

**Vice president Union Development Report**

**January 2019 Student Council**

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**Summary**

Over the past month the students’ union has been working tirelessly to maintain expectations and ensure we offer the best experience and support to our members.

**Key Talking Points:**

* **Refreshers**
* **SU talks**
* **Partnership with Towcester and Leisure Northampton**

**Report**

**Manifesto Pledges**

***Focus on activities and entertainment catering to the variety of students at university***

***‘Meet expectations of what the students want from the students union’***

* In talks with the university regarding the Art shop with the potential to move to Waterside.
* Website action group and deadline confirmed
* Keys for facilities for sports teams in the possession of the Students’ Union
* Meeting with Mind charity and working on various campaigns for 2019.
* Socials at Avenue Campus – Sports teams can earn money back for their club.

***Raise awareness of methods in which your voice can be heard***

* Working with staff to organise the BME panel and announce the role on the back of SU Talks Akala to engage and target and give a ‘voice’ to the BME students.

***Encourage participation in Sports Clubs, societies and Volunteering Projects***

* Visited Towcester sports facilities, to build a working partnership with the students’ union. The club will be starting a development plan for facilities. This would be very beneficial for sports clubs and the facilities could be used for a wide range of events such as: Sports matches and training facilities, Varsity, Fresh fest and union day in the future. Towcester find out Early 2019 if they will be granted the funding bid for the project.
* Marketing for Sports, societies and volunteering projects on the students’ union social media channels.
* Societies Varsity
* Encouraged and briefed videographer for footage for sports awards, and for both Varsity’s.

***Create a synergy between the students and the union. Allowing for more student input within the union; developing the student experience***

* Focused on being active on my social media platforms to encourage student voice
* Communication with students in person – to get a ‘feel’ for what the students actually want and think about the students’’ union.
* Working with Lee Craven on community events such as Party Bus, Street party and Sporting events with a twist. – On going
* Dealing with issues that the students’ may have and sorting them out with the university.
* Developing our presence on campus through activities and micro marketing – Creating a ‘buzz’ on campus.
* Working with HR to get student videographers more involved and supply work for the students – ensuring the SU is student lead.

***Launch at least 10 new events that cater to everyone***

* Refreshers for commercial and charity side a mixture of activities catering to all students
* SU talks – Akala and BME
* Mini Union Day

***Ensure adequate facilities are available at waterside to all students especially for sports, societies and volunteering projects.***

* Managed to seek permission and authority of the keys and overall process for facilities on campus.
* Worked with Trisha (Venue manager for Avenue) to put together a deal/agreement where if sports teams use the space on Wednesday then will be able to put money back into the club.
* Conversation started with local facility that have numerous of venues and space, to meet in January and build a partnership for our students to use, allowing for more welfare based sports on campus.
* Monthly meetings with the university to ensure the process around sports facilities and bookings are dealt with according to student issues.

***Other activities:***

* 80p for 2 hours in midsummer meadow
* Sports teams allowed for 2 cars per team to be registered and park by electric avenue while training (Amy moore – Will progress to the car park after we trail this)
* Park and ride no more on Weekends - £1 to park at waterside car park 1 on weekends all day.
* All fountains in university will be made into the plumbing and the walls and have hot and cold.

***UNO mandate:***

* Uno will have new timetable in January
* 19a will now pass through avenue twice an hour for 50p
* 20 will be a double decker throughout the day and remain free