

**UUSU Student Executive Report**

**Report of the VP Coleraine**

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## Introduction

These reports contain an overview of the work conducted from the beginning of my post on the 1st of July 2025, 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 [Insert Email Here]. For any further queries, please contact the Student Executive Secretariat, Mark @[m.francos@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:m.francos@ulster.ac.uk?subject=Student%20Executive%20Query).

### Manifesto Goals

**Improvement of Student Safety**

**Nightlife Expansion**

**Mental Health Prioritisation**

**Support for Students with Additional Needs**

**Protection of Student Renter’s Rights**

### My Working Groups / Committees

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| Name of Working Group / Committee | Reason for UUSU Representation |
| UUSU Trustee Board | Voting Trustee |
| Student Council | VPC |
| Student Executive | VPC |
| Societies Management Committee | VPC |
| Networks Management Committee | VPC |
| Articles Review Group | One of two selected officer representatives |
| Management Board | VPC |
| Student Housing Co-Op | Officer lead on this project |
| Student Experience & Success Sub-Committee | Campus VP responsibility |
| Complaints | Campus VP responsibility |
| Student Panel | Campus VP responsibility |
| Employability Subcommittee | Campus VP responsibility |

### My Policies / Portfolio Assignments

**List of Policies**

* Cost of Living
* Accessibility on and Around Campus

**Your Portfolio**

I represent students on the Coleraine Campus and offer advice and guidance while promoting awareness of welfare issues. I deal with students’ concerns and promote and support clubs & societies on the Coleraine campus.

## Monthly Updates

### July 2025

**Officer Update**

**Policy Updates**

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| **Policy** | **Latest Developments** | **Next Steps** |
| Accessibility on and around Campus | **Policy write-up underway** | **Complete policy write up.** |
| **Cost of Living** | **Policy write-up underway** | **Complete policy write up** |

**Campaign Updates**

**Networks Updates**

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

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| **Network Name** | **Date of Meeting** | **Membership Engagement** | **Latest Developments** |
| **DisABILTY Empowerment Network** |  | **N/A** |  |
| **Women’s Empowerment Network** |  |  |  |

**Event and Activities Updates**

*Insert list of Events and Activities you attended this month*

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| **Event/Activities Name** | **Date of Event** | **Membership Engagement** | **Successes** | **Recommendations** |
| **SUT Galway** | **21st- 25th July** | **Shared on officer social media.** | **Refreshed current knowledge from last term and gained a lot more detailed expertise in certain areas which previously lacked.** |  |

**Meetings Attended**

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| **Meeting Name** | **Matters Discussed** | **UUSU Contribution** | **Action Required** |
| UUSU Inductions & Training |  | Officer team was delivered training by staff from various departments of UUSU/UU and some externals. | N/A |
| Societies Management Committee |  | Officer Team & Activities Team were in attendance. | N/A |
| Student Executive |  | All Officers, GPC & HOM were all in attendance. | N/A |
| Staff Survey Focus Group |  | A representative from each department of UUSU was in attendance.  Director for HR & Campus Operations also in attendance. | Feed back to the officer team for details of meeting. (C) |
| UUSU/UUBS Intro |  | All officers and multiple members from the SV team were in attendance. | N/A |

### August 2025

**Officer Update**

**Policy Updates**

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| **Policy** | **Latest Developments** | **Next Steps** |
| **Accessibility on and around Campus** | **Policy write-up underway** | **Complete policy write up.** |
| **Cost of Living** | **Policy write-up underway**  **Met with GPC for initial guidance** | **Complete policy write up by 03/09/25.** |

**Campaign Updates**

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| **Campaign Name** | **Campaign Focus Week** | **Associated Policy** | **Latest Developments** |
| **Mental Health** | **Multiple** | **Mental Health** | **Theory of change document near completion** |
| **Fees and Funding** | **Multiple** | **Cost of Living**  **Housing**  **Transport** | **Theory of change document near completion** |

**Networks Updates**

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| **Women’s Empowerment Network** |  |  |  |

**Event and Activities Updates**

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| **Event/Activities Name** | **Date of Event** | **Membership Engagement** | **Successes** | **Recommendations** |
| SUT+ QUB | **14 - 15/07/25** | **Shared on social media** | **Much better simulation event than last year.**  **Received high praise from my simulation observer (which was nice for my confidence at least** | **Push morning start times back an hour to let my comrades and I rest our tired and hungover bodies.** |

