments have stopped me from doing this week in week out. For next semester I will make it my aim to watch and support more teams on campus.

Third and finally I wanted to make sure that I work with the exec and help them with their roles, I have supported them by going to the events such as AU Ball, AU Welfare training, and generally supporting and giving my input when necessary.

AU Kit & Equipment Officer

Declan Whiting

- Polled AU teams for feedback on Surridge. (online)
- Delivered feedback to Surridge.
- Informed Surridge that HUU's AU kit contract will be up for tender in 2017.

- Arranged consultation with AU team (in person)
- Meeting arranged with Surridge rep for December.

AU Participation and Inclusivity Officer

Millie Rowbotham

I have been working alongside LGBT+ and Campus Sport to provide an inclusive 'turn up and play' session every month. The idea is to enable LGBT+ to attend sessions as a group and feel more comfortable in doing so. The first session was table tennis (pongathon) and the second planned for December is clay pigeon shooting. Due to the success of these sessions, we are looking for them to become a more regular 2-weekly thing. Also working with LGBT+, we are campaigning for an LGBT+ sportsperson to do a speech during history month on LGBT+ in sport and breaking down barriers. Connor and I are sorting the email, he is approaching it from an LGBT+ uni side, collecting quotes from relevant people, and I'm collecting quotes from rugby teams supporting the talk and to promote it from the AU side.

I organised and ran the AU's 'welfare in sport' training session on 29th November, which social secs and welfare liaisons from over 30 sports clubs attended. The session involved the University Wellbeing Services who covered mental health, consent and the services they provide, including how to report a welfare concern. I also invited student representatives who discussed their roles and how they represent students and how the AU can get involved in their campaigns; Jennie Watts from 'HUU says no' covered consent and sexual harassment, Connor Massey from LGBT+ talked about inclusivity and their turn up and play sessions, Georgina Lord the Disabled Students Officer talked about why wheelchair basketball started, LINKS talked about their support for AU teams and suggested they could help with first aid training. I covered clubs' behaviour and received feedback on changing the policies for the working group that is looking to review the alignment of behaviour policies between internal HUU policies, licencing and the university. Follow up on all aspects covered will be posted on social media and emailed to all welfare liaisons.

I have helped to support other AU clubs by attending as many fixtures as possible and attending training and taster sessions for wheelchair basketball and water polo, being the first point of call for new teams to offer them advice on how to get going with their club.

I've attended meetings with campus sport to discuss LGBT+ and intramural team involvement in the upcoming varsity. I'm also supporting an intramural captains training which will endeavour to create a more fluid 11-a-side football intramural league and am looking at promoting the netball intramural league to subjects and societies. I'm also involved with ensuring intramural teams have the opportunity to apply for 'team of the month' which is to celebrate sport in the university.

AU Secretary and Communications Officer

Laura Webb

- At AU freshers fair, worked with Millie Rowbotham to create a floor plan, photos and description of each club
Sadly this wasn't printed but it was very effective and eye-catching

- In contact with Hullfire, to collaborate with Sports Teams on sending in articles for the paper
I am sorting the rota out in line with all the paper's deadlines and release to ensure the paper is not missing sports reports (as it has been lacking recently)
- Already sent 3 articles through which were published/posted online and in the Newsletter
Beginning the process of taking over some of the newsletter duties from MB
- Need to arrange a second meeting to go through this process
Attended a few matches on Wednesday to support AU teams competing, however heavily involved with my own team so I have limited time to make every Wednesday

Put together the slideshow for AU Ball, using photos MR and I collected for the fresher's fair
- Then helped set up AU Ball on the day making the table planning and putting decorations up around the venue
Taking minutes at every AU Council, AU Zone Meetings and Welfare Training (organised by Millie)

Supported Evie and Exec's in dealing with Tour and any related issues
- I was able to email and message Presidents to help make sure everyone was equally aware of the amount of tour places available
I have set up a Facebook page for all Exec's and Matt Bramall to ensure all official reminders, activities and documents can be posted quickly and to reduce pressure and stress on Matt Bramall

Councillors for Scrutiny – Governance Zone

Oliver Taylor

Over this last semester I have attended regular zone meetings. In these meetings, I serve as Chair of the Governance Zone in addition to my responsibilities as a Councillor. At the start of the semester I collaborated with the Democracy & Governance Co-ordinator (DGC) to organise Councillor for Scrutiny training. I offered my insight into what would be beneficial for Councillors to be trained on as I held that same position last year. In addition to this I have had regular meetings with the Union President to discuss his strategies in regards to the Governance zone. We have also discussed his operations plan and I have reviewed the budgets that the President has oversight of. I have also had meetings with the DGC to discuss the governance review and the student consultation that was held. I also serve as Deputy Chair of Union Council and in that role, support the chair and the running of the Council meetings.

