

**UUSU Student Executive Report**

**Report of the VP Magee**

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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 ***l.doran1@ulster.ac.uk***. 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

1. **Magee Taskforce Representation**

Fight to ensure Magee students’ voices are heard at the heart of the university’s expansion plans, protecting and enhancing the student experience. This includes pushing hard for better accommodation and transport provisions to meet growing demand.

2**. Safe, Student-Friendly Nights Out**

Secure regular events at nighttime venues that are both safe and affordable, creating enjoyable social spaces for students, while also opening valuable fundraising opportunities for our sports clubs and societies.

**3. Promotion of the Irish Language**

Champion the Irish language on campus and beyond, by integrating it into social media posts, campaigns, and events, advocating for bilingual signage, and representing the language at rallies and cultural activities to make the language more visible and accessible.

**4. Fostering Sense of Community at Magee**

Being present around Campus and a face that students aren’t afraid of to come and chat to when they are facing issues, this also involves promoting the great work of our societies and groups helping to create that sense of belonging on Campus.

### My Working Groups / Committees

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| Name of Working Group / Committee | Reason for UUSU Representation |
| Magee Taskforce |  |
| Magee Taskforce Subgroup - Accommodation |  |
| ASQEC |  |
| Learning Teaching Committee |  |
| Acclaro (Sustainability) |  |

### My Policies / Portfolio Assignments

**List of Policies**

* Housing Policy
* Magee Name Policy ( *To Be Developed* )

**Your Portfolio**

[Brief outline of the portfolio based on role description / own words.]

## Monthly Updates

### July 2025

**Officer Update**

*[Insert general overview]*

*23rd June -On my first day i attended a Magee Taskforce meeting alongside ex-president ethan daives as am introduction and to get a feel for what it is like- introduction and got a feel for how the meeting flows/ when to contribute –*

*24th June- Had an in person meeting with Michelle from the Metro to discuss student nights out and continuation of the partnership via ‘gentleman's agreement’*

*25th June- met with SMT for the first time and done some team bonding activities afterwards*

*26th June – Trustee Board Training in Belfast*

*27th June- spent the day getting all basics set up: e.g. New officer email account, got card working for office and store rooms, Email signature, adding key dates to calendar, Bank details/ parking details*

*30th June – Student activities training in Coleraine, also had an informal meeting with Linda McGuiness from the Magee Taskforce to help me with contributing*

*1st July – Student Voice induction in Belfast*

*7th July – Campaigns planning day, set out what campaigns we would each be working on throughout the year/ established campaign leads- i will be working across all campiagns but i will be focusing on – Cost of Living, Irish Language, Tackling violence against women & Girls + Mental health8th July – Had a catchup meeting to establish which meetings i will be assigned to – still needed ironing out in regards to the Magee Taskforce*

*9th July- Met with the UU Business school in Belfast - 50th anniversary and had a proposal for a Business school event in partnership with the Students Union, also had our induction with Tony Carmichael from the advice Bureau*

*10th July – Team video and photo day was held on the Coleraine campus*

*11th July – Received word back from the Metro that they were only willing to give us Tuesday nights for the next academic year- after discussion with sports committees and VP sport we came to the consensus that this would not work for fundraisers, began discussions about getting the Magee social space done up as currently outdated/ misinformation*

*14th July – Broke down all the courses here at Magee and started to collect all of their contact information and sort them into groups to be emailed (this was done to organise inductions – build a rapport with the student's union- and deliver specific information i needed from them / to give to them [social workers information from the local coincil on depuations])*

*15th July – sent tailored emails to each of the Groups to be emailed: e.g. Life and Health Science, Sports courses, foyle arts subjects, Business schooll,, e.t.c. (the rationale behind this was to increase engagement as opposed to one over-arching email that is unlikley to gain traction. Engagement)*

*16th July- Began working with VPE on plan to help ensure timetables are out for students at the start of the year, recieved an sports committee email list from sports services i requested and sent out an introduction email/ advised them on getting their committes filled out and provided them with a budget template to help them ensure they get funding for the upcoming year*

