

President – May Report

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Section 1: General Update

I haven't been able to dedicate much time to policies since the Easter break, as most of my time has been vacuumed up by UCL meetings, NUS conference, and also the couple days of leave I took to go LARPing! Still, I think I've made some good progress on my priorities where I can. I look forward to the rest of summer, and prepping for the Awards, the Balls, and handover!

Section 2: Sabbatical Officer Priorities

1) Students are proud of Students' Union UCL, which represents their interests and continues to work for future students.

- I'm about to start the budget meetings for the upcoming year with every department. The budgets are looking tight, but I'm trying to prioritise student activities so that they have enough funding to expand as is needed in the coming year.

2) Students will have a new home for the future, where they feel part of a vibrant and inclusive community.

- Attended a meeting with UCL's room bookings team and other teams that use the system to review the current system (CMISgo) and discuss changes. Went really well- and revealed some ongoing problems between UCL and the company that runs CMISgo which is affecting our service. Beth from the Activities Team will be the lead staff member for this work, and I ensured student complaints about room bookings (slowness, constantly being down for long periods, being unable to book rooms because of unused teaching holds, and rooms being taken off the system entirely, student access to the system, not being able to view the accessibility/features in a room etc.) were brought up.

- The SU Building project continues in the background, hopefully I'll have a more concrete update in my next report...

3) Students are developed and accredited for the skills that they develop co-

curricularly, so that they can achieve their dreams.

- Continuing to attend the Extended Learning Opportunities Group with several heads of department from the union. Various departments in UCL are looking to expand their programs of activity in term 3 to provide students with things to do- the head of this group wants to accredit this activity with some form of UCL Award that can sit on a transcript, but is less keen on making it truly credit-bearing. Before my term is up, I will look to other departments and groups to start a project on crediting extra-curricular activity.

4) Students have influence nationally on the matters that affect them.

I attended the NUS national conference with our delegation of UCL students, with a particular focus on the NUS reform motion. I also have worked to strengthen the relationships I have with the incoming NUS President Amira and VP Alex, who I know from working with the Russell Group Students' Unions. I'm hoping to handover these key stakeholder relations to Goksu in July, so that UCL can have a more active voice in NUS discussion.

5) Any other priority updates?

I helped wrap up the Sustainability Leadership Conference on the 19th, hosting the final panel and giving a wrap up speech. It was an amazing experience to help the event go from ideation to production to delivery, and based on the feedback we've received so far, I'm really looking forward to seeing how the conference can expand next year.

Section 3: Attendance at important Union meetings and events

1) Union meetings attended and main outcomes

- Attended a meeting about the union's theatre usage, and how we can best use the space in the future, giving more time for student skills development (such as encouraging more use of the studio for smaller shows, and finding more time for Stage Crew to work with Theatre technical staff to learn tech!
- Attended various meetings for CEO John's appraisal and feedback from the year. I'll be completing his written appraisal before my term is up.

Section 4: Attendance at important UCL meetings and events

1) UCL meetings attended and main outcomes

- Attended the UCL200 Strategic Delivery Group, to help steer the plans for the bicentenary.
- Chaired the last Student Life Committee of the year!
- Attended the Council Meeting and visit to the School of Management in Canary Wharf- I've struck up a good new relationship with the Director of the School, Davide, who is very keen

to ensure the student experience in Canary Wharf is strong as they expand their department. We are working with him and the Canary Wharf group to figure out how we can best support students there, and I'm connecting Davide with our commercial team to talk about how to supply students there with our merch.

- Attended the Student and Campus Experience Board in UCL Estates, continuing to prioritise student facilities.

- Attended Estates Management Committee- very happy that we passed a new project to have teaching room repairs and improvements done on a rolling basis rather than individually, so that in the next year, around 10% of all teaching rooms will be refreshed, with the aim to increase this rate with time! Heavily used rooms like those in Chadwick, Gordon Sq, etc. will be the first to get new paint, floors, furniture, and tech.

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

Policy: Sustainability Training

Joanna and the SustainableUCL team continue to work on redeveloping the training, with help from the IOE.

Policy: Use of Amazon Vouchers and Products

No update.

Policy: The Union should bring all outsourced support staff at UCL in-house

No update.

Policy: Plant based food policy

No update.

Policy: Good Night Out Training

No update.