

Meeting:	D&S Exec Meeting
Location:	1 East Meeting Room
Date & Time:	22/11/23 13:15 – 14:05

Present:	
Melissa Oram	Student Voice Coordinator
Amy Young	Insight & Engagement Manager
Daniel Winwood	Skills Development Manager
In attendance:	
Mahikha Murali Sundar	Exec Chair
Hanna Hajzer	SU Community Officer
Jess Smith	Disability Action Group Chair
Valerie Tsang	Exec Treasurer
Tarini Seghal	Student Minds Chair
Joe Addisson	LGBT+ Chair (internal)
Dhanishtha Upadhyay	Nightline Internal Coordinator
Hannah Brighty	Nightline External Coordinator
Perina Woods	Feminism & Gender Equality Chair
Eesha Ganesh	Race Equality Chair

Item	
1.	<p><u>Access & Participation Plan Briefing, Daniel Winwood</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The focus of the APP is on improving the diversity of students who access the University of Bath, making sure students from specific groups continue and complete their studies while they are here, and narrowing the degree outcome gap which exists between specific groups of students. The University's new APP is focused on risks to opportunity and specific target groups, using free school meals data, with different priorities at each stage of the student lifecycle. Further information and a copy of the full plan can be accessed here: Access and participation plan 2024 to 2028 and fee information (bath.ac.uk). The APP has 4 intervention strategies – access, continuation/completion, degree outcomes and progression. Student voice consultation – work with The SU has already been undertaken and there are also plans to develop a student voice mechanism which the Exec have been invited to be involved with, if they would like.
2.	<p><u>National Student Survey Data Briefing, Amy Young</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AY gave an update on NSS data which looks at student responses by demographics such as gender, disability, and ethnicity. Data where there are less than 10 respondents is unavailable as the sample size is too small.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key themes – the issue of workload came up for all types of students. • Gender – female students are less happy with feedback and assessments than their male counterparts (non-binary participants are generally too small a sample size to form part of the NSS data) • Disability – those with a declared disability are more likely to consider marking and assessment as unfair and with course delivery in general. • Ethnicity – students from black and mixed ethnicity backgrounds feel that career guidance is not good. • SU Question (are we representing students' academic interests?) – some groups of students feel less satisfied than others and this could be a project the D&S Exec could work with the Academic Exec on. • A member asked if we have the data on which departments students are in and therefore if issues are departmental or cross-University. • A member asked what the next steps are with this data – The SU use this data to bring to university meetings and inform the work of Officers, for example with the Top 10. • If the Exec is interested in following up on anything related to this data, they can contact AY or get support from Voice on running a campaign or submit a Summit standpoint.
3.	<p><u>Community Officer Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HH is attending local council on Thursday 30 November and will be raising the issue of housing – accessibility, affordability, and conditions. • HH gave an update on university meetings she attends – EDIC and EDIN. • HH advertised that she will be holding monthly informal drop-in sessions for Exec members to come and discuss any issues or raise any questions or ideas. • HH asked members of the Exec to give ideas for upcoming SU D&S Forum.
4.	<p><u>Group Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAG - focusing on events for Disability History Month and collaborating with the University's Disability Service and on improving training and accessibility on campus and for staff/ambassadors. • F&GE – Empowered Campus survey on combatting sexual harassment on campus recently closed, and the group are due to have a meeting with the VC to discuss the results. • Treasurer – let her know if there is anything she can support groups with, in terms of budgets and finance. • Student Minds – focusing on Movember and establishing a Perfectionist Support Group; also hoping to work with Bath Time Magazine to include a mental health section. • Nightline – Nightline Awareness Week, Burnout Workshop for volunteers, establishing a Nightline service for Nightline volunteers to access. Unfortunately, Nightline will be operating a reduced service this semester. Bakesale for Movember.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGBT+ - Trans Awareness Week has just taken place and the group held a Vigil for Trans Day of Remembrance; next week is Queer Identities in Different Cultures which will culminate in a Potluck event on Thursday 30 November. The group will then be working on LGBT+ History Month plans. • Race Equality – doing a takeover for Queer Identities in Different Cultures Week and joint Potluck with LGBT+; focusing on broadening their reach and organising collaborative events. Also looking at changing/modernising their branding. Their committee is now full! • Housemate finder event is being jointly organised, and D&S Exec are welcome to help support this event.
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Owner	Actions from Meeting
AY	Send D&S Exec the sample sizes for the NSS data sets.
HH/MO	Look into query around gender-neutral toilet provision in 8 West, Level 2.