



UUSU Student Executive Report

Report of Vice President for Education

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These reports contain an overview of the work conducted from the beginning of my post on the 28th of August 2022, for day-to-day regular updates and for informal vlogs as well as our officer social media accounts please visit www.uusu.org. I welcome comments and/or feedback from members and can be contacted through vp.education@usu.org

Officer Update

During the past three weeks, there has been a focus on ensuring a successful move into the new UUSU offices in the Belfast campus. This move was made official on Monday 12th September and the majority of this week has consisted of settling into the new campus, orientating ourselves and ensuring that all necessary equipment was moved over and unpacked. It's great to be in the new space and we're looking forward to welcoming students next week!

As part of our training, the officers undertook a session focused on preparing us for any upcoming media interviews. This session was facilitated by an external organisation and focused on both TV and Radio interviews. The session was really helpful and informative and has improved my confidence in this area.

During the past month, I also received training to help me in my role as a member of the UUSU board of trustees. This training was a refresher for me as I had taken it last year but it was useful to be reminded of the responsibilities that come with the role and the expectations of board members. The training was then followed by the first meeting of the board which was hosted in the boardroom of the Belfast campus. Due to the confidential nature of the topics being discussed, the content of the meeting will not be elaborated on within this report.

I was also able to attend social media training which was facilitated by the UUSU Digital Media & Campaigns (Mental Health) Coordinator. This session was really helpful and was very well received by both UUSU staff and the officers in attendance. Thanks again to the Digital Media & Campaigns (Mental Health) Coordinator for taking the time to prepare and deliver the training!

I have also been responsible for the co-ordination of UUSU presence in course inductions during welcome week. The team have been amazing and I'd love to thank them really sincerely for their help and patience on this!

I would also like to note that at the time of writing, I have nominated myself for a position on the Governance Committee of USI. I hope to be able to provide an update on this nomination in my next report, following the upcoming election at Comhairle Náisiúnta on 30th September.

During the past week, we have been involved in Welcome Week and as such, I have helped out with a few evening events and have distributed plenty of lanyards and wall planners! I was also able to help out with the icebreaker games on the Sunday of move-in weekend in LIV and 123 York.

During the past week, I was able to attend the PhD researcher inductions in Coleraine and Belfast to have a few informal conversations and introduce some of the researchers to UUSU. I have also been invited to attend the coffee mornings that are being organised in the doc college going forward and further updates will be provided in future reports.

I have also reached out to academic societies around our Cost of Living campaign to help facilitate a book drop. Further updates on this will be provided in future reports.

Portfolio Report

I was recently asked to give a presentation on the role of Student Officers/ Academic Representatives on revalidation panels. I'm pleased to say this presentation was well received by the group of 50+ academic staff in attendance.

Policy Updates

Policy	Latest Developments	Any Support Required?
Student Complaints	Discussions Ongoing	-
Compulsory Reading Weeks	Discussion had with PVC Academic Quality and Student Experience - ongoing	-
Free Education	-	-
Hidden Course Costs	-	-
Time Tabling	Implementation of new timetabling software coming in the new academic year	-
Re-Enrolment fees	-	-

Meetings Attended

National / Regional

- NUS-USI Campaign Planning

University

- Evaluation and Revalidation Briefing Seminar
- Quality Enhancement/ Academic Office Revalidation Training

UUSU

- Campaign Planning – Cost of Living
- Education catch-up with Student Voice Manager and Academic Rep Co-Ordinator
- Equality/Diversity Network Planning
- Internal Campaign Planning
- Management Committee
- Media Training
- Meeting with Acting Head of Membership around UUSU Inductions
- Social Media Training
- Trustee Board and Trustee Board Training
- Welcome Week Planning
- Welcome Week/ Freshers' Planning