**Meetings Attended**

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| **Meeting Name** | **Matters Discussed** | **UUSU Contribution** | **Action Required** |
| Policy Day | All things policy | In Attendance:  Officer Team  GPC  UUSU’s most valuable asset (Mandy) | Officers will continue progression with |
| VPC Mentor Meeting | Officer/Mentor progression document | In Attendance:  VPC  DoF |  |
| Student Event Budget | Extra events budget and potential spend | In Attendance:  Officer Team  IHOM  AM |  |
| UUSU/DC (PGR) | UUSU’s relationship with the Doctoral College | In Attendance:  Officer Team  IHOM  SVCe |  |
| Freshers Events | Look to your left | In Attendance:  Officer Team  SAM  EVC |  |
| SAA Shortlisting | Candidate applications  For the SAA roles across all campuses were evaluated and shortlisted. | In Attendance:  VPC  HRA |  |
| VPC/HRA 121 |  | In Attendance:  VPC  HRA |  |
| Glow NI x UUSU |  | In Attendance:  VPC  CC |  |
| VPC/VPEB 121 | None of your business!  Gaza 40 Campaign | VPC & VPEB were in attendance. | VPEB will send periodic updates into the officer chat regarding the progress of Gaza 40. |
| VPC/GPC Policy Discussion |  | In Attendance:  VPC  GPC |  |
| UUSU x ResLife |  | In Attendance:  VPC  EVC |  |
| COL Campaign |  | In Attendance:  VPC  VPM  VPB  CC |  |
| UUSU/Compass |  | In Attendance:  Officer Team |  |
| Mental Health Campaign |  | In Attendance:  VPC  VPSW  VPE |  |
| SAA Belfast Interviews | 13 Interviews took place | In Attendance:  VPC  HRA  SC |  |
| SAA Coleraine Interviews |  | In Attendance:  VPC  HRA  SC |  |
| SAA Magee Interviews |  | In Attendance:  VPC  HRA  SC |  |
| WonkHE Training |  | In Attendance:  Officer Team |  |

### September 2025

**Officer Update**

As always, September was an extremely busy month for everyone, with new students moving into campus accommodation, the return of students to campus, dealing with an unfortunate amount of student issues/complaints, a multitude of meetings (detailed in the meetings table below) and most importantly, Freshers Week!

The officers and I attended a day long meeting with QUBSU & NUS-USI, making plans and sharing positive ideas for the year ahead on how we can work collaboratively for the betterment of student life.

I had the privilege of attending the RAISE conference at the University of Glasgow, which provided me with brilliant guidance and training on methods of elevating student voice at UU. I found that some of what I encountered at the conference to be more corporate and University orientated from a business perspective, but this allowed me to develop ideas of what NOT to do and to always focus on students first. This trip also allowed us to visit Strathclyde SU, which was an amazing space that provided me with a multitude of fresh ideas to take back and present to UUSU, and productive conversations with Strathclyde staff took place, planting ideas for further possible developments of UUSU.

I delivered 17 UUSU inductions across multiple courses and marginalised student groups (putting the excellent public speaking training delivered to the officer team into practice), for which I received very positive feedback, reaching out to as many students as humanly possible in order to maximise engagement with UUSU and let our membership know of all avenues of support that we provide.

I didn’t think that we could up our game or even match Freshers 2024, but we did just that in Coleraine! With events now being ticketed for health and safety purposes, after last years uncontrollable attendance, ensuring students weren’t put off and that they had secured tickets was challenging. However, each of our events went swimmingly, with the gem of the week being Sex Toy Bingo, which we received amazing feedback for, especially because it turned into a party rave by the end in true UUC fashion. (individual freshers events listed in events table below)

I had my first meeting with the newly set up Student Housing co-op group, for which I was nominated to be UUSU lead (following the guidance of resident Advice Manager & housing guru, Tony Carmichael). This project, when completed, will provide greater accessible and affordable housing for UU students, which is vital in the ongoing housing & COL crisis. This project is one that I am extremely passionate about expanding to all 3 campuses in future years.

I took part in the interview process for our new student staff, with over 20 interviews taking place over a number of days. We have now successfully recruited 3 student staff per campus, which is brilliant for supporting the officers with their extremely heavy workload. As the only Coleraine based VP, I have been swamped with an unsustainable amount of student issues, so having 3 brilliant student staff members to support me is invaluable.

In September, I have been working on 2 extremely worrying student safety issues in the Triangle area. I am working with David (CEO) and Emily to counter a recently reported illegal taxi scandal. Productive steps have been made in tackling this issue, with local police being notified and a detailed UUC transport guide being worked on. Emily and I also dealt with a serious student spiking report in Portrush, which has escalated our work on anti-spiking in Coleraine.

