

**UUSU Student Executive Report**

**Report of the Sport and Wellbeing VP**

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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 [@Heaney, Caoimhin, f](mailto:c.heaney@ulster.ac.uk)or 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

* Increase funding for our ever-growing sport club base by looking for sponsors, opportunities and fundraising across our three campuses.
* To help sport become the forefront of the UU experience and introduce each and every student to it.
* To make sport assessable for all our students no matter of ability, age, gender or belief.
* To lead a beneficial mental health campaign that will leave a lasting impression on our students and staff.
* To lead a successful Gaeilge language campaign and gain dual signage across our union spaces.
* To ensure that our students physical, mental, social, emotional and sexual health is prioritised while at UU.

### My Working Groups / Committees

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| Name of Working Group / Committee | Reason for UUSU Representation |
| Trustee Board | To have a more ‘boots on ground’ approach to decisions and changes. |
| Student council | To voice and hear students' thoughts and input of actions of the union. |
| Student executive | To share updates, cast votes for issues and have a monthly brief with all student officers |
| Sports management | To ensure that the students voice is heard at the higher level. |
| Gaeilge working group | To push and promote the Gaeilge Language across our campuses |
| Management board | To have a student's input (a voice for the students) |
| Committee of senate – learning and teaching committee |  |
| Committee of senate – academic standards and quality enhancement committee |  |
| Joint committees of council and senate – disciplinary committee | To voice and advocate from a student perspective |
| Student wellbeing | To ensure that students wellbeing of all kinds is at the upmost importance. |
| UU scholarship committee | To help decide and welcome our uu scholars for 25/26 |
| Campus HSW Committee | to ensure the safety of the campuses for our students and staff |

### My Policies / Portfolio Assignments

**List of Policies** prioritised

. Mental and physical health policy

. Sexual Health and education Policy

. Sport leave policy

. Sport funding policy

**Your Portfolio**

**VP Sport and Wellbeing – to help support student sport and student overall wellbeing for all whilst at Ulster University**

## Monthly Updates

### July 2025

**Officer Update**

*I have made contact with all recommended 1-2-1s across our campuses, and I am arranging to meet them all face to face to share ideas and plans for the coming year.*

*I have held meetings with 2/3 of our SSC’s (student sport coordinators) and have made plans of events and goals for semester one.*

*I have looked into mantal health workshops and well as ideas that can help us drive our mental health campaign (UBelong) this year to leave a lasting impression on our students (Continuing brewed Mondays, potential suicide prevention training, gambling with lives, mental health workshops with our sports clubs etc).*

*I have held a meeting with Ciaran Chambers to discuss in-depth the plan for our sports clubs, our new club constitution and where we stand with sport at UU.*

*I have been in contact with Jenny McCracken at the Belfast Trust to discuss our student's involvement in the creation of a mental health leaflet that will have support services and coping mechanisms for students.*

*Meetings have been arranged with Senior Sport Management monthly to discuss finances, plans, events and areas of improvement as well as student engagement with sport.*

*I have done some research on a possible Irish Language (Bilingual) policy and other examples of them elsewhere, more movement on this has been made in the last few weeks with Emily having a meeting with the VC around the topic with very positive responses.*

*I have put together some ideas for our Gaeilge Campaign such as videos and classes to promote the language to our students and staff, this will be part of our wider Gaeilge Campaign that will be the biggest it has ever been this year!*

*I have been assigned to work on our Mental and physical health policy, Sexual Health Policy and create new UUSU Sport Policies for our students benefits.*

*I have met with Mandy and Mark to put in place a proposal for a partnership with UUSU and UU Sport and how that would look for our students,* ***details available upon request*** *(updated Bye Law 4).*

*I helped raise 500 pounds for our UU Magee Men's Gaelic Football team. (All Ireland football final raffle)*

*Completed all training throughout the month of July.*

*Completed SUT in Galway.*

*Held meetings with Student Wellbeing and our involvement this year with ideas and plans put in place for the coming months. (Magee, yet to meet with Belfast and Coleraine due to clashes in calendars)*

*Lee and I have met with Dawn Grieves (Foyle search and rescue) to continue and strengthen the Lighthouse Project in our Coleraine and Magee campuses. NFC stickers will be in student accommodation in Magee and Coleraine in the coming weeks (also would like to have a scannable QR in the freshers pack for each campus).*

