

Monthly Full Time Officer Report

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What have you achieved?

| What were you working on? | Progress |
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| SU Elections - Running for President | Won presidency - 2019/20 GSU Pres |
| Stakeholder Group with Warden Candidates | Alongside UCU and Unison, I represented the SU in asking the 6 shortlisted warden candidates questions, which I then fed back to the search committee who will be interviewing for the new warden position next week. |
| Wrote an Article for the Leopard regarding Campus Living Villages halls at Goldsmiths | After months of research, we have finally released the information to be found in the Leopard's March release on Friday. This involved months of research and interviewing students/local MP/NUS VP Welfare. |
| Goldsmiths Anti-Racist Action's Occupation | Shown solidarity and support for the occupation. |
| "Take Our Campuses Back" UCU Talk | I spoke alongside regional members of UCU talking about the marketisation of education and its damaging effect on Universities. |
| Varsity 2019 | I supported our teams at Varsity, representing Goldsmiths. I also, alongside the activities team's brilliant work, helped organise varsity - including meeting with UAL multiple times. |
| Sports Tour | Finally got a sports tour going which a number of students are attending. |
| Rent Guarantor Scheme Increase | The university have agreed to increase the amount of Rent Guarantor Scheme places |

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| | <p>from 20 to 35 places with much better conditions!</p> <p>The Rent Guarantor Scheme is for people who don't have someone to guarantee rent for them - ie international students, estranged students, student parents, carers - so they can access housing whilst at university.</p> <p>Previously the scheme only supported international students, estranged students or care leavers. Whilst these groups are vitally important, the scheme will now support low-income background students so those who's parents do not reach the minimum income to be a guarantor will be able to access housing.</p> <p>Furthermore, the scheme will now support rent up to £1000 per month, rather than £700 a month, in order to better support those who need to live alone for accessibility reasons.</p> <p>A huge thanks to Burke Penny and Dominic Trevor who contacted me about this and worked with me to improve what the University offers.</p> |
| Goldsmiths Housing Action Demo | Supported their demo/campaign. |
| IWGB In-Housing