**Policy Updates**

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| **Accessibility on and around Campus** | **Policy write up completed** | **Meet with GPC to finalise policy.** |
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**Campaign Updates**

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| **Campaign Name** | **Campaign Focus Week** | **Associated Policy** | **Latest Developments** |
| **Mental Health** | **N/A (Multiple Focus Weeks)** | <https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Mental-Health-First-Aid-2024-V2.pdf> | **‘Theory of change’ document completed.**  **Preparations for World Mental Health Day made.** |
| **Money Talks** | **N/A** | **Cost of Living policy is near completion and ready for approval.** | **‘Theory of change’ document almost completed.**  **More information on student housing co-ops needed to progress further on said campaign strand** |

**Networks Updates**

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| **Network Name** | **Date of Meeting** | **Membership Engagement** | **Latest Developments** |
| **Disability Empowerment Network** |  |  | **Networks promoted at FF, social media and on campus pop ups** |
| **Women’s Empowerment Network** |  |  | **Networks promoted at FF, social media and on campus pop ups** |

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| **RAISE Conference** | **04/09/2025 & 05/09/2025** | **Social media** | **Main success personally was gaining fresh ideas from visiting other SUs** | **Make more effort to take positive influence from other SUs** |
| **Freshers Quiz** | **22/09/2025** | **In person attendance at BV Social** | **In person attendance was brilliant** | **Continue hosting this freshers event in future years**  **Shake it up and possibly make game show themed.** |
| **Ice Cream Giveaway** | **23/09/2025** | **In person engagement outside main building**  **Multiple opportunities for positive conversations with new/returning students** | **Ice cream sold out faster than last year with some brilliant engagement** | **Continue hosting this freshers event in future years** |
| **Craft & Chat** | **23/09/2025** | **In person attendance in UUC Social Space** | **Small attendance but they thoroughly enjoyed** | **Possibly set aside extra budget for more craft options (e.g. jumping clay)** |
| **Sex Toy Bingo** | **23/09/2025** |  | **Fully packed bar with 300 in attendance**  **Most successful freshers event this year** | **Continue hosting this freshers event in future years (don’t fix what isn’t broken)** |
| **Freshers Fayre** | **24/09/2025** | **In person attendance at Diamond Hall**  **Heavy SM engagement** | **Even bigger, better and more rewarding than last year.**  **Brilliant attendance in person and great SM engagement** | **Put more focus and preparation into our offered quiet hour** |
| **Pottery Painting** | **24/09/2025** | **In person attendance at UUSU Social Space** | **Event completely sold out.** | **Continue hosting this freshers event in future years** |
| **Petting Farm** | **25/09/2025** | **In person attendance outside BV Social** | **Relatively consistent footfall from students** | **Host on a bigger scale if budget permits** |
| **Comedy Night** | **25/09/2025** | **In person attendance at BV Social** | **Less well attended than other major events but brilliantly received by attendees** | **Continue hosting this freshers event in future years if interest remains satisfactory** |
| **Freshers Wind Down** | **26/09/2025** |  | **In person engagement was brilliant for a Friday**  **Brilliant opportunity to gather student feedback on freshers week** | **Continue hosting this freshers event in future years** |

**Meetings Attended**

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| **Meeting Name** | **Matters Discussed** | **UUSU Contribution** | **Action Required** |
| HE Officer Meeting (NUS-USI) | Multiple higher education matters discussed | Officer team was in attendance. |  |
| NSS Scores Evaluation | How UUSU can act on the latest NSS scores, to improve our engagement with targeted courses | Officer team, SVM & SVC(e) in attendance. |  |
| Societies Management Committee | Two new societies approved | VPC, VPB & Societies Co-ordinator in attendance |  |
| Money Talks campaign meeting | Campaign details continued to be discussed in depth | Campus VPs & CC were in attendance |  |
| Mental Health campaign meeting | Campaign details continued to be discussed in depth | VPC, VPSW, VPE & CC were in attendance |  |
| Stage 3 Complaint Panel | Confidential | VPC attended as UUSU rep |  |
| Articles Review Group | Further progress made towards the completion of the groups work | VPC, CEO, SVM & GPC were in attendance |  |
| UUSU/Climate Strategy Consultant | Initial talks took place with UU Climate Strategy | Campus VPs & DHR were in attendance |  |
| Staff Anchor Day |  | Most UUSU staff in attendance. |  |
| UUSU/Student Panel |  | Campus VPs & SVM were in attendance |  |
| B&H Training | Bullying & Harassment training was delivered | VPC & President were in attendance |  |
| Student Housing Co-op Meeting | Initial conversations around the development of a Belfast student housing co-op took place | Campus VPs & ABM were in attendance |  |
| SU Reval Training | Revalidation training was delivered | Officer team & SVM were in attendance |  |
| Officer Planning Day | Each UUSU campaign was discussed in detail, with prospective plans for the year being put in place. | Officer team was in attendance |  |
| Mental Health Campaign Meeting | Campaign details continued to be discussed in depth | VPC, VPE & CC were in attendance |  |
| Money Talks Campaign Meeting | Campaign details continued to be discussed in depth | Campus VPs & CC were in attendance |  |
| Staff Survey Focus Group Meeting 3 | Action points from previous meeting discussed.  Further discussions regarding the staff survey results took place. | Nominated individuals from UUSU teams were in attendance |  |
| Campus VP Catchup | Bi-weekly catchup between VPC, VPB,VPM took place | Campus VPs were in attendance |  |

