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President

Executive Summary

Since the start of the term, I have been to many in-house trainings and meetings with different departments of the university. I have attended many conferences along with the officer team, such as lead and change, Southern SUs, BUCS, LTEC and student as a governor. Some of these conferences, Lead and change in particular, were a great opportunity to network with other unions and find out their priorities for the year.

As the president, I undertake the responsibility of attending academic board, CEG and UH Board of governors where I feed into various university affairs such as; University's strategic plan, TEF, NSS, timetabling review etc. In addition to that, I have been in attending different committees within the union or across the university including, VCSU; which I co-chair with the pro-VC and HSU board of trustees, which I have to chair.

Within the union, I have been actively involved in different discussions including; Campus safety, reviewing student council by-laws, governance review, developing black history month and our work for BAME.

As well as this, I meet the Vice-Chancellor once a month to talk about my campaigns or any HE issues. I have also been busy with attending some of the graduation ceremonies and visiting different unions to explore their issues and understanding their structure.

Other things to note

Below are the manifesto pledges which were already underway when I joined the post

Wellbeing:

- 2 new graduates roles funded by the university, are due to start soon.
- The counselling requirement to be revisited in December, with the Dean of Students, after reviewing the performance of the two new roles.
- If needed, I plan to lobby for more wellbeing staff support.

Student awareness programme

- All union staff, along with the Sabbatical team has been actively involved in spreading awareness of SU among our students via induction talks, social media and stalls.
- I am very focused on promoting Student Council elections and upcoming by-elections to all our student body to get a diverse pool of candidates.

Gaming consoles for common rooms

- Common rooms to be restructured by Uliving, with better Esport facilities
- Currently working with Saj, Vice President activities, to support Esports society in better ways.

I promised to lobby for a CASE on both campuses however, now I am working for better academic support at each school

Academic Support for each school:

- Started to visit each Dean to get a better idea of how the schools operate with regards to their infrastructure and lobby for what more can be done
- Have been supporting the motion to increase merit-based scholarships to give students(international) the goal to achieve better grades
- Have been working towards promoting work opportunities for students by emphasis on both paid and unpaid employment within schools

Also working on:

- *fan hire system with Vice President Community*
- *LRC multi-faith room with chaplaincy and Dean of students*