

Activities & Engagement Officer – December Report 1

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Section 1: General Update

- The past month I have been working closely with the alumni team to come up with a project to target student leaders and those students that participate in extra-curricular activities. There will now be an event taking place in Term 2 to target these individuals to link them up with Alumni that were also involved heavily in extra-curriculars at university and how that has benefited them in getting a job in the current job market.
- I have been working on the Discover the UK programme with the Intercultural team, with our first trips launching over the next two weeks. These trips had huge interest and the first one sold out in 2 hours so we decided to add another one.
- I have visited Boston, looking at all the facilities and activities that the American institutions have. I have brought back many ideas on how we can lobby UCL to give us more facilities and how we can improve our spaces. We also saw the Varsity vs Yale game and are hoping to develop our spectator culture more for our Varsity.
- I have started working with Hiking Club and Project Active to develop a three peaks challenge in 48 hours for the summer.
- I have carried on having conversations with UCL and estates about the facilities shortage, primarily pushing for sports facilities. I have also been in conversations about extending the booking hours for room bookings until 11 on CMISGo so student groups are able to book rooms until alter times.
- I have secured funding for the 'Refreshers' project of £5k for the pilot to allow societies and clubs to apply for it to subsidise their activities. This will launch at the start of Term 2 and the aim of it is to involved those who are not currently part of student activities and promote taster sessions.

Section 2: Sabbatical Officer Priorities

How have you communicated with students in the last fortnight?

- I have been doing my drop-in sessions, which have been very successful.
- I have attended the Winter Festival and spoke to many students there.
- I have also been doing ad-hoc meetings with clubs and societies to help them with their issues and advise them on anything they may need.

1) Sports are central to student life, helping students grow, become more resilient, and achieve their full potential.

- I have been in conversations about the lack of sports facilities with UCL Estates pushing for a permanent long-term solution at the East campus. I have also been working on bringing Astor college sports hall back to the students union ready for the next academic year.
- I have been working with project active and project active on creating a 48hour three peaks challenge for anyone to get involved with after exams in Term 3.
- I have been actively engaged in the planning of Varsity and improving the spectator experience, thinking about marketing, promotion and new merchandise that will be specifically designed for the event.

2) Students make the most of their university experience by self-discovery, learning from each other, developing skills, and having fun.

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- I have been working on trying to get access from departments to their spaces and extending the room booking hours until 11 so that student groups are able to host later activities.
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3) Students have access to a thriving arts programme that broadens their horizons while supporting their wellbeing and developing their skills.

- I have been attending all the Bloomsbury shows and Studio shows that I can make to understand what are the shows that we can have more in the next year and how we can help them sell out.
- I have been working closely with the Arts team on developing a development plan system for arts societies to give them some structure in what they might want to achieve in their year as student leadership. This will launch next year but I am hoping

to get some rewards, preferably monetary, in place for this years' Arts awards.

Section 3: Attendance at important Union meetings and events

1) Union meetings attended and main outcomes

- Meeting with the arts team about how to implement development plans with arts societies and make sure they get a benefit out of it.
- Working on how to set up our Swimathon and how to make sure it is open and available for all abilities.
- (All other meetings are discussed in my updates)

Section 4: Attendance at important UCL meetings and events

1) UCL meetings attended and main outcomes

- Partaking in many UCL200 meeting discussing how we can make sure the students are as much involved in the celebrations as possible, making sure the student voice is being heard.
- I have attended UCL Alumni meetings to plan our upcoming mentorship project and also how we can integrate into their system so that donors are able to give money to the students union and the clubs and societies.
- Meeting with UCL EDI team and discussed the issues with Report & Support and how we can work together to improve the system.
- (All other meetings are discussed in my updates)

Section 5: What progress have you made on your assigned policy proposals?

Policy: Active Bystander and Consent Training

- I am bringing a renewal of this policy to the next zone with a slight change that everyone who is elected must complete it.

What three points from your report do you need to be communicated to Students?

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