*I have been in contact with Noel from East Antrim about a Belfast alternative to the Lighthouse Project (Here 2 Help App) that can be downloaded and used for our Belfast students.*

*SSMC (Student Sport Management Committee) meetings have been organized for the next number of months to discuss finance, governance and updates for student sport.*

*Campaign meetings have been held, and plans have been put in place and nearly finalized for the coming year. (Mental health and Gaeilge Campaigns)*

*Helped run a PGCE student sport day with UU sport in Coleraine along with our SSC team.*

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**Portfolio Report**

*VP Sport and Wellbeing -*

*Helped raise 500 pound for Magee Gaa with a raffle for All Ireland Final Tickets.*

*Lee and I met with the Lighthouse project leads to further the partnership and get more NFC stickers into student accommodation in Magee and Coleraine.*

*Held meetings with student wellbeing to see where we can work together throughout the year*

*Held conversations with the PHA on student involvement in the creation of a mental health flyer.*

*Held meetings with sport management to discuss the issue of funding and what to do to best resolve it.*

*Held meetings with all student sport staff to plan out semester one.*

**Policy Updates**

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

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| **Policy** | **Latest Developments** | **Next Steps** |
| **Mental and Physical Health and Wellbeing whilst at university** | **Draft policy in the works** | **Continue to draft and meet with Mark to review** |
| **Sexual Health Education and Guidance Policy.** | **Draft policy written** | **Meet with Mark to review** |
| **Sport Leave Policy** | **Draft policy in the works** | **Continue to draft and review with Mark** |
| **Sport Funding Policy** | **Reviewing the potential of a policy for this (difficult situation due to the lack of sport funding this year)** | **Discuss options and outcomes with UU Sport and Mark** |

**Campaign Updates**

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| **Mental Health campaign** |  | <https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Mental-Health-First-Aid-2024-V2.pdf> | **Meeting have been held to plan events and actions for the year** |
| **Gaeilge Campaign** |  | <https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Irish-Language-Policy-Beartas-na-Gaeilge-2024-Amended-V2.pdf>  <https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Trilingual-Campus-2024-V2.pdf> | **Meeting have been held to plan events and actions for the year** |
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**Networks Updates**

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| **DisABILTY Empowerment Network** | **N/A** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| **Women’s Empowerment Network** | **N/A** | **N/A** | **N/A** |

**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** |
| **UU Men's GAA Raffle (GAA)** |  | **Tickets to be won for the All-Ireland football final** | **500 pounds raised for the club** | **Push for more engagement, number of tickets sold at this time of year is great, but, better engagement is needed to gain more money for the club.** |
| **PGCE Sports Day in Coleraine** | **5th August** | **A day for our incoming PGCE students to meet, have fun and try some sports with our sports team** | **Students had a great day with an email of thanks being sent from the course director thanking us for the work.** | **Implement across all campuses (not just PGCE but also other courses for international students and mature students, two groups that are harder to get involved in sport)** |
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**Meetings Attended**

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| Sport Bye law meeting (Byelaw 4) | How the Byelaw will look and recommendations on how to advance it further. | Input from SWVP on students view | Byelaw review at the end of August |
| Meeting with SSC’s | Plans for semester 1 across campuses | Planning and prep from SWVP | Prep with venues and events team |
| Meeting with CC (SSO) | Reviewing sport constitution and bylaw, kits, plans and events | SWVP input | Bi-weekly meetings to continue to plan and review |
| Meeting with Claire Drumond (Student Wellbeing) | Partnership between UUSU and SW, events, posters etc | Planning events in Magee so far | Span out and meeting with Belfast and Coleraine |
| Trustee board | PRIVITE | PRIVITE | PRIVITE |
| Meeting with Foyle Search and Recue | Very positive, implementation of the lighthouse project will now be in our student accommodation and campuses in Magee and Coleraine | Lee and I are pushing this as much as possible as it is a massive help to our students who may be struggling. | Look for a Belfast alternative as the Lighthouse project doesn't cover Belfast. |
| Gaeilge campaign meeting | Roles and responsibilities for the events we have planned throughout the year | The campaign will be run by UUSU with help from our Gaeilge societies | Prep for the first event |
| Mental health campaign meeting | Roles and responsibilities for the events we have planned throughout the year | The campaign will be lead by UUSU with help from student wellbeing | Prep for first event |
| Magee social night partner meeting | If metro is still applicable as a partner for our clubs and societies | Voicing student concerns and asks, partnership history and events | Hold further meetings about the subject with activities and sport team and look for another club partner |

