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Monthly Full Time Officer Report

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Manifesto

Pledge	Progress
Student Life & Space	See below
Union reform	See below
Democratising our University	See below

Currently Working On

What are you doing?	Progress
Student Life & Space	<p>Due to various personnel changes in the college I have been unable to make as much progress on this as I would have hoped but am planning to do so in the New Year.</p> <p>However, we have been discussing potential redevelopment to the building to take place in 2019 and are currently getting this work designed and costed.</p> <p>I have had a number of meetings about creating a learning map of campus (and the local area) and hope to see this in place by the end of the term.</p> <p>UPDATE: All the data for learning map is complete, just waiting to get together with designers in the college.</p>
Union reform	There are two parts to this piece of work - our democracy and our Trustee Board governance.

	<p>Democracy - our rules are over a decade old and are from a very different Goldsmiths. Students have changed and so must we. I have spent time over the summer looking at best practice and thinking about how our rules could better reflect Goldsmiths today. I will bring forward some of these ideas during the year.</p> <p>UPDATE: Have made alterations to the bye-laws now and they can be seen in the motion I have submitted.</p> <p>Governance - we want to have an effective Trustee Board and decision making. The Charity Commission/NUS Code of Governance provides a roadmap for this so I have been working on that and will take an action plan to the November Trustee Board.</p> <p>UPDATE: The trustee board has had meetings of its sub-committees and has also started to introduce some of the suggested good practice. There in the annual cycle of business, we have designated time to discuss and implement further aspects of the code of governance.</p>
Democratising our University	<p>I have worked closely with the UCU over the summer on Gold Paper v2 and preparation for a new Warden. I have spoken at a number of UCU events and regularly meet with UCU to ensure we have an effective working relationship.</p> <p>UPDATE: Spent time lobbying for more staff, student and union input into the process of finding a new Warden.</p>
SU Budget Reforecast	<p>At the mid-point in the year, we have to reassess our budgets and ensure that we are on track to spend what we planned to at the beginning of the year. As our main funder, we present the outcome of this reforecast to the college to ensure that they are satisfied we are on track with our spending and there are no red flags raised going into the second part of the year.</p> <p>The reforecasting process is complete and the college is happy with our position.</p>

University Events and Meetings That I Have Attended

Event/meeting	Outcomes and/or actions taken or agreed on
I sit on over 12 College Committees, ranging from Council (highest committee within Goldsmiths) through to Student Experience Subcommittee	Since the last assembly I have attended: College Council, Finance and Resource Committee, Learning and Teaching Enhancement Committee
I have monthly meetings with the Warden	<p>These are often to relay any issues that the Union may be facing and also to understand what actions the college is taking on a certain matter. We spoke about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mandatory unconscious bias training - Accessibility on campus - Contingency plans - Complaints & Appeals - How SU could contribute to retention work & knowing which programmes need support - Mature Students Network - Democracy & governance
Alongside the three sabbs, I have meetings every 6 weeks with the Student Engagement Directorate Senior Management	The most recent meeting has been rescheduled.
I have meetings every 6 weeks with the Estates Department management	We have been discussing potential redevelopment to the building to take place in 2019 and are currently getting this work designed and costed.
Great Hall Project Board	A decision was made to close the Great Hall at the end of January pending refurbishment and restoration. It is a Grade II listed building and requires a large maintenance project to ensure its usage in the future.

	UPDATE: I believe that a way forward might have been identified to be able to reopen the hall sooner and do smaller works on an ongoing basis.
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Plans Before the Next Meeting

Event/meeting	Outcomes and/or actions taken or agreed on
There are a number of things happening ahead of the next Assembly, with the most interesting to Assembly likely to be my involvement in the selection of a new Warden for Goldsmiths.	UPDATE: This is ongoing. Focus groups will be taking place next week that give stakeholders from across the uni a chance to talk about what they see as the role of the warden encompassing. They will also consider the capabilities and characteristics required to be the warden at Goldsmiths.
I will be on the recruitment panel for a number of roles including the Director of Estates and the Director of Student Engagement.	UPDATE: One of these roles, Director of Student Experience, has been appointed. The other did not appoint and will go out in the new year.
Organise focus groups to discuss proposed amendments to the bye-laws which will change how Student Assembly is conducted.	UPDATE: Feedback was obtained from sports and society leaders, however, students who had expressed an interest previously were unavailable for a focus group.
Working with the college to highlight where potential changes could be made to processes in the complaints team to improve the student experience.	UPDATE: A preliminary meeting took place, the complaints and appeals team took on board criticisms we raised and confirmed that the team is going to undergo a review in the next month or two. This will provide further opportunity to feedback and hopefully help rectify structural issues we have with the department.

External Events That I Have Attended

Where and when	Reason and anything to report
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I attended NUS Strategic Conversations

This conference talks about the strategic direction of the national union. NUS has recently revealed it has a huge deficit and needs to take swift action, including large structural change, to be able to remain sustainable. To do this they have remortgaged their building and are offering voluntary redundancies. The discussion at the conference was focused around reducing the volume of boards and meetings that help the democratic element of NUS, alongside potential cuts to the number of representatives.

Anything Else To Report?

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