Sabbatical Officer Report

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| **Officer Objectives & SU Strategic Plan** | | | | |
| **Sabbatical Officer Campaigns** | **Knowing & Reaching Our Members** | **Growing Our Opportunities** | **Amplifying and Strengthening Your Voice** | **Making the Most of our Resources** |
| Mental Health Week | X | X | X | X |
| Mr X | X | X |  | X |
| Accomodation Improvements | X |  |  | X |

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| **Specific Campaign & Objective Updates** | |
| **Campaign/Objective** | **Update** |
| Mental Health Week | In Carmarthen, we used social media to promote the mental health week, using the blog feature on the website and the stories feature on Instagram! Staff and students submitted their own tips and tricks, and this was pushed through to the rest of the students. This campaign was pushed through to all campuses, and since taking place in October, we have worked with students and the HWB to make resources that will be available for all, that can be accessed at any given time. Working with Tammy in Lampeter, we plan to relaunch these resources in the second semester, once students have returned from their Christmas break. |
| Mr X Campaign | This year, I am fronting the Mr X campaign which takes place at Christmas. Staff and students take a tag with a child’s name and age on it, and then purchase them a present. I am working with Laura-Cait to find a safe and positive way to deliver the campaign while COVID 19 is still a worry. This plan will be added to as we receive more information and have more solid ideas of the types of things that we can do. When this campaign has launched, we will use social media and student voice to push the campaign across campuses. |
| Accommodation improvements | Since the beginning of my role as a Sabbatical officer I have been working with Kelly and the estates team coming up with ways we can improve the accommodation on campus for students. This is something I plan to launch as a campaign in the spring next year and work alongside the students to find out in what ways can we make the accommodation better and a more homely place for them to live. |

**Emergent Themes & Student Feedback:**

* **Wi-Fi on Campus –** With there being a strain on the campuses Wi-Fi now that students are studying online, students have opened up about their concerns over poor connectivity. I released a poll on social media asking students if the issue was isolated or campus wide, and we were able to determine where on campus the poor connectivity hotspots were. The IT department are currently working on resolving this issue, and students haven’t spoken up about their concern since.
* **Students concerned about lack of social events –** Since the beginning of term, students have openly expressed their concerns of lack of social events due to Covid 19. As a union we have come up with online social events to help combat this issue. We have had successful online escape rooms and Disco Bingo events. As we have to isolate further, I am going to work with Matt and Sarah in the student’s union to find ways to engage more students online and get them involved!
* **Student Feedback –** Overall the majority of communication I have had with students has been very positive; they understand the situation and the current circumstances, and are excited to have the chance to be back studying on campus. I have kept up talking with students who I know are isolating and have been a safe space for them to talk about their issues and concerns.

**Coming Up:**

As a result of the announcement on 19/10/2020 about the circuit breaker lockdown, we anticipate a number of issues surrounding students wishing to leave site to isolate at home.

**Any Other Information:**