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**UUSU Student Officer Monthly Report 24/25**

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**Month: March**

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**Manifesto Aims**

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| * **Career Exploration Days** * **Improve course inductions** * **Support Academic Societies** * **Support the collective student voice** * **Liberation Spaces** * **Enhance the Academic Experience at Ulster University** * **Tackling Misogyny and Violence Against Women and Girls** |

**Campaigns**

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| **Education Campaign**   * **Feedback, it’s Your Education: Each month so far this semester has been brilliant, student engagement and participation has been overwhelming. The focus month of Feedback was facilitated through the Student Voice Forums, where we gathered great feedback on Keeping Wednesday Afternoons Free, Timetabling and Attendance Monitoring.** * **Thriving not just Surviving with UUSU: This was a campaign solely facilitated on social media, it reached a good number of students as I have had students approach me regarding my videos. I think there is room for this to be bigger and better, it was organised within a week, so better prep could make this a very useful campaign for students regarding the cost-of-living crisis.** * **University Life: The Ups and Downs, this is a campaign I am running throughout the year on my social media, to remind students of the reality of being a student, that any negative experience they may encounter, they are more than likely not alone, reminding them how to avail of support. Additionally, highlighting and showcasing the joys of student life.**   **EDI – Language Rights | Tacking Gender Based Violence and Misogyny in Northern Ireland**   * **SNaG was a brilliant success, one of our best engaged campaigns for sure! We have a video that even was wider reaching to unions from down south.** * **TVAWG was also a fantastic success with the charter launching the week on International Women’s Day. The charter was signed by numerous unions both FE and HE.** |

**Policy work**

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| Policy Name | Update | Actions |
| Support for Breastfeeding Students | Pending council approval | New breastfeeding space being created in Belfast |
| Compulsory Reading Weeks | Gathering research from academic reps to see the demand for these mid-term breaks, additionally, trying to source university protocol and procedure on mid-term breaks | I have begun working on a paper in partnership with the university to find out what degrees currently are being offered a reading week. |
| Empowering Women | Policy has been amended to create a demand for the Women’s Empowerment Network | The Women’s Empowerment Network is fully established and has had two committee meetings. |
| Re-enrolment Fees | This policy was lapsed | NA |
| Timetabling | This policy needs further research in semester two to understand where the direction is going with UUSU involvement | I have had a series of meetings on this, we have begun to work on a new survey which will ask students about condensed timetabling |
| Childcare Facilities | Working in partnership with Daniel on this policy | Paper is at its final draft and to be submitted to SLT |
| Inclusive Protection and Sexual Health | Recent amendments were approved by council | NA |

**Membership Outreach**

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| * Student Voice Forums * Thriving Not Just Surviving With UUSU * Brew Days * Festive Cheer * Student Panel * Visiting Student Accommodation * Re-Freshers * SHAG Week * RAG Week * Election Promotion |

**Advocacy & Representation**

* Met with Library services to discuss the Magee library being refurbished and enhancing the study spaces.
* Series of meetings with Careers to enhance the relationship with student involvement in career fayres.
* Bye Law Review 1, looking at the role of student executive.
* Attended the launch of the Green Dot programme at the Belfast Campus.
* UUSU Management Committee where we discussed the society ticket system
* Student Bursary meeting with BASW for social work students
* Developing Student Networks, finalising the plans to launch networks on the UUSU Website.
* Series of meetings to prepare for the launch of the Learning and Teaching Awards.
* Represented students on a small series of Student Disciplinaries.
* Student Voice Forums
* SIF Teaching and Student Centre Working Group for Magee Expansion
* Childcare Working Group
* Meeting with PVC AQSE

**You said... we did – wins for students (bullet points)**

* TVAWG Charter Launch
* Student Finance Increase
* Breastfeeding space has opened for use in Belfast, Coleraine talks are now underway
* Targeted focus on growing fear and concerns about VAWG in Coleraine.
* Began work on the project to simplify the EC1 process
* Renters Rights Bill Amendments
* Exam Board Moved for a group of International Students
* Explorance Launch, a new feedback system
* The gender-neutral toilet graffiti has been removed in Magee
* Student Bursary Meetings and conference scheduled