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GOAT/GOALS:

Health and Wellbeing - the university is looking to redevelop their Health & Wellbeing Strategy and we are trying to get feedback via a survey! The SU wants to make sure the strategy is relevant and appropriate for UWTSD students. Universities aren't students and don't always hit the nail on the head...

Venues and Events - we've had the SU bar open again in Caerfyrddin this year (woop woop!) with a regular schedule and different programmes of events and I've been trying to get feedback of what we're doing right as well as what we might be doing wrong and where we can improve! We're hoping to try and build as much of a student led programme of events as possible!

Ongoing projects:

Venues and Events - based on feedback I've been receiving I've been working with colleagues inside the SU to deliver the events and opening times that students want. We hired our Venues and Events Manager right at the beginning of freshers and so it's been a pretty hectic start to the term but we're learning as we go! We're currently working on the programme and events line up for the 2026 year! I'm working (in part with my fellow sabbatical officers in Swansea and Birmingham) on how we can provide cross-campus and online events for our commuter, distance, and online students.

Campus Transition in Caerfyrddin - I am currently working on improving the campus transition from Lampeter to Carmarthen. There have been numerous teething problems - from timetabling, to accommodation, to access to learning and archive resources still on the Lampeter campus.

- I'm currently working with the Library team as well as university Senior Leadership and Jeremy Smith to reinstate the Roderic Bowen Library and Archives Special Collections Research module as well as to improve in person access to the collection of books and resources still held in the Lampeter campus library which is now functioning as a repository and not an open access library.

- I'm working with my colleagues in the SU to try and provide better social spaces and communal spaces on campus. The lounges in halls were converted to bedrooms during the summer and this has meant students living on campus are without comfy communal spaces and currently without anywhere to go during evenings/nighttime when the SU bar is not open. We're currently working on trying to have the SU building be open more often and longer hours.
- I'm currently reaching out to staff (academic, registry, and student services) about how we can combat timetabling issues

Representative Structure - I have been working on how we can make the SSCs more effective and accessible for our student representatives to attend. I've also been working with deans of institutes to improve the running of Institute Boards and to help create an environment where student representatives feel heard and affirmed.