*17th July- HR training and Finance Induction on the Magee campus*

*21st – 25th July – Was at SUT in Galway*

*28th July- Student Officer - Recruitment & Selection Training, undergone green dot train the trainer session, working on Magee Taskforce accommodation subgroups final comments, Fees and funding campaign.*

*29th – Had in depth conversation of moving away from the Metro with Paul Doc, Set up a meeting with Dawn Grieve from Lighthouse project, Tidied up excel document and proposed getting it up on the SharePoint, had an in person meeting with Paul Johnson and Lauren Sloan about measurements and what i would like to see in the Magee social spaces, also had discussion around the Palestine statement with the officer team*

*30th – Had my one to one with Emily, working on TVAWG campaign,*

*31st – Monthly catch up with librarian Roslina, Arranged a meeting with Mary Crossan around Student engagement on her end, and helping feed into the taskforce, Trustee Board, navigating a tricky sitation with prospectus student around stundent finance*

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**Portfolio Report**

*[Insert details of actions taken in your specific portfolio, for example, development of green week if you were leading on the Sustainability Portfolio, or details of a plagiarism campaign if you were leading on Education for example.]*

**Policy Updates**

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

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| **Policy** | **Latest Developments** | **Next Steps** |
| **Housing** | **Have been assigned this policy to work on and develop** | **Need to begin completely re-writing the policy as it needs an overhaul** |
|  | **Finished initial draft** | **(Wait for Emily’s feedback)** |
|  | **Have made slight amendments to wording since** | **need to get more sources and definitions sources to strengthen it and await more feedback from emily** |
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**Campaign Updates**

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

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| **Campaign Name** | **Campaign Focus Week** | **Associated Policy** | **Latest Developments** |
| **Cost of Living** | **TBC** |  | **Assigned as a Lead** |
| **Irish Language** | **16th March - WEEK** |  | **Will be helping extensively** |
| **Tackling Violence against women & girls** | **9th Febuary - WEEL** |  | **Assigned as a Co-Lead** |
| **Mental Health** | **TBC (13th OCT?)** |  | **Will be helping extensively** |

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

**Meetings Attended**

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| **Meeting Name** | **Matters Discussed** | **1Action Required** |
| Magee Taskforce Meeting 13 | Transport, Accommodation plans, |  |
| Meeting with Metro (nighttime venue) | Gentlemans agreement, new direction of metro, we need increased traffic |  |
| Linda McGuiness- Taskforce context explainer | Filled me in on the History of the taskforc, behind the minutes and rationale of vagueness |  |
| 1-2-1 president catchup | Trying to identify roles across taskforce work streams |  |
| Met UUBS Business school | Positive convo, 50th anniversary, looking to host event, cross campus colaboration |  |
| Librarian induction |  |  |
| Trustee Board |  |  |
| Magee Taskforce Accommodation subgroup (online) | Meeting went through Lisnay report, discussed proposals in depth- need in person meeting to wrap up |  |
| Magee Taskforce Accommodation subgroup (in-person) | Commuted from (Galway during SUT) planned price per unit is way to high, |  |
| Library monthly catchup |  |  |
| Emergency SE | Palestine Statememnt |  |
| Sports Induction |  |  |
| Met Dawn Grieves from Lighthouse project | Very positive, procured more stickers for the halls, and has been modified/ improved |  |
| Metro – meeting final | Uncomfortable meeting, very little offered to students in terms of fundraising potential, unsure on best action |  |
| Big Campaigns catchup | Talked through campaign rationales |  |
| Go Global campaign meeting | Positive meeting willing to spend money on our events |  |
| Kaboodle Meeting | Sounds promising, hard to know where it would land with bunker though |  |
| Magee Taskforce- extra representation | Positive meeting, gained more context around structure from DFE perspective, adamant to not push for more student representation but have given us a slot |  |

