

Activities & Engagement Officer – October Report 2

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Section 1: General Update

Over the past two weeks (since the Sabbatical Officer report) I have:

- Filmed for the UCL Townhall to raise awareness with the UCL academic staff around why the student life strategy is so important and how they can get involved.
- I have discussed the issues around sports and arts facilities with the estates team and how we can solve that going forward
- I have worked on how some of our new cultural programme developments should look like: the Discover the UK and Cultural Summit.
- Working on changing how the club & society led SLPs will be run and supported, which would be more in line with the societies processes, which is one of my manifesto points.
- Working on allowing the treasurers to also have the ability to room books on CMISGo,.
- The Varsity Project Board has began and working on improving the event by making it more engaging for spectators and expanding it to further sports and societies.
- Working on selecting the new University Challenge team.
- Held my first AEO surgery, which was successful.

Section 2: Sabbatical Officer Priorities

How have you communicated with students in the last fortnight?

Through:

- University Challenge Selections
- Pole Fitness Classes
- Cheerleading Sessions
- 1 on 1 meeting with clubs and societies and through emails with them
- Activities & Engagement Officer surgeries on Thursdays
- Working through all the applications for Friends Trust and Society Affiliation panels.
- Working on the UCL200 project, making sure that student activity is key to the celebrations and is well funded as well as student successes being celebrated.

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

- Filmed for the UCL Townhall to raise awareness with the UCL academic staff around why the student life strategy is so important and how they can get involved, especially in the departmental society space. The video is there to get ucl staff, particularly academic staff, to understand why the extra-curricular activities are so important.

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2) Students have access to a thriving arts programme that broadens their horizons while supporting their wellbeing and developing their skills.

- N/A

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

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Section 3: Attendance at important Union meetings and events

1) Union meetings attended and main outcomes

- Housing Research - to discuss what research is needed for us to understand how the housing situation is for our current students so we can discuss it with UCL.
- Discover London working group to brainstorm initial ideas and suggestions on what the events should be and what students will gain from the programme and what groups it will be specifically targeting.

Section 4: Attendance at important UCL meetings and events

1) UCL meetings attended and main outcomes

- UCL 200 meetings - making sure that student activity is at the forefront of their celebration, making sure that there is funding allocated for groups to be able to run activities.
- UCL operations - discussed how to allow for more facilities for student activity on UCL campus (practice rooms, sports facilities, and rooms for big activities)

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

Policy: Active Bystander and Consent Training

- Spoke to the Provost about how UCL should sponsor it so we are able to bridge the gaps where we have students who have not yet completed the training.

Policy: Scrutiny of Union Processes by Student Media

- Added discussion into zone around what can be done to make some of our decisions more public.

Closing the Taster Membership Electoral Loophole

- N/A

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

Some key things I'm working on:

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