**UL Student Life**

 **STUDENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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| **Role / Position** | : | Academic Officer  |
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| **Date** | : | 27/01/2022 |
| **Audience**  | : | **UL Student Council** |
| **Action** | : | **Approve** |
| Goals |
| **Main Goals** | **Progress (what have you achieved since the last Council meeting)** |
| Class Rep Forum  | The Class Rep Forum went really well. Thanks to all who attended and particularly to those who engaged with Kerstin and asked questions. The feedback we received was mainly around timetable and scheduling issues which we can’t really action but we can relay to UL. * I met with Fintan from Academic Registry on Wednesday with Louis to discuss the plans to have timetables released a lot earlier before the semester begins. It’s hard to explain how complex the scheduling is and how many different considerations there are. We relayed the feedback we got from Class Reps about the timetable, mainly; early morning and late evenings issues, too many hours without a break, all hours squished into 3 days.
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| Student Forum  | The Student Forum went really well and thanks again to those who attended. I think we probably needed more time for the discussion or to reduce the number of questions but that is a learning for the next time. Main academic issues that came up here were around COOP, timetables and FYP supervisors.  |
| KBS Support Hub  | I met with a student orientated KBS lecturer last week to discuss the possibility of a KBS support hub. I asked my KBS reps to get feedback from students on what this could look like. Thanks to Ben and Leanne for gathering that feedback and presenting it at our Dep. Rep meeting last Tuesday. I will now collate their feedback and share with the lecturer.  |
|  Workshops  | I am presenting at the first Women for Election workshop on Thursday evening. The workshop is aimed at empowering and inspiring young women to get into leadership roles. Really looking forward to this.  |
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| **Other Achievements since last Council** |
| Student support  | I assisted a number of students in getting an extension and a new supervisor following poor support and some awful interactions with their FYP supervisor. Identified some issues in UL in terms of who has authority to make decisions – apparently the Dean cannot overrule a decision made by the Head of Department. I’ve organised a meeting next Wednesday with the leader of CH4101 to discuss some feedback and concerns raised by the class rep.  |
| IWD  | Planning still underway but the event is taking shape. Craft society will join us in the Marquee from approx. 4.30 on March 8th for their ‘powerful portrait painting’. We will encourage attendees to add their thoughts and suggestions to a board using post it notes. The conversation will focus on a few relevant topics. We will then move into a panel discussion to further elaborate on some of the issues and ideas raised. There will be tea/coffee and refreshments. Student Council – please help us get the word out about the event.  |
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| **Attendance at events/meetings and actions taken or agreed** |
| Student Survey  | I will be putting up a load of Student Survey posters around UL on Friday to support the student survey working group. The survey opens in Week 7.  |
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| **Plans before the next meeting** |
| **Action/work area** | **What I hope to achieve** |
| COOP concerns  | I’d like to meet with the Coop councillor and the Coop office to discuss some of the feedback we have received around their service.  |
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| **Student Engagement** |
| **Type of Engagement (Meeting, event etc)** | **Purpose and anything to report on** |
| IG Stories  | I promoted the upcoming workshops on the Instagram stories  |
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| **Media engagement and external relations** |
| **Engagement (Press, other organisations etc)** | **Purpose and anything to report on** |
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