### August 2025

**Officer Update**

*This month has been pretty busy with planning for the student’s return to campus.*

*We were part of SUT+ that specialised in gaining day to day skills that we will use working in a student's union. There were some workshops on skill building, teamwork and communication but the main piece was a simulated high stress workday that taught us (on our feet) how to manage those stressful and demanding days within a union.*

*I have been in talks about a potential variation of the Lighthouse project for our Belfast Campus called Here 2 Help. It is an app that has the same connections and links as the lighthouse project but based in the Belfast area, further work will be done on this.*

*I held the second Student Sport Management Committee meeting to discuss the issue we are facing in funding and how best to resolve it.*

*I have been in discussions in regard to partner bars for our sports clubs this year with MoUs to take away the ‘gentleman's agreement’ aspect and make it formal to benefit our clubs even more. Belfast has been sorted (Loosedays) but Magee and Coleraine are still in the works but looking positive.*

*There were a few SDC hearings this month that were challenging to deal with. This gave me great experience to learn on my feet and build an understanding as to what is expected within these meetings.*

*I have been asked to help out the GAA in regard to bookings for a few months until the new coordinator is in place. I have an understanding of how to do this based on pervious experiences with UU Sport.*

*A Student Sport Managers Meeting was held also to discuss the issue of funding where I voiced the club committee’s concerns and helped work out how best to tackle it.*

*Compas had invited us to take part in a food tasting where we discussed prices for meals for students and a new menu of items for students to eat.*

*I also took part in the article review group for byelaw 4 (sport) to maintain a link between UU Sport and UUSU, further developments are coming on this.*

*I also helped host a celebration event for Kate O’Connor after her amazing successes in recent months, this wet great and everyone had a great day.*

*Overall, August has been a busy month with lots of development on campaigns, policies and events, not to mention the build-up to next month's freshers. I am looking forward to getting all students back on campus and getting team nights and fundraising efforts underway!*

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**Portfolio Report**

*VP Sport and Wellbeing -*

*Helped host a recognition event for Kate O’Connor in Belfast to celebrate her great sporting success.*

*Hosted the 2nd of the student sport management committee meetings.*

*Raised issues around funding at the Sport Managers meeting.*

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| **Kate O Connor celebration event** |  | **Celebrating sporting success** | **Great turn out** | **A bit more planned for it** |
| **SUT +** |  | **Building an understanding and gaining new skills that will help me progress as a student officer within a union environment** | **Great skills were picked up that i can use on a day-to-day basis along with real life experiences** | **N/A** |

**Meetings Attended**

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| SDC meetings (multiple) | PRIVITE | UUSU point of view | PRIVATE |
| SSMC Meeting | Sport funding | Student voice aspect of the issue | Find more funding for student sport |
| SS Management Meeting | Issues rising in sport overall | Student based perspective | Funding funding funding |
| Compas food tasting | Price and verity of food available on campus for students | A student point of view on prices etc | New menu and prices |
| Article review group | Byelaw 4 (sport) | VPSW input on how we keep the link across sport and UUSU | Finalise the document and get meetings arranged with UU Sport. |
| Partner bar meetings with UU Sport | What direction we go in with regards to a partner bar for our sport clubs this year to move away from the ‘gentleman’s agreement’ basis | A student led approach for the club's input | Finalise partners for sport clubs. |

### September 2025

**Officer Update**

*This month has been busy with the buildup and events of freshers and students back on campus.*

*Move ins took place this month across the campuses, Favour and I managed Belfast move ins over the two-day period, engaging and chatting with students to make sure they felt welcome and supported.*

*Campaigns are planned out with key dates and events planned for the coming months throughout sem 1.*

