

## Presidents Report

May 2019 Student Council

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### Summary

Since the last council, the clear majority of my work has been to do with matters concerning strategy, governance and student engagement.

### Key Talking Points:

- **SU & University PR Meeting**
- **NUS Conference**
- **Board of Governors Development Group**
- **Board of Governors Risk Workshop**
- **Student Event in London**
- **Voter Registration**
- **Board of Trustees**
- **Board of Governors Recruitment**
- **Northampton Students Union Services Limited Board meeting**

### Report

#### Manifesto Pledges

*Utilise my knowledge of the University to support students in resolving issues at the new campus.*

- I have organised the next operational student experience working group meeting (OSWEG).
- I have written the report for OSWEG that picks up all the concerns raised at the last council meeting which will complete the mandate. This meeting will be co-chaired by myself and Gemma as a part of our handover.

*Ensure the commercial sustainability of the Students' Union's new Engine Shed and The Platform.*

- I have been working with the commercial team and the vice president of union development to get a budget for the platform next year approved that is realistic and sustainable, this budget has been passed by the trustees.
- Next year's budget has been approved by the Board of Trustees.

*Mentor the other Sabbaticals, supporting and empowering them to make change.*

- I have had another round of 1-2-1's with the other sabs to discuss what we need to achieve for the rest of the year and if there is anything I can do to help.
- I am currently working on several presentations for the new sabbaticals as a part of the hand over process.

*Hold the University to account regarding the quality of teaching, by monitoring the impact of the campus move*

- I delivered a talk at the Faculty of Business and Law staff development session, whereby talked about the unions' strategic changes over the past two years and what our plans are going forward.

*Make sure the University disciplinary process is conducted in a fair and just manner.*

- I am working on a training presentation for the new sabbaticals to take them through the disciplinary process.

### **Other Activities**

- **Creating the student council videos**

As per the council mandate, I have been working with a number of individuals to deliver the two videos, which have now been posted to an Instagram compilation.

- **Lord Lieutenants forum**

I have attended this local forum and networked with individuals in the community talking about the work of the Students' Union and the work of our students.

- **SU and university public relations meeting**

I have set up a regular meeting with the university PR team to help coordinate efforts to communicate with students.

- **NUS Conference**

I attended the NUS national conference.

- **Board of Governors development group**

I have been a part of a task and finish group that is looking at how the board of governors operates.

- **Board of Governors risk workshop**

I attended a risk workshop run by the campus services team, that outlined specific risks and how they are being mitigated on the campus.

- **Student event in London**

I was fortunate enough to be invited to an event in London run by our students, it was superbly ran and they managed to raise a significant amount for charity.

- **Voter Registration**

I have been working with the university to help encourage students to register to vote.

- **Board of Trustees**

I Chaired the most recent board of trustees meeting in March and am currently preparing for the next meeting and our away day.

- **Board of governors Recruitment**

I have been supporting the universities board of governors, in the search and selection for new Governors to sit on the board.

## **Mandates**

### **Security**

**Status: Complete**

#### **1. President to look into security policy at the university**

There are a number of policies that the university has that relates to security

These can be found at <https://www.northampton.ac.uk/more/governance-and-management/university-policies-procedures-and-regulations/>

If council could have a think specifically what policies that they would like me to focus on and outcome they would like, I have been involved in a significant number of these policies over the last year, and the Students' Union is consulted on the majority of these policy changes.

I will report at the January council to complete this mandate.

#### **2. President to explore the idea of holding security open forums**

Action complete forum to take place on December 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **3. President to explore if security can be stationed at ground floor security barriers**

This has been raised at Waterside operations meeting, the university are looking into the viability of doing this.

#### **4. President to look into ensuring houses are locked automatically**

This has been raised and contractors are coming out this week to look at resolving the issue. should be completed by the start of next term.

#### **5. President to explore whether Police can walk around campus in their uniforms**

I have had a conversation with Lorna Clarke (Head of campus police) and we have talked about how they have been trying different shifts varying their attire. They are now in the process of reviewing what has been most effective.

### **Cheerleading Mandate**

## **Status: Complete**

The students Union President is mandated by the AU Chair Mandate to reply to Cheerleading and chase up the location of their mats. The Chair moved to vote to accept the procedural motion .

## **the Users of Council**

### **Status: Ongoing**

The Proposer summarised, that two videos be prepared to include information on

- The powers of council,
- Powers of a councillor,
- Responsibilities of a councillor,
- Duties of a chair, that a chair/deputy chair becomes a counsellor,
- The layout of council,
- Why there is more than one councillor from one place, that a counsellor can be mandated within the sub-committees, the effect a councillor creates.

**Declarations: None**