

QUEEN'S STUDENTS' UNION
REPORT TO COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 2019

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New Build

- We are currently in Stage 4 of the design phase – the *detailed design* phase.
- This involves looking at furniture layouts, electrical plans, heating plans etc.
- There have been no further meetings since the last Council but round 2 of the stage 4 user sessions are due to occur in November to finalise the internal designs of the building.
- Planning permission was received by Belfast City Council, currently waiting on the Green Form which is required to begin demolition.
- Demolition expected to begin in January and to take expected to take 6 months
- Construction to begin next summer
- Doors to open in 2022

Strategic Plan

- We are in a process of writing a new Strategic Plan to set out our goals, ambitions, priorities etc. over the next 5 year and to set out how we develop all of our services – Volunteer, Enterprise, Advice, Clubs and Socs, Democracy and meet the needs and desires of our membership
- Currently in the consultation phase.
 - Have met with most academic heads and QUB departments
 - Have met with Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and lay-members of Senate
 - Have ran focus groups with different groups of students – PTOs, Clubs and Socs, Academic Reps etc (still to consult SU Council)
 - Have met with NUS-USI President
 - Have sent questionnaire out to SUs around UK and Ireland
 - Student Survey launched (running until end of November)
- The plan will be drafted over the next few months and will come to SU Council for approval and will be signed off by June

Autonomy and Independence

- Last summer we hired an external consultant to carry out a study into what autonomy would look like in Queen's and how it would affect things like HR, legal, financial etc.
- This was completed in August and set out 4 possible options
- Following this, a meeting was set up with the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar to discuss initial steps.
- We will complete a relationship agreement over coming months which will address the key concerns identified in the report regarding the autonomy of the Students' Union.
- SU Council will scrutinise this agreement throughout its design.

OMNI

- We have completed the report of findings based on the survey ran in the last academic year.
- This will be presented to Council once it has been branded up.
- We have begun using the findings to inform strategies and issues coming through the University in this academic year.

- We will present the findings to the SU / University Strategic Group in December to set out a better idea of how the evidence collected relating to student mental health will be actioned.
- We will be able to report back on this data / policy side of OMNI in greater detail at the next meeting of Council.
- Continuing to engage in SU / University Operational Group where such actions are underway as: rolling out mental health first aid training mental health awareness training, recruiting new staff members in Advice SU / accommodation / faculties, reforming the out-of-hours service, procuring a new e-learning platform etc.
- Continuing to engage in the steering group on the new BHSCT pilot project

Holylands / Student Housing / Community Issues

- Received a briefing from Belfast City Council on new HMO regulations
- Met with new Belfast City Council Safer City Co-Ordinator
- Have continued to discuss with QUB senior management, community groups, BCC and external organisations the need for a long-term welfare-first strategy on the Holylands.
- Have worked alongside NUS-USI and partner SUs in developing a collective lobbying strategy, looking at things such as: landlord responsibilities and enforcement of HMO regulations, regeneration of and investment in the area and our response to planned dispersion of HMOs.

ACTIVITY TO DATE

Activity	Date
JULY	
Graduation Ceremony	01/07/19
Officer Team / Student Plus Intro	02/07/19
Graduation Lunch	
Graduation Ceremony	
New Build PIG	
Registrar Sweep	03/07/19
Meet the Officers	
HMO Office Presentation	
Neighbourhood Forum	
Student Plus Sweep	04/07/19
SUT	08/07/19 – 12/07/19
Launch of Izwitna	16/07/19
EMC	17/07/19
New Build Stage 4 Engagement Session	22/07/19
AEI / Voice Meeting	23/07/19
OMNI / Voice Meeting	25/07/19
Officer Catch-Ups x3	26/07/19
Director Catch-Up	29/07/19
Officer Sweep	
Officer Catch-Up	
New Build BCC Meeting	
Education Officer / Reps Meeting	30/07/19
Student Plus Sweep	
Meeting with PhD Student re. Mental Health	31/07/19
EMC	
AUGUST	
Radio Foyle Interview – Library Fines	01/08/19
Freshers Fair Brainstorm	
BHSCT Meeting	02/08/19
Belfast Pride	02/08/19
Officer Sweep	05/08/19
C&S Meeting	
International Guarantor Meeting	
OMNI Data Analysis Meeting	
Officers New Build Brief	
New Build PIG	06/08/19
OCD Meeting	
Officer Catch-Up x1	
SUT+	07/08/19 – 09/08/19
Officer Sweep	12/08/19
Voice Catch-Up	
New Build Meeting w/ Estates & DASA	13/08/19
Officers / Community Engagement Intro	14/08/19
EMC	

