

SU Officer Updates – April 2025

SU President

Working on:

- New terms of reference for SUMmit alongside the chair, the vice-chair, and our SU staff, trying to make sure the suggested changes are in line with what students hope to get out of the committee and making sure that there's enough time to discuss statements of issue in detail.
- Planning officer handover over the Summer and looking at all the different sessions that could benefit incoming officers as well as give the right guidance to outgoing officers on what to put in their handover documents.
- Shared the fossil fuel careers standpoint with the vice-chancellor. This standpoint specifically as the implications of the actions (university wide policies and reputational risks around relationship building) would eventually have to be approved by him.
- All the different awards evenings and end of year events that we run – Varsity, Education Awards, Blues, SU group Awards. Attended some already and looking forward to the rest of them!
- Supporting the staff on the recruitment of our first community organiser on cost-of-living.
- Working with our finance and commercial team on key decisions about our commercial provision on campus. Working hard to make sure the offer is the best it can be for students and that the investments are done appropriately.
- Finish the appointment to our new external trustee to the board, Will Lomax, who is a Bath alum and former SU student leader.

Upcoming work:

- Attending an All-Party Parliament Group (APPG) for students meeting on the 23rd of April to work alongside the national student movement on this group moving forward.
- Attending University council meeting in May to end my time as student governor. Most importantly, to present a paper on the Top 10 this year and especially raise our concerns about the Sulis top 10.
- Attending a student strategic advisory committee meeting for the Quality Assurance Agency in May.
- Meeting the new deputy vice-chancellor to talk about SU priorities again, once he starts his post on the first week of May.

Concerns

- Making sure we give our incoming officers the best possible handover in a way that provision of representation isn't interrupted and our top 10s and priorities aren't lost once we leave.

Education Officer

Working on:

- Planning and hosting the Education Awards!
- Currently trying to make as many 'plain language' guides as possible as term draws to an end so they are there for y'all and for handover!
- University Global Voice and Reputation Project work, alongside all the other University bits and bobs like honorary degrees
- Moving onto the next stage of the Equality Act work – will aim to update y'all depending on what is confidential
- Represented Bath at a DfE roundtable on WP and Admissions
- Contacting Heads of Department to gain insight on what they have been doing for TWST, and where we are headed next!

Upcoming work:

- Tying up the Top 10 and making sure y'all have plain English guides on what has been done, and what is set to be done over the next few years (!!!)
- Creating handover resources and documents for academic reps – especially for faculty reps.

Concerns:

- Trying to fit in as much as possible before we leave, but otherwise have great faith in my Top 10 items, the Equality Act work, and the new team



Activities Officer

Working on:

- Shortlisting for our SU group awards
- Finalising plans for academic community pilots.
- Deciding who gets a share of £50,000 from the University Alumni Fund.
- Writing up the report on Postgraduate engagement in societies
- Reviewing affiliations for SU societies.
- Meeting with key university stakeholders about Together we Shape Tomorrow.
- Interviewing for the new fundraising coordinator.
- Manually reviewing and approving manifestos and candidates for society elections.
- Working on the recruitment of a community organiser who will run cost of living initiatives including the food pantry.
- Attending the student/councillor's forum, discussing key topics that will impact students.

- Submitting our green impact application.

Upcoming work

- Trying our new theatre allocation process for next years shows for the first time.
- Attending Blue's Awards
- Training the next generation of committee members.
- Finishing up the Bath Award ready for a pilot next year.
- Wrapping up the affordable offer Top 10.

Concerns

- N/A

Community Officer**Working on:**

- Continuing the work mediating between Nightline, The SU and University
- Attended a NUS Campaign Day and further strengthened our SU's relationship with other Southwest SU's
- Mapping out the relationship Executive Committees have with the SU Officers and University to improve their effectiveness and remit next year
- Mapping out the EDI training that is offered to Committee Members and seeing how it can be improved
- Shortlisted and helped host for the Education Awards and SU Awards
- Helping the University with Pride
- Was on the Sanctuary Scholarship Panel
- Attended Varsity
- Trained new Peer Mentors
- Working alongside the University to create a AI Model that will assist student's in subkit
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Upcoming work:

- SU Groups Award and Education Shortlist
- Sensory friendly study space push with senior University staff
- Food that caters to all students
- A meeting with first bus to discuss the possibility of a U3
- NUS National Lobby Day
- Handover to new SU Officers

Future Concerns:

The closure of Nightline may disproportionately impact students that have protected characteristics and may leave a gap in the mental health services offered to Students

Postgraduate Officer

Working on:

- Promotion and execution of department-specific action plans for PRES and PTES to improve the number of students filling the survey.
- Significant progress has been made in the TOP 10 this year. Some of these things will act as a recurring event/opportunity for PG students.
- We attended varsity, where we lost, but it was a great time at Cardiff to see our athletes push hard for victory. I was also part of the media team and helped in filming the recap video.
- Hosting the Education award and recognising students for their fabulous work.
- Mapping key stakeholders for Together We Shape Tomorrow and what's already going on in their area, and what's already been planned.
- Helped in all group and club elections with loads of queries and vote counting.
- Planning a smooth transition handover for the upcoming officer.

Upcoming Work:

- PG Employability networking event where all students can come and share their experience of job opportunities and the job market across the UK.
- Awareness and communications should be made about the differences in term-time and non-term time for UGs and how that will affect PGs.
- Postgraduate Summers - A final draft is to be approved for the Scavenger Hunt event for PGs.
- PGT and PGR exec meetings soon. This will be the final meeting, so it will be a great opportunity for us to gather their feedback to improve for the future.

Concerns:

- Engagement from PG students is always a concern because of their packed schedule.
- Execution of TOP 10 activities/events.

Sport Officer

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Attended BUCS Nationals, Bath bringing home 21 medals including 6 golds.

Bath was represented in every sport at the event in Sheffield, and we managed

to market the event well, with daily content and professional photography- including a new idea of a live blog!

Inclusion week: Helped clubs host inclusive sessions, such as women's only, disability accessible etc. Also handed out 500 rainbow laces and used social media to show representation for minorities in sport.

Winners of Blues awards has been decided, after a new high number of nominations!

New record for Sport Memberships with 6644 as of 11/04/2025, expected to reach 6500 by end of March. Also new high number of 8662 club members for an income of £279,040.

BUCS Western Conference Finals: Unfortunately, I was ill for the day, but was hosted here at the University. Hosted 30 finals across 14 sports with Bath winning four of the five finals that they participated in. Was also strongly marketed, with a live blog and all winners being posted on our Instagram. Managed to provide all day medical cover with GWP. Massive congratulations to Sam, who oversaw the day from our SU Sport team.

Sustainability by kit waste reduction: Have now set up an SU Bath marketplace on an app called Grassboots, which allows students and graduates to sell or buy old sports kit. Initiative to reduce kit waste, as many students will not wear Bath kit again after leaving Bath.

Have judged and reviewed the Alumni Fund applications for the university. Completed the top 10 point of Digital Systems as they are all now integrated, and training is ready to be in place for staff on updating their mailing lists. We have also created a new naming policy which should be more inclusive; this has been reviewed by many staff members in the university.

Have met with clubs to discuss welfare for the next academic year and will leave the incoming Sports Officer with all the information gathered. Upcoming work, projects and events

Varsity: Took place on April 2nd at Cardiff Met, Bath is vying for an 8th win in a row. Sold out all 1000 spectator tickets in less than two hours and organised coaches for both players and spectators. Media came to ensure that the event was properly promoted for us- including another live blog! Shout out to Duck Norris.

Committee and Exec elections took place throughout the latter half of March and have now closed. I have also opened the affiliation period for new sports

clubs to affiliate by May, and sent out handover documents and risk assessment for completion.

Workshop: Workshop on handover and welfare on 31st March.

Area report: Producing the 2024/25 area report to go over everything SU Sport this year- participation, representation, inclusion etc.

Handover: Preparing for handover to the next Sports Officer, will be producing from scratch and pretending like Angus knows ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. Woo

Chair 2:2s: Meeting EVERY club to discuss the current year and development plans for the club next year.