

Meeting:	D&S Exec Meeting
Location:	1 East Meeting Room
Date & Time:	12/02/24 12:15 – 13:05

Present:	
Melissa Oram	Student Voice Coordinator
In attendance:	
Mahikha Murali Sundar	Exec Chair
Hanna Hajzer	SU Community Officer
Jess Smith	Disability Action Group Chair
Hannah Brighty	Nightline External Coordinator
Eesha Ganesh	Race Equality Chair
Blake Walker	LGBT+ Co-Chair (External)

Item	
1.	<p><u>Community Officer Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up Task and Finish group with relevant university departments to come up with a list of programmes and activities for the Early Move-in project for international students which is the Top 10 goal I am working on. Helped to organize multicultural fair at the Edge-> have my own stand representing Hungary and supported the international exec as well as the activities team to make the event happen. Have been attending EDIC and EDIN (Equality, Diversity, Inclusion Committee/Network) where I represented the SU, presented on what we are working on and answered questions about different events and topics – including a proposal for a multi-Faith space and a staff proposal on establishing an LGBT+ taskforce. Participating in the project redesigning the Roper Centre. Attending parliament on 21st February with SU President to discuss housing.
2.	<p><u>Emerging Issues/Group Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DAG – Jess flagged Edge accessibility with Access Committee who established that one of the stages is not compliant. We need to establish who is the budget holder – is it The SU? The Tub is also open to adding a ramp for better access. Pleased that the sensory room has been opened and DAG have done an interview with CampusTV about it, part of working group for redesign of the Roper Centre and working with SU Sport Officer on inclusivity in sport. LGBT+ – lots of work going on for LGBT+ History Month, working on establishing a Gender Expression Fund for students to apply for, DragForSwag fundraising event in March, sports & EDI campaign with SU Sport Officer. HB mentioned being interested in doing a collaboration between Nightline and LGBT+.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nightline – focusing on re-opening shifts and would like to do more socials this semester. • F&GE – EG gave an update in the absence of the Chair: the committee have worked on a comprehensive event schedule for Semester 2 and the group have met with senior staff regarding the results of the Empowered Campus survey. • Race Equality – reaching out to do collaborations with other groups and pleased to see some interest in next year’s committee positions. MMS added that the Potluck and Queer Identities in Different Cultures week went well. • Student Minds – Chair sent an update ahead of the meeting as she was unable to attend: Student Minds is aiming to create an article to include in the end of February print edition of Bath Time and we are asking students to contribute by writing a paragraph or creating any other content relating to the topic of mental health (e.g., artwork). In terms of upcoming plans, we are in the works of planning a collaboration with Dance Soc to raise money for the charity Student Minds and are in the works of holding a quiz/social.
3.	<p><u>Summit Standpoints</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The SU believes that ALL students at the university should receive one week of holiday after 6 weeks of teaching in a semester, and that this is beneficial to student welfare</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MMS raised an issue with the impact this could have on international students – e.g., cost of flying home, already paying so much to attend University, not always feasible to go home. • BW also added that this may also negatively impact upon estranged students, who already face periods of isolation during holidays. • EG clarified that 11-week semesters are too long and can lead to burnout for students and lecturers. • There could also be issues around length of accommodation contracts if timetabling changes are made. • SVC clarified that any changes could not be made for next year and that this would be a long process to implement. • HB suggested that an additional break could be a reading week rather than a holiday. 2. <i>The SU believes that all students must have access to a fair, equitable pathway to participation in all areas of university life in alignment with their gender identity.</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MMS asked for clarification around what is meant by this standpoint – EG clarified that it refers to access to all students to participate in e.g., sport, societies etc and that it should not disadvantage anyone else. <p>3. <i>The SU believes that the University should address maintenance issues in their accommodation efficiently, even when such issues occur during non-working hours and on weekend.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully supported by the Community Officer. Members shared that this is a common issue amongst students, especially around losing access to hot water or heating and having to wait 48hrs for someone to come and deal with the problem. <p>No further feedback on the remaining 2 standpoints.</p>
4.	<p><u>Diversity & Support Feedback Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Officer & SVC asked for feedback on organising a feedback forum for students to give feedback to The SU about any issues or topics related to EDI, accessibility etc. The Exec expressed initial interest in being involved.
5.	<p>Any other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Officer advertised Officer elections – nominations are still open and close on 22 February. Chair advertised Fashion Show and will share details with members. Community Officer asked members to fill in the SU’s housing survey.

Owner	Actions from Meeting
ALL	Get back to SVC or Community Officer with questions for feedback forum, or suggestions around timings, format etc.
MO	Share housing survey with D&S Exec