### August 2025

**Officer Update**

*[Insert general overview]*

*1st August – Searching for external nightlife options after not hearing back from Metro with Metro - was in Contact with Aoife Thomas from Kaboodle, Liaised with Andrea Garland & VPE to set up a meeting ahead of our first LTC Meeting, Conversations began with David and Mandy about setting up internal Magee Expansion working Group, Had zoom meeting with Joeseph Sweeney (president of ATU Donegal) regarding cross campus initiatives, Arranged meeting with Oonagh Mccalister from res-life ahead of upcoming move in weekends*

*4th August – Attended Sports induction in Coleraine with UU Sport - In contact with Leanne Whiteman about a joint UUSU/Go-Global week plan to host an event during Black History Month, sent my final comments about the Accommodation Market Study circulated to all members*

*5th August – Had our Big Campaigns Catchup + Subgroup Meetings, also had catch up with Aisling Browne from HR, after zoom meeting with Kaboodle they seemed to be very pricy for students and were ruled out.*

*6th August – COL Campaign Meeting to get caught up, Myself and VPS&W met with Dawn Grieve (Foyle Search and Rescue) we managed to receive an increased provision of NFC stickers to be displayed on + around campus – we were also given permission to have our own slot on the App for Students – an license to shape it ow we see fit, We then had another meeting with Metro where in which conversations broke down – as they retracted offer to use Wednesday nights as a fundraiser + Conversations around student safety very negative – no promise to not let non student aged people into the venue on student nights, and a victim blaming frame around spiking, took on more inductions to the timetable.*

*7th August – Had meeting with Go Global Team about an event around week 5 where in which we join together to do a quiz – we would hoest the event do some promotion – and they would pay for the catering, set up meeting with Teresea Rice (Glow NI) re: Money received to combat spiking, Joined the Irish Language Taskforce set up by Ethan (Queens Student Officer), revissed Trustee notes + submitted Paper response*

*11th August – Met with Kaboodle seemd very positive but upon further reflection the price point was not in line for students pockets, Policy work, further inductions, began planning and contacted Charlotte about the Magee Taskforce survey to run in week 5*

*12th August – Met with Oonagh McCallister (Res-life) ahead of move in weekends/ plans for the year ahead – discussed getting Resdential assistans Green dot training, provided Oonagh with a provision of UUSU stop spiking leaflets & gave her Lighouse project NFC stickers to get put up in Accommodation, Established members still remaining of the stand up for social work society & encouraged members to re-register to Karen, Gave more direction for the Magee Expansion project working on with Mary Crossan*

*13th - 15th August – Was at SUT+ in Queens – attended a few workshops and went through a very stressful simulation where in which our group performed well in a challenging situation.*

*16/17th - Move in Weekend in Magee with the Medical Students in Magazine Street, met some lovely students and provided them with UUSU tote Bags + established myself as a point of contact.*

*18th August – Policy Day with officers in Coleraine- talking through where we are at with policies, student events budget discussion- where we will allocate our money for events for our events during the year.*

*19th August – Introductions with Doctoral College – establish communication and build relationship with students going forward, met with SAA team to talk about Freshers events*

*20th August – Helped facilitate photoshoot for UU Sport by providing lefts to Derry walls, was in contact with ex VP Magee Ryan harling regarding accessibility ramps, missed GLOW NI meeting but arranged with Rosie for an in-person meeting, stated to notice the issue of multiple students being unable to re-enrol with chosen modules*

*21st August – Coffee Morning with the Doctoral College- meeting current PHD researchers and introducing UUSU to new researchers on their first day – also had a productive chat with Allison Gallagher*

*22nd August – First issues with enrolment appearing, confirming details with O’Laughlins following positive conversations around working with the UUSU for our fundraiser night as part of our Cost of Living campaign.*

*23rd August – Attended Foyle pride representing UUSU with banner*

*25th August – In Belfast for Policy meeting + Cost of living Catchup*

*26th August – Medical societies having difficulty taking in members/ with setting up committees, took on more inductions, Library catchup with roselina to talk through how the library team were planning to go with inductions*

*27th August – Attended medical freshers Fayre in the MU building –setting up everyones tables and taking everything down to the office + covered for Paul from UU Sport*