### October 2025

**Officer Update**

**Update to be completed at months end**

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| **Money Talks** | **N/A** | **Cost of Living policy is completed and ready for approval.** | **‘Theory of change’ document completed.**  **‘Officer Meal Prep’ series underway, with weeks 1&2 completed and gathering 7,000+ and 9,000+ views respectively.** |

**Networks Updates**

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| **Disability Empowerment Network** |  |  | **Final big push for committee nominations for UUC.** |
| **Women’s Empowerment Network** |  |  | **Nominations for full committees on all 3 campuses obtained** |

**Event and Activities Updates**

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| **Event/Activities Name** | **Date of Event** | **Membership Engagement** | **Successes** | **Recommendations** |
| **Brew Days** | **Weekly** | **Brilliant in person engagement** | **Brew days have been fantastic when themed (e.g. World Mental Health Day).**  **Gave a brilliant way of pushing final course rep and council nominations (which beat last year’s total)** | **Continue weekly themed Brew Days**  **Look for avenues to expand** |
| **Connect with a Cuppa** | **09/10/2025** | **In person attendance at the Social Space/Bridge** | **Brilliant in person engagement once event location was moved to the bridge** | **Hold similar events on the bridge going forward** |
| **Craft & Chat (World Mental Health Day)** | **09/10/2025** | **In person attendance at the Social Space** | **Relatively well attended** | **Make event more large scale in future years** |
| **Interactive Media x UUSU** | **14/10/2025** | **In person attendance at the Collab Lab** | **Students seemed to respond very well to this event, listening attentively and showing enthusiasm for potential collaborative projects.** | **Hold similar events for different courses to strengthen relationships with these schools.** |
| **Diwali Henna Workshop** | **20/10/2025** | **In person attendance at Social Space** | **Relatively well attended and extremely positive feedback given** | **Possibly move location to the bridge for maximum engagement** |

**Meetings Attended**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Meeting Name** | **Matters Discussed** | **UUSU Contribution** | **Action Required** |
| Doc College Presentation | Overview of UUSU provided to UUC PhD students. | VPC & SVC(e) were in attendance |  |
| Campus VP Catchup |  | Campus VPs |  |
| Student Executive |  | In Attendance:  Officer Team  SVM  GPC |  |
| Articles Review |  | In Attendance:  President  VPC  CEO  SVM  GPC |  |
| Big Campaigns Catchup | Each officer provided an update on their respective campaigns and the specific work being undertaken. | In Attendance:  Officer Team  Campaigns Co-Ordinator |  |
| Mental Health Campaign | Upcoming strands of campaign discussed in further detail | In Attendance:  VPSW  VPE  VPC  Campaigns Co-Ordinator |  |
| Freshers Week Reflection | Feedback and reflection on the successes/shortcomings of Freshers week to consider alterations for Freshers 2026 | All UUSU Staff (bar apologies) |  |
| Mentor Meeting | Plan of work and manifesto completion strategies discussed | In Attendance:  VPC  CK |  |
| Societies Management Committee | Multiple new societies approved | In Attendance:  Campus VPs  SC  EVC |  |
| Trustee Board |  | In Attendance:  SMT  Officer Team |  |
| Events Commitee | Upcoming events final preparations discussed  Christmas event planning and finalisation discussed | In Attendance:  Officer Team  Activities Team |  |
| AMLE Comhairle Naisuinta |  | In Attendance:  Officer Team |  |
| Fees & Funding Campaign | Upcoming strands of campaign discussed in further detail  Feedback on VPM & VPC Meal Prep videos provided | In Attendance:  Campus VPs  Campaigns Co-Ordinator |  |
| Mental Health Campaign | Movember final preparations discussed | In Attendance:  VPC  VPSW  VPE  Campaigns Co-Ordinator |  |
| UUC Social Space Meeting | Future of E019 discussed | In Attendance  VPC  DoM  EVC  SAM |  |

### November 2025

### December 2025

### January 2026

### February 2026

### March 2026

### April 2026

### May 2026

### June 2026