*Byelaw 4 (sport) has been revied and amended, meetings have also been held with UU Sport to ensure a transparent and partnered approach to the document. Movement has been made with our Student Sport Leadership Team (SSLT) that will begin recruitment before Christmas this year to give us a head start for the 26/27 year, ensuring a voice from students is and will continue to be heard in UU.*

*A bigger budget was secured for our sports clubs this year, taking a lot of weight off the clubs and the overall team, this will help us build toward a sustainable funding model for the clubs in coming years.*

*Partner venues have been secured with our clubs – The Diamond in Magee, Loosedays in Belfast and Wave in Coleraine. The first fundraiser nights have been confirmed in each venue to raise funds for our sports clubs as a joint fundraiser.*

*We attended the CEARTA protest for the Gaeilge language in Dublin this month to show our support for the ever-growing movement. This linked in with our Gaeilge Language Campaign (Le Cheile) to build connections within the Dream Dearg movement that we can use over the course of our campaign.*

*We completed WonkHE training on public speaking also, something that will have a huge impact on this year ahead.*

*The second Student Sport Management Committee meeting was held to discuss matters rising in student sport.*

*A few SDC meetings happened this month that helped me learn on my feet how to manage the situation and feel needed in the meetings.*

*We helped resolve and find a solution to Magee Judo club’s training venue (all be it, not 100% resolved but a partial solution found that the club is happy with), We will further explore venues to help the club thrive.*

*Policys are nearly there; some framework needs to be done but the information is there.*

*Helped in the allocation of our club budget for the year.*

*Welcomed our Talented Athletes across our three campuses.*

*Held our first club sport forums across each campus to introduce myself formally to club committees and put in place fundraising nights*

*FRESHERS WEEK!!! - overall a chaos filled week with lots of late nights and extremely early mornings, all worth while to see our students engage and have fun.*

*Helping with GAA running in the absence of Paul Rouse in Belfast, proving to be an absolute nightmare but something that I can build on.*

*Student Voice meeting with PHA on mental health on an action plan to have student involvement in its creation (Mandy and Myself).*

*Held student trustee interviews for potential new student trustees.*

*In conclusion, September has been absolutely nuts. With fresher's week overall being a complete blur, the month has flown in. Great progress was made on campaigns and policy and with student sport as a whole in regards to clubs and their functioning. October will be just as manic no doubt but it's always good to get students back on campus and life about the university.*

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**Portfolio Report**

*VP Sport and Wellbeing – Held our first sport club forums across each campus as part of freshers and constituted new clubs.*

*Welcomed our Talented Athletes across all our campuses.*

*Helped our GAA Club function in Belfast.*

*Played a role in securing a bigger sport funding budget for our clubs, my main goal of my manifesto.*

*Helped find and secure partner venues for each of our campuses that will support fundraising efforts, this is the first time a formal agreement has been put in place for such a thing.*

*Held the second student sport management meeting to discussed matters in student sport.*

*Helped review and amend Byelaw 4 (sport) to continue to build a bridge between UUSU and UU Sport.*

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| **Event/Activities Name** | **Date of Event** | **Membership Engagement** | **Successes** | **Recommendations** |
| **Freshers as a whole** | **Freshers week** | **Student engaged really well overall** | **Everything went really well** | **Bigger events next year as tickets sold fast for certain events** |
| **Welcome week** | **Week before freshers** | **Greating new and current students** | **Students engaged really well overall throughout the week.** | **Plan some more smaller nighttime events for students who are staying up away from home.** |
| **Move in weekend** |  | **Meeting incoming students** | **Great engagement** | **Branch out to Jordanstown as there are currently students out there also** |
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**Meetings Attended**

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| Sport Bye law meeting (Byelaw 4) | How the Byelaw will look and recommendations on how to advance it further. | Input from SWVP on students view as boots on ground with students. | Update recruitment process with UU Sport to help build a group of sport reps (similar to course reps) to voice concerns in sport at the top table through the SWVP. |
| Meeting with SSC’s | Plans for semester 1 across campuses | Planning and prep from SWVP | Prime fundraisers for the year ahead |
| Meeting with CC (SSO) | Reviewing sport constitution and bylaw, kits, plans and events | SWVP input | Bi-weekly meetings to continue to plan and review ongoing transition process, voice in sport and the future situation o student sport within UU. |
| Trustee interviews | New trustees | Input as a voting trustee | Recruitment of a new student trustee |
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| Gaeilge campaign meeting | Roles and responsibilities for the events we have planned throughout the year | The campaign will be run by UUSU with help from our Gaeilge societies | Prep for the first event |
| Mental health campaign meeting | Roles and responsibilities for the events we have planned throughout the year | The campaign will be lead by UUSU with help from student wellbeing | Prep for first event (world metal health day) October 10th |
| SDC meetings (multiple) | PRIVITE | UUSU point of view | PRIVATE |
| Club Sport Forum | Plans and expectations on clubs and the sport team | Input as the student representative and to build the first fundraisers | More fundraisers (two run already and a lot more to come) |

