

SU President Student Council Report 2 December

The last 5 months have been very busy as expected. Here are some of the things I have been involved in outside my manifesto:

Trainings

As new presidents assume positions every year or sometimes two years, The Students' Union puts on training in order to quickly upskill the new Presidents team. The Students' Union held various training for its staff members and Presidents including Bystander/Speak up training, Unconscious bias training, Sustainability and awareness of Anti-Semitism training.

As part of Interfaith week which I helped plan, we invited a member of the Union of Jewish Students (UJS) who delivered a workshop on "Why Jews speak Hebrew" this was a really useful learning opportunity.

Academic governance restructure and Student charter

UWE Bristol implemented an academic governance review and changed its structure. In order to represent student's views I met with the team in charge of the governance review to ensure that student's voices were heard throughout all of the structure. Working with members of UWE Bristol we reviewed the student charter to see if it was still needed or if any changes should be made. As a team, the Presidents suggested a few changes to the charter to ensure that it effectively echoes the Unions values.

NHS partnership board

We discuss ways the NHS and universities in Bristol (UWE Bristol and UoB) can ensure that student's mental health are taken care of and that appropriate support is provided.

Black History Month (BHM)

In October, we organised several BHM events celebrating our diverse student and staff body. A BHM report will be released within the next few weeks. We held an event around tackling the Attainment gap issue at UWE Bristol which raised some useful points. In order to continue this work on reducing the gap, I recently attended a conference in London focusing on 'Tackling racial harassment and improving BAME students experience in HE'.

DVC recruitment

As a voice for approximately 30,000 students, I have been involved in the recruitment process of the new Deputy Vice Chancellor (DVC), sitting on the case study discussion and the final interview panel making sure that a student voice has a say in the DVC that is appointed.

Academic Recording and Learner analytics (ARLA)

I have been working with the University for the Launch of 'My Engagement', a system that positively monitors student's engagement to make sure that students' stay on track.

Other Meetings

I participate in the PAL stakeholders group voicing my opinion on the effective use of PAL. Other key meetings I attend includes Trustee board, Board of Governors, Academic Board, EEMG.

Graduation ceremonies

Celebrating the successes of our students never gets old. I took part in the graduation ceremony processions, walking out our graduands.

If you want to know more about what I am up to, have a look at my social media accounts where I post regular updates but particularly my monthly blog post on the SU website.