My aims for next semester are to continue my work on the accountability of the zone and to support the officers that are part of the governance zone.

Christian Calgie

No report submitted.

Councillor for Scrutiny – Education Zone

Ben Howard

The Education Zone officers have produced various reports outlining their objectives for the year. I have met with each of the officers to discuss, in depth, how their objectives will be completed and allocating realistic deadlines for each task to be fulfilled.

Conveniently, each officer has similar objectives to the VP Education and therefore intertwined workings will provide better efficiency. Students will benefit from tasks being completed with more extent and focus, and can indulge in the great work the Education Zone will have accomplished.

The VP Education has presented his budget to me for the year, targeting a lot of money into trying to get the student voice heard. A slightly higher, but planned, allocation of the marketing expense budget was used to run the feedback fair event. A strict and careful structure is in place to ensure the budget will not exceed the limit.

Currently, each officer is well on their way in achieving their objectives set out in their manifestos. However, there are still numerous objectives to finish to improve the student experience.

Councillors for Scrutiny - Activities Zone

Joshua McMullan and Salman Anwar

As a councillor for scrutiny my sole overall objective has been to ensure the zone has worked effectively through effective scrutiny. Therefore, this honest report is evidence of that scrutiny. I will be brief in each department of the zone, bringing up the good work they have done as well as what are minor concerns. Myself and the other councillor for scrutiny for the zone, Salman Anwar, share this goal and so this report is from the both of us.

As part of the 'fact finding' mission myself and Salman asked to see the budgets and minutes of each part of the zone. We have seen all the budgets and have seen most of the minutes that were asked for. Due to NDAs, we did not see much of Torch TVs. We received no minutes from the SEC and Hullfire Radio. There were no minutes from Hullfire Paper. Some of the report's conclusions have been drawn from word of mouth discussions.

Overall the zone has performed well. Membership and engagement is up across the board. Societies are active and growing. RAG is raising a considerable amount of money, and nationally has been doing very well. Hullfire in its 3 separate departments has overall performed well, getting a lot of students involved. The VPA has played an active role in supporting all parts of the zone.

SEC

The SEC have done their job acting as the governing body of the societies. No real issues have arisen. Budgets look in order and the executive, apart from one minor dispute at the start of semester, are working together. The only minor concern is organisation, society ratification has been delayed and we have not received minutes suggesting that improvements in organisation can be made.

RAG

Did a sterling job for RAG week, as the previous chair I know the demands that are placed upon the committee are high and were extremely ambitious for RAG week so the money they raised was a fantastic amount. Engagement is up on the challenges which is the big money maker. Number of engaged volunteers is also up. The organisation of the committee has been the best of the zone. Minutes were sent, well organised and very detailed.

HullFire

Paper: Paper was delayed due to an internal matter, it has now come out but it is a shame there was not better plans in place to prevent this from happening. If the editor is unable to do the job for whatever reason there should be safeguards in place. Salman also has some concerns on the formatting. Something which semester 2 he will be chasing up on.

Radio: A lot of shows and engagement which is good. Website has been consistently down, although apparently, this will be sorted but no time scale has been given. From personal experience, I have not seen the most supportive radio executive. No minutes were given when requested. Have to question the decision-making process on the purchase of the new microphones, which are one directional when you listen to them, over effective equipment which ensures continuous broadcasting.

TV: Has been performing very well according to conversations with the zone. It would be nice to know the general gist of what they are working on as the minutes were not forthcoming on that due to NDA's.

Chair: Chair Media has resigned.

VP Activities

VPA has been very supportive, very open in her meeting with us on her objectives and budgets. Clearly has made some progress towards those objectives.

Councillors for Scrutiny - Sports Zone

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Councillors for Scrutiny – Welfare & Community Zone

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