### October 2025

**Officer Update**

*This month has seen the start of our fundraising for student sport with all Team UU nights taking place across each campus with our newly formed partner bars.*

*Our Magee campus has had a massive influx of fundraising with over £2500 being raised within the first few weeks of the month that will help clubs function throughout semester one. Despite being a great start, this is far from the end of fundraising across our campuses with many more plans and nights available for clubs to use to raise more funds, such as our sport raffle currently underway.*

*I also am part of the U-Well project that is a joint partnership between UU and ATU to help fund out more about student mental health. The first meeting took place this month with plans to expand the survey across our campuses to get as many students involved as possible.*

*I have also been part of the integration meetings between UU Sport and St Andrews to help with the transition of sport across to the university, further meetings are taking place over the coming weeks.*

*I had sat on my first revalidation panel this month, something that was daunting, but with the help of our voice team, I was equipped with the correct information to contribute to the meeting.*

*I was also part of a meeting to look into cookery sessions for our student athletes that can help with the cost of living crisis by putting together budget friendly and healthy meals for student athletes that are easy to make and easy to freeze for later. This will first be offered to our Talented Athlete Scheme athletes to test before looking into the general student base.*

*I sat on the UU Sport Scholarship Panel to help decide who our sports scholars will be this year, something that was a great opportunity and to have an input on.*

*Our third Trustee board took place this month to discuss UUSU matters and information. As a voting trustee, it's great to always have a say in the discussions.*

*The officer team also ran a number of events for World Mental Health Day (October 10th) such as a cuppa and chat and some arts and crafts as well as a brew day on the 10th itself, engaging with students and informing students on mental health.*

*As a member of the Student Disciplinary Committee, I also sat on quite a number of discussions this month that I can’t disclose but were beneficial.*

*I also met with one of the seniors within the VC’s office (Cathy Gormley Heenan) to build a connection at the top table to voice student sport concerns.*

*I am now chair of our events committee that plans and oversees student events across the university.*

*I chaired our third Student Sport Management Committee to discuss funds, things going well and issues within student sport.*

*I also sat as part of our UUSU Volunteering committee.*

*The officer team attended Dundalk for Comhairle Náisunta (national council) to discuss and approve matters alongside all other unions on the island of Ireland.*

*We have finalized plans for our Movember Campaign that will have something for everyone.*

*Our Irish Language survey closed this month with over 300 responses, making it the most interacted with Irish language survey to date.*

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**Portfolio Report**

*VP Sport and Wellbeing – in regard to sport and wellbeing this month I have been involved in a number of meetings voicing students concerns and issues at the management table.*

*I have helped revive social sport in Belfast that will take place on a Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday of each week with sports varying.*

*I have sat as part of the Scholarship panel to help decide on awards being given to our student athletes this year with the awards day on the 7th of November.*

*I have been involved in cookery meetings for our student athletes that we are hoping to roll out in the coming weeks.*

*I have helped raise over 2500 pounds for our sports clubs across our campuses in the first month of fundraising efforts and helped launch the sport raffle to further aid funding for clubs.*

*I have successfully helped plan Movember within the union for this year with events spanning over the whole month.*

*I was part of the integration meetings with UU Sport to voive views from a student lead perspective.*

**Policy Updates**

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

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| **Policy** | **Latest Developments** | **Next Steps** |
| **Mental and Physical Health and Wellbeing whilst at university** | **Draft policy in the works and being reviewed** | **Continue to draft and meet with Mark to review** |
| **Sexual Health Education and Guidance Policy.** | **Draft policy written and to be reviewed** | **Meet with Mark to review** |
| **Sport Leave Policy** | **Draft policy in the works and needs a review** | **Continue to draft and review with Mark** |
| **Sport Funding Policy** | **Reviewing the potential of a policy for this (difficult situation due to the lack of sport funding this year)** | **Discuss options and outcomes with UU Sport and Mark** |

