Entertainments officer report. 15/11/18

*Break down of my manifesto:*

*Manifesto points:*

1. Increase transparency and student role in events decision making

Providing students with a social media format by which to provide ideas and feed back on events carried out by the SU. The basis of how exactly to best operate this student events forum is still to be decided, hopefully after my training ill know how best to go about this. Also, along providing ideas students could be given the chance to vote on events chosen as an option available by them and the SU.

My idea with how to do this was the creation of an students forum

Which could take the format of an SU events App

Progress:

I am currently unable to pursue this manifesto point due to the student’s union’s limited resources at this point in time for such an ambitious manifesto point.

I have spoken to Bradshaw and Ellie about this, and it was suggested for the time being using the SU website with which to create a forum for students.

However, the website is currently down, so there are no other possibilities for the time being for how further pursue my manifesto point.

1. Continuing to encourage international student engagement

Along-side continuing past measures which have worked,

 I would like to increase and encourage more participation of I students in sports and societies,

And for them to take a greater role in the SU

 trying to encompass more international students in their target populations for new members (Freshers). I believe it is important to target the international student population while they are young and before they find their group of friends and fall into a daily routine which doesn’t involve engagement with the SU.

Progress:

I have suggested contacting different societies which contain large proportions of international students to have showcasing events at avenue, where they could potentially show-off their culture to a broad range of students who attend, some of which could be international students themselves. Such events would be events were consumption of alcohol is not required to enjoy yourself and so forth.

I have also asked a few people at the SU if they are to get me in contact with any international student groups based on social media so that I could potentially collect large quantities of quotative date from international students on how they would feel more encouraged to participant in events and the SU in general. This is a sort of a back up plan for the time being given I am currently unable to predict how the show casing events at avenue will turn out and currently do not have a forum with which to interact with students, in particular international students.

1. Focus on broader events

A large population of students often don’t attend the bigger events, in particular ones which can involve large alcohol consumption. It is important that these students still feel the SU is active in their day-to-day student life. Therefor day time events hosted by the SU is great way to ensure students can feel at times like no two days at university are going to be the same and actually look forward to coming in to their lectures.

Progress:

I have had discussions with Bradshaw about a Re-freshers series of events which will take place next term and I will take part the participation of hosting certain events that take place.

For the time being what events will take place is still open to discussion, however it is hoped and will try to ensure that there is a mix of drinking and non-drinking events that take place.

I have also suggested that a hand-out calendar be given to students, especially targeting first years who have more time on their hands to go to lots of events, and possibly more money than some of us older poorer students. I thought it was a really good idea having a freshers calendar this year which also extended across the term, I believe it’s a great way of students keeping up to date with everything that’s going on with the SU and its venues.

1. Provide showcasing for students

University is a great time for students to practice their talents and gain diverse experience. The SU should continue to support students by providing them with a platform to showcase their talents and are artistic skills when able. The previous manifesto point about providing a forum for students to use and engage with when it comes to events and as a medium to discuss such ideas with students.

Progress:

I had a meeting with Bradshaw and Ellie which I was not able to attend to do with showcasing vents taking place at avenue. The meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday (14th November).

The idea of these show casing events being providing a location for people to show off their talents such as musical and comedy for example. And this would hopefully be sustainable events by the participants involved bringing their friends and publicising it themselves, along side publicity from the SU. Such showcasing events could differ in content each week to make a particular event taking place at avenue more anticipated and more of a one off event encouraging certain groups of students to come since they might have to wait a few weeks before they see that particular event again.

Individual students, collectives from certain subject courses and societies could participate in hosting these differential events which would most likely take place every week on a Tuesday in the evening, since on a Tuesday in particular these events are unlikely to then clash with other annual events taking place in other SU venues.

It is hoped that these events would be financially sustainable through drink sales at certain events and societies contributing some other their budget at non-drinking focused events to cover staff and venue costs.

Also, I have continued looking for participants for university challenge with mixed success, and I have also started looking for participants for another game show which involves knowledge of antiques.

What I plan on doing in my time in office?

*Areas of interest:*

Increasing the diversity of small events.

Making events more interactive for students.

Transparency of decision making of events.

Thank you

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Apologies if this report is not in the correct template or format.