*28th August – Coffee and chat with international students, \*\*\*From this point i forward until the end of september i noticed a huge surge in people reaching out lookin for accomodation –i managed to get a few students sorted through reliable landlords i have rented with in the past however for the majority of students it was a signposting operation, telling them to get on the reslife waiting list (which was already over 150 at this stage - grew to well over 200), also signposted students to download propertypal and derry rentals and set updates for the BT48/47 Area and to keep refreshing every morning at 9am - this period was an absolute disaster for our students trying to get accomodation – and this issue still persists although most students have resided now to either making very long commutes or dropping out \*\*\* Scheduled in person meeting again with Mary Crossan and Shirley Barret from UUBS*

*29th August – Worked from Belfast – \*\*\* also worth noting Laura, VPE&B and myself spent a lot of time packing welcome freshers' packs ahead of our upcoming move in weeks over the next period \*\*\**

*30th August – Move in Saturday for Students in university off campus accomodation – assisted By President*

**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** | **Recommendations** |
| **Foyle Pride** | **23/8/2025** | **2 Officers & 8 Students** | **Meet earlier & Liase more with society + University in Advance** |
| **Move In weekend Magazine Street** | **16+17/8/2025** | **40 Students** | **Bring a table and set up inside** |

**Meetings Attended**

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| **Meeting Name** | **Matters Discussed** | **Action Required** |
| Learning Teaching Committee |  |  |
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| Reslife Meeting |  |  |
| Metro Meeting |  |  |
| Kaboodle Meeting |  |  |
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### September 2025

*[Insert general overview]*

*1st September – Was working with Charles Therese about a games event she was hosting and looking UUSU to be a part of to increase footfall + induction request for her class in all 3 year groups, Updated Orlaith on our current position with representation across the Taskforce and various working groups, done inaugural Brew Monday, Met UUBS team ahead of the classes starting back and set action plan to build up to week 8*

*2nd September – NUS-USI Conference held at QUB*

*3rd September – Popped into SAA training in Belfast, Completed Magee Taskforce report for side project with Mary Crossan giving students an insight into what the expansion is all about*

*4th & 5th September – Attended the Raise conference in Glasgow – great for team bonding and morale & gained interesting information on the consumer protection act.*

*8th September – Magee Taskforce Meeting 14 – now an observer (confidential), had follow up meeting with the diamond and UUSU proposals put forward for a safer nightlife option where in which freshers*

*9th September – Attended Society rep training building connections with our fantastic societies at Magee, Attended Acclaro Sustainability Meeting*

*10th September – Learning teaching Commitee with VPE, Missed anchor day, NetZero Carbon Ulster University meeting, Planned more inductions – made actual Induction slides*

*11th September – Prep Ahead of ASQEC, Student panel inductions*

*12th September – WONKHE Training with Jim, Sorting out Inductions*

*13th & 14th September – Facilitated DSV Move in weekned moving in over 400 students & establishing a good first impression, Pushed the SAA role to ensure we get applicants*

*15th September –Brew Monday with crazy footfall but UU admin team moved me twice meaning i missed out on chatting to the majority of students, Welcome to UUSU event, First induction (would go on to do over 20 inductions in the next couple weeks), ASQEC Meeting, Recieved Magee Wall designs that will be passed by council.*

*16th September – Uptake on students i needed to direct to the advice bureau with Appeals and housing in a couple cases, Inductions, planning Magee rota ahead of freshers*

*17th September – Revalidation training, Working on social media enquiries + expanding follower base + planning content*

*18th September – Inductions + Catching up with emails*

*19th September – Final planning day in Magee to put plans down for campaigns*

*22nd - 26th September – This week was absolutely mental – Freshers fayre was a huge success with massive footfall, and attended 90% of the events from pottery and paint, Sex toy bingo to the Comedy night with Micky Bartlett, Between times i also done several inductions but was thankfully hellped out by VPE&B + VPSW, Had Magee Taskforce Case Study induction with Business Class, Fundraiser in Argyle was also a success raising around £300 for our sports clubs, a very positive week but also had a lot of call ins to the office regarding Housing issues*

*29th September – Catching up with the emails after freshers week as i was away from my desk quite a bit, raised issue of unnofical council papers being circulated at Magee regarding PBSA*

