

Student Activities Officer

Report to Council

November & December 2019



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November and December Priorities:

- Created Clubs & Socs sponsorship policy, draft contract and draft ‘One-off event’ agreement for Clubs/Socs and any potential sponsor to enter into. This will hopefully help to increase funding for Clubs & Societies, provide clear guidelines and protection from exploitation from companies, and help members develop their business skills. This has been approved by the Clubs & Societies department, Queens Sport and is now sitting with DARO for final approval before it can be used by Clubs & Socs.
- Student Engagement Campaign – created rota for officers and other SU staff to be out all over campus each Tuesday from 12pm-3pm, promoting different SU and student initiatives, and collecting feedback from students. We had; voter registration, Volunteer SU promotion, Advice SU promotion, Enterprise SU promotion and feedback sessions on the SU. It has been successful thus far.
- Formed a Climate Action Group which has 48 students and staff across the University. This is a group set up to improve environmental practices and policies at Queen’s. We have created a ‘QUBSU Green New Deal’ outlining that the University should become carbon neutral by 2030, with 19 suggestions on how to get there. A petition was created to put this to an all student referendum, which will hopefully be going ahead at the end of January.
- Weeks-Don’t-End – Sunday Brunch Campaign – organised Sunday Brunch started from 10th November every Sunday 11am-1pm in the Lounge in the SU. These are not exclusive to, but aimed at international and GB students who are often left isolated on campus with most local students go home. This has seen 30-40 attend weekly, with good engagement. Starting up again on 19th January.
- Started Activities Officer Drop-In Sessions monthly which are open to any Club or Societies member, alternating between the PEC and SU. First 2 sessions have been completed, and will continue on 13th January.
- UCU Strikes – supporting UCU staff in their strike action and being present at the picket line as much as possible
- Along with our Education Officer, held an information session for asylum seekers on how to access our 2 Asylum Seeker Scholarship, which have now been opened up to postgraduates. Will be working to improve the accessibility of these scholarships in second semester.
- RAG Review – met with RAG, SU departments, ex-RAG presidents and external organisations to discuss changes to the structure of RAG and support from the SU to RAG.
- Secured funding for our second ‘Action Changes Things’ Activism Conference which will be held again in May, and organised by the Student Officer Team this year, as opposed to Volunteer SU.
- Re-established relationship with the Irish Congress of Trade Unions to form a campaign for student’s workers’ rights on and off campus – this is in early stages. A priority in second semester will be to create a permanent relationship and link with QUBSU and trade unions in the North.

4 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activities Officer Drop-In Session – PEC - RAG Review – Student Voice
5 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student Engagement – Feedback on Canvas - Committee of Discipline

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice SU Meeting
6 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RAG Review – Paul Loughran - Meeting – Engineers Ireland - EMC - NUS-USI Manifesto Launch - INTO Interview
7 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student Voice Meeting – Voter Registration Campaign
8 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RAG Review Meeting – Officer Team - The Gown – Conor Reid
11 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UCU Meeting - Gave talk for Global Opportunities Dept. - Student casework meeting - Plastic Reduction Committee - Standing Committee - Climate Action Group – First Meeting
12 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice SU – Pop-Up EPS - Student Engagement - SU Council – Stormont
13 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Fund Photo Shoot - QUB Sustainability Festival - Committee of Discipline – Student Accompaniment - Change Management Group
14 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RAG Review – Connor Malone – Concern
15 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICTU Meeting - Student Officer Meeting – Constitutional Amendments
18 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clubs and Societies Review Group - RAG Review – Enterprise - LiUNA phone call meeting
19 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student Engagement - Climate Action Group – Second Meeting
20 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marketing meeting – Climate Action - Executive Management Committee - Disciplinary Meeting – Student Accompaniment - Full Execs – QUBSU / UUSU / NUS-USI Strike Talks - Co-Act for Climate
21 st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commercial Services Forum - Advice SU – Housing meeting
22 nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Leave
25 th November – First day UCU Strikes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting – Clubs & Societies - Meeting – Environmental Manager (Sara Lynch)
26 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Action Group
27 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICTU Meeting - Standing Committee - Climate meeting

28 th November	- Environmental and Ethical Committee
29 th November	- Strategic Plan Sub Group
2 nd December	- Activities Officer Drop In - SU Management Board - SU Council
4 th December – Last day of UCU Strikes	- ACG Rally - Executive Management Committee
5 th December	- Carbon Management Development Group
9 th December	- Green Fund Application Review - Meeting – Student casework - Student Voice – 2019 Review - Asylum Seekers Scholarships Info Sessions
10 th December	- Student Voice Catch-up - Student Engagement
11 th December	- Disciplinary Meeting – Student Accompaniment - Graduation Ceremony – SU Rep
17 th December	- Volunteering Working Group - NUS-USI Meeting
18 th December	- Student Officer Team Away Day - Executive Management Committee
20 th December	- Finished for Christmas break