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** |
| HEFCW Mental Health funding (Connect) | x | x | x | x |
| Climate Emergency | x | x | x | x |
| Parity of Experience | x | x |  |  |
| Cross-Campus Experience  (Democracy review) | x | x | x | x |
| Housing | x |  | x |  |

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| **Specific Campaign & Objective Updates** | |
| **Campaign/Objective** | **Update** |
| Mental Health Week | W/C 5th October, as an officer team we launched an online Mental Health Week campaign. Each day focused on a different aspect of mental health, from Mood and food, looking after yourself, and busting stigmas. We collaborated with SU and university staff members to create engaging social media posts. Due to Covid, our output and impact was limited, but the week still proved successful with the resources now being made available on the Hwb app. Another Mental Health week is planned for the beginning of January. |
| Connect | Recruitment and training of student and staff connectors is ongoing.  HEFCW grant: £5,000 was put aside to provide self-isolating students with food packs. Roughly half of that figure has been used to create c. 100 food packs for students (delivered to roughly half). More will be available depending on the need.  A partnership proposal with Swansea University in the bulk purchasing of moon cups from Luna. These would be distributed between our students and partnership college students; possibly some into the local communities as well. Luna will also donate moon cups to underdeveloped communities for every 1 bought. Approximately 5 for each 1  An outdoor gym space on campus in Swansea is currently being sought for our students.  Additional mental health training is being looked at for SU staff member(s). |
| Climate emergency | It was finally declared back in July at University Council.  Little work has been completed on this yet. A meeting was held on Tuesday 20th with Dylan Jones and Anna Jones on how to proceed: regular meetings with Anna to then feed into Dylan. |
| Parity of Experience | I initially hoped that I would be able to ensure every student would have access to equal and essential facilities. Covid has massively impacted any work on this. The problem of a lack of infrastructure is also a stumbling block, with no internal solution manageable within a short timeframe. I am hoping that work with surrounding Student Unions will be a short-term fix to this once Covid has subsided. |
| Housing | No work has been done on this because of Covid. |

**Emergent Themes & Student Feedback:**

**Tuition fee refunds**

**PGCE feedback has been less than positive; reps are working with the SU to be able to provide more constructive feedback**

**Students are frustrated with the inability to meet as sports clubs / societies**

**Coming Up:**

Movember

Wear it Pink

’16 days of activism’

**Any Other Information:**