*30th Septmeber – Lots of promotion ahead of the big fundraiser night the next day for our sports clubs, Campaign catch up TVAWG, met with society committees to discuss what worked and what didn’t after freshers and to hear plans going forward*

### October 2025

**Officer Update**

*[Insert general overview]*

*1st October – SAA interviews day, went through all SAA candidates from Coleraine and Magee, and thankfully got successful candidates from Magee and Coleraine to fill all roles, Attended Wellbeing sport event, and UUM Football women's training, Updated Mary Crossan on sources for information regarding taskforce project*

*2nd October – Meeting with social work Lecturers and Student ahead of upcoming deputation in December hearing out issues and coming up with plan + identifying allies, General planning on Money Talks document, attended Film Societies ‘Kill Bill’ premiere and*

*3rd October – Attended Student executive in Coleraine (confidential)*

*6th October – Was in Coleraine Delivering materials for the wellbeing garden event, Set up Meeting with Orlaith Flynn from the Taskforce regarding business project and survey updates, Met for Big Campaigns catchup meeting – provided updates on Meal prep and added it to officers calendars, updated on more allocation of NFC stickers, Attended Judo and captured some content, also got my officer meal prep video prepared and uploaded*

*7th October – Had Catchup with Mentor who raised some good points for campaigns, Met again with Go-Global Team about our upcoming joint event- they are willing to offer good prizes (Amazon voucher at £50 + other smaller items) - this will be good to get more footfall at our UUSU spaces and bar, Was involved in internal UUSU retrospective meeting and made various contributions, was setting up Wellbeing garden for winter bulbs but got rained off, Reached out to our new SAA officers and got meeting arranged for Thursday & got them into group chat, finally got caught up with officer report : )*

*9th October – Final Class induction, Connect with a Cuppa planning of elections opening for course reps and councillors, Society Management Committee, Introduction with SAA officers flagged issue to VPSW about people in contact with clubs threatening to take them down because their Instagram is UU Magee and not UU Derry/Londonderry*

*10th October – Coffee Morning for World Mental Health day, a couple call ins/ General Admin Work,,*

*13th October – Liaising with social work students and set up meeting with Grainne Mcmulkin to get a feel for where she was at with her deputation prep and Society situation, Set up meeting with Orlaith Flynn to get a idea of our current position with Magee expansion Survey + Business Project progress, delivered an update to the Business Class About the week 8 session and expectations for the Q&A project*

*14th October - Bit of Catchup Work, went on expenses catch up - took the rest of the day on FLEXI to play ATU Donegal*

*15th October – Catch up AB, Meeting with CRAM (Concerned Residents Around Magee) representative, discussed what we both wanted to see – committment of the university to build Student Accommodation as a priority – Private PBSA builds are predatory in nature, Sustainability meeting, Attended Basketball and GAA first game of the season, Attended Cumman na gaelach pop up Gaeltacht in O’Laughlins, then helped take money at the door for GAA fundraiser*

*16/17th October – Was away in Dundalk for AMLE National council & Caught up with the team ahead of Movember – also had Magee Expansion*

*20th October – ASQEC meeting (much lighter agenda than previous meetings), talked 1-2-1 with groups in the Business class to get a feel for where they are at and provide feeback on how to formulate their questions, Diwali Henna workshop*

*21st October – Met with Orlaith Flynn giving an Update on where we are at with the survey and getting set up for the business project on the 10th of November, recived contacts to reach out to to bring to the townhall meeting- received A5 posters from Lauren – done a few Trial runs beforehand and got it live – also managed to get it up on our screens in the social spaces*

**Event and Activities Updates**

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

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| **Event/Awctivities Name** | **Date of Event** | **Membership Engagement** | **Successes** | **Recommendations** |
| **movie night – Film Society** |  |  |  |  |
| **Bob Ross Painintg night – LGBTQIA+ Society** |  |  |  |  |
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**Meetings Attended**

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### November 2025

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### June 2026

**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** |
| **[movie night]** |  |  |  |  |
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