



## **UUSU Student Executive Report**

### **Report of UUSU President**

**22.09.22**

These reports contain an overview of the work conducted from the beginning of my post on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2022, for day-to-day regular updates and for informal vlogs as well as our officer social media accounts please visit [www.uusu.org](http://www.uusu.org). I welcome comments and/or feedback from members and can be contacted through [president@uusu.org](mailto:president@uusu.org)

### **Officer Update**

#### **Welcome Week and Move in Weekend**

We are in the mist of Welcome Week and the VP Coleraine and I were delighted to welcome students onto our Coleraine Campus last weekend as they move into their halls of residence. Over welcome week I have spread myself across Coleraine, Magee and Belfast in supporting the return to campus, with inductions and promotion of our events and elections it's been great to welcome our students back. Course and Council Elections are now open so if any student is interested in making the voices of their fellow course mates heard and create change at during your time at Ulster University – we would love to have you nominate yourself or one of the positions below. Next week is our freshers week so be sure to check out the events we have got on for students this year.

Freshers Fayres: <https://www.uusu.org/events>

Student Councillor and Course Rep Elections <https://www.uusu.org/student-voice/elections/>

#### **Magee Transition Board and Health Science Forum**

Provided update on Student Experience and transition of the Health Science move to Magee. Following updates provided from project team are as follows

*“Things have moved on at a pace and only a couple of the rooms require some further activity to have them ready for us. Furniture and equipment that we are bringing from Jordanstown (some of it only as an interim measure until our new furniture arrives) will be coming in from this Friday.*

*The building is currently being cleaned floor by floor and looks really well. All is looking good to be ready for inductions.”*

Recordings of that session will be released to those students who may want to follow up on the sessions will be released.

### **Menopause Policy Launch**

Delighted to have hosted a session on our Period Poverty campaign in conjunction with the Menopause Policy Launch hosted by the Wo/Mens Network, Menopause policy is a positive step forward for employers in putting support mechanism in place for those whom would be going through Menopause. Thank you to the Wo/Mens Network for there support in these important areas and was honoured to speak at such an important event.

### **Partnership With Purpose - Student Panel**

This week I was delighted to speak on behalf of our placement students Partnerships with Purpose at Titanic Hotel Belfast on developing partnership opportunities in with student and graduate talent. I spoke on communication on the recruitment process to include student voice on areas such as Diversity – particularly identifying hidden disabilities and ensuring that placement opportunities have embedded support for those students. As well as mentioning the strain that the cost of living crisis has on our students and that students must be afforded a fair living wage as well as additional support for travel expenses, reasonable adjustments for equipment access. Lastly, it's no surprise that our students who are passionate in social justice areas such as sustainability want these values reflected in the work place and that employers should look at embedding these values within their recruitment processes.

### **Cost of Living Campaign**

This month we attended a campaign planning session with NUS-USI With inflation on the rise, students are feeling the cost-of-living crisis. They are becoming increasingly concerned about being able to manage financially. UUSU alongside our respective HE partners established our main national campaign for the year “Cost of Survival” NUS-USI will be disrupting material supporting the campaign asks during freshers week alongside the plan of action in addressing the cost of living crisis for our students.

Alongside our National campaign we are working locally to address the student hardship during this time. Myself VP Magee, VP Education and VP Equality and Belonging have began a working group to address the need locally in UU. I will be providing more detail on the campaign asks and developments in further reports.

## **Portfolio Report**

*Establishment of Officer Portfolio and supporting Officer development in portfolios.*

## Policy Updates

*Insert list of policies you are responsible for and outline latest developments*

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Latest Developments</b>	<b>Any Support Required?</b>
<b>Good Relations</b>	<b>Spoke to UU Equality and Legal Manager to re-establish working group</b>	<b>Senior Membership Lead to support development</b>
<b>UCU Industrial Action</b>	-	
<b>Erasmus Funding</b>	-	
<b>UUSU Co-op Policy</b>	<b>SHCOP are to attend freshers fayre event in Belfast to support drive for students to become part of the steering group.</b>	

## Meetings Attended

### National / Regional

- NUS-USI President Meeting – Campaigns Planning Session
- Student Housing Co-ops Bi-weekly meeting
- USI President Working Groups

### University

- Appeal Panels
- Campus Life Monthly 1-2-1s
- Compass Working Group
- Complaint Panel
- Employability and Careers Senior Staff Catch Up
- Health Science Transition Board
- Library Manger Monthly Meetings
- Marketing Catch Up
- Monthly Marketing Meetings
- Monthly Vice-Chancellor 1-2-1's
- Officer Revalidation Training
- Placement and Partnership Catch Up
- Pre-University Council Meetings
- SoHS Communications Working Group
- Student and Campus Experience Working Group
- Welcome to UU Steering

## **UUSU**

- Bi-weekly 1-2-1 Student Voice Manager
- Campaigns Catch Up - GPC
- Health Sciences Forum
- Membership Bi-weekly meeting
- Monthly Management Committee
- Monthly Mentor Catch up CEO
- Monthly President and VP's 1-2-1 Catch Up
- Monthly SMT
- Monthly Sports Management Committee
- Monthly Student Executive
- Student Charter Meetings
- Weekly Officer Monday Debrief