Officers / CED Intro	15/08/19
COD	
Volunteer SU Intern Shortlisting	19/8/19
Enterprise SU Intern Interview	
SDAC	20/08/19
Senate Financial Brief	21/08/19
Officers / DASA Intro	
Unitu Demo	
SU Team Meeting	22/08/19
Advice SU Housing Meeting	
UL & UCD Visit	23/08/19
Volunteer SU Interviews	26/08/19
Officer Sweep	27/08/19
Strategic Plan Meeting	
EMC	
Green Award WG	28/08/19
Officer / Residential Life Event	
Enterprise SU Intern Interviews	29/08/19
Advice SU Housing Meeting	
Officer / Public Engagement Intro	30/08/19
NIO Brief	
Student Plus Sweep	
NUS-USI NIO Brief	
Meeting with NI Secretary	
SEPTEMBER	
OCD Meeting	02/09/19
New Build PIG	
COD	03/09/19
Reps Meeting w/ DASA, Student Plus & PVC	
Strategic Plan Meeting w/ VC	
Training	04/09/19
Officer / DARO Intro	
Meeting w/ Pro-Life Society	
Open Day	05/09/19
Bangladesh High Commissioner	
Induction Talk – Biological Sciences	
Census Meeting	06/09/19
Social Media Meeting	
Open Day	07/09/19
New Build Meet w/ DASA, Estates & SP	09/09/19
Officer Sweep	
Health & Safety Training	
New Build Comms Group	10/09/19
Officers / Advice SU / Appeals Intro	
Buddy Scheme Prep	11/09/19
EMC	
Mission Statement Chat	12/09/19
Buddy Scheme Training	
Buddy Scheme Event	

Officer Registration	13/09/19
CSF	
Student Plus Sweep	
Buddy Scheme Trad Crawl	
Address to First Years x4	16/09/19
DASA Sweep	17/09/19
Induction Talk – BioMed	
Induction Talk – PGT Management	
Strategic Plan Sub-Group	
RAG Pub Crawl	
Big Brunch	18/09/19
Induction Talk – Biological Sciences	
Induction Talk – AEL	
Public Engagement Sweep	
Hello Neighbour Event	
Induction Talk - Medicine	19/09/19
Social Media Training	
Interview – One Show	
Registrar Sweep	20/09/19
Climate Strike	
Officer Sweep	23/09/19
Run For Something Event	24/09/19
Holylands / Student Welfare – NUS-USI / UUSU	
Freshers Fair Day 1	25/09/19
Freshers Fair Day 2	26/09/19
Mental Health Framework WG	27/09/19
Freshers Fair Media Meeting	
VC Sweep	
Education Strategy Implementation Group	30/09/19
Pivotal Launch	
OCTOBER	
New Build Stage 4 User Session	01/10/19
New Build PIG	
Management School Open Night	
Senate Away Day	02/10/19
Black History Month Launch	
English Society Event	
Run To Win Drop-In	03/10/19
Mental Health in Sport Conference	
New Build Stage 4 User Session	04/10/19
Officer Sweep	07/10/19
DASA Senior Management Meeting	
Student Engagement	08/10/19
Marketing Catch-Up	
Volunteer SU Strategic Plan	09/10/19
Strategic Plan Consultation Planning	
EMC	
Autonomy Meeting	
NUS-USI Strategic Plan Consultation	

Student Renters Group	
Induction Presentations Review	10/10/19
Students in the Community Steering Group Meeting with Student	
Invent Awards	
Community Response on Suicide Meeting	11/10/19
Student Plus Sweep	
Officer Sweep	14/10/19
BCC Safer City Meeting	
Presidential Forum	
E&D Policy Meeting	15/10/19
Student Engagement	
PTO Briefing Session	
Conservative & Unionist Society	16/10/19
CMA Steering Group	
SU Management Board	
Orange Society	17/10/19
Volunteer SU Post Shortlisting	
NUS-USI / NUS Meeting	
Senate Strategic Plan Consultation	18/10/19
OMNI Catch-Up	
Education Committee	21/10/19
Volunteer SU Job Interviews	22/19/19
DUA	
Regional Council	
OMNI Marketing Meeting	23/10/19
EMC	
An Cumann Gaelach	24/10/19
STAR Demo	
Kate / Lucia Leaving Party	
Mental Health Operational Group Pre-Meet	
Officer Sweep	28/10/19
Academic Board Pre-Meet	
SU Council	
Mental Health Operational Group	29/10/19
RAG Pub Crawl	
Planning & Finance Committee	30/10/19
Black History Month Closing Event	
All-Staff Meeting	31/10/19
Officers / Library Services Meeting	

UPCOMING ACTIVITY

Activity	Date
Public Engagement Sweep	1/11/2019
Officer Sweep	4/11/2019
Meeting with Pivotal	5/11/2019
DE Forum	
Officers / Advice SU Meeting	
RAG Review Officers Meeting	6/11/2019
EMC	
NUS-USI Manifesto Launch	
Registrar Sweep	7/11/2019
Voter Reg Planning Meeting	
New Build PIG	
Student Plus Sweep	8/11/2019
Officer Sweep	11/11/2019
Student Plus Development Steering Group	
Climate Action Group	
Student Engagement	12/11/2019
Estates Strategy Consultation	
SU Council	
New Build User Group	13/11/2019
Academic Board	
An Cumann Gaelach Meeting	
Committee of Discipline	14/11/2019
Constitution Meeting	15/11/2019
New Build User Group	
Inspiring Leaders Event	16/11/2019
Officer Sweep	18/11/2019
Academic Council	
DASA Sweep	19/11/2019
Student Engagement	
VC Sweep	20/11/2019
EMC	
Commercial Services Forum	21/11/2019
Strategic Plan Survey Canvassing	
Student Plus Sweep	22/11/2019
Officer Sweep	25/11/2019
Senate	26/11/2019
Student Engagement	
Public Engagement Sweep	27/11/2019
Strategic Plan Survey Canvassing	28/11/2019
Neighbourhood Forum	
Strategic Plan Sub-Group	29/11/2019