**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** |
| **Mental Health campaign** | **Movember (month of November)** | <https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Mental-Health-First-Aid-2024-V2.pdf> | **Meeting have been held to plan events and actions for the year – plans have been finished for Movember for the team and actions now have to take place over the comming days** |
| **Gaeilge Campaign** |  | <https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Irish-Language-Policy-Beartas-na-Gaeilge-2024-Amended-V2.pdf>  <https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Trilingual-Campus-2024-V2.pdf> | **Meeting have been held to plan events and actions for the year – the Gaeilge survey has been completed, and work can now be commenced the campaign** |
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**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** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| **Women’s Empowerment Network** | **N/A** | **N/A** | **N/A** |

**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** |
| **Team UU fundraiser nights** | **4 in October** | **Students helping raise funds for our sport clubs** | **Over 2500 pound raised in the first month of fundraising for our Magee clubs (Belfast and Coleraine amount to be confirmed)** | **Push for more engagement, number of tickets sold at this time of year is great, but better engagement is needed to gain more money for the club and encourage the sport raffle as a massive fundraising opportunity** |
| **World Mental Health Day events** | **The week of the 6th of October** | **Events to promote mental health to our students** | **Student engagement was good but could be improved on (review needed)** | **More events for students** |
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**Meetings Attended**

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| **Meeting Name** | **Matters Discussed** | **UUSU Contribution** | **Action Required** |
| Student Disapiplinery Committee | CONFIDENTIAL | A student focused input into ongoing matters | CONFIDENTIAL |
| Student Sport Integration Meeting | How the overall transition will look between UU Sport and UUSU | A Student focused input into matters and to have a say in the overall process | Further meetings to discuss |
| Student Executive | Matters arising | All through the officer team | N/A |
| Fees and Funding Campaign meetings | Everything around the overall campaign and ideas | Input on campaign goals, aims and objectives | Roll out the campaign goals over the coming weeks |
| Mental health Campaign meetings | Everything mental health based for our students | Input on events, planning, goals and action plans for the coming months | Movember roll out over November |
| Irish Language campaign meetings | Everything on our Gaeilge campaign (plans and aims) |  |  |
| Cookery and wellbeing meeting | The possibility of getting cooking class for our student athletes that are budget friendly and easy to do | Giving a student focused input in the overall plans | Further meetings and roll out of a trial run for our talented athletes and then to our overall students if it works well |
| VP/SSO Meetings | Discussion on sport matters across campuses and plans for the coming months | A student focused input on matters that are arising | Recreational/social sport is going ahead for the year (to plan) |
| Scholarship Panel meeting | Discussion on who will receive our sports scholarship awards this year | Helping decide who will get the award | Scholarship award day Nov 7th |
| Trustee meeting | Matters around the over Union | Confidential | Confidential |
| UUSU Events Meeting | Planning for upcoming events for UUSU | Helping plan the future events that will be held by UUSU | Plan for Halloween events and Christmas events |
| Student Sport Management Committee meeting | Overall going on in student sport (funds, wins, issues etc) | Chaired by myself with President, Emily inputting on student matters | Schedule next meeting |
| UUSU Volunteering Committee | Future volunteering opportunities for officers and students | Planning future events for volunteering | Look at opportunities for volunteering |
| Movember planning meeting | The overall plan of attack for our Movember campaign | Planning and execution of Movember | Roll out plans for Movember over the month of November |
| Walk/wheel/cycle meeting | If we can get a bike heck and walk club in Belfast as part of Movember | To see if there are services available for our students | Pop ups planned as part of Movember |
| Campus HSW Committee meeting | N/A | To voice concerns of officers and students in the meetings and to help resolve issues | N/A |
| Student Sport Managers meeting | N/A | A student focused outlook on matters in student sport (to voice concerns) | N/A |

### November 2025

### December 2025

### January 2026

### February 2026

### March 2026

### April 2026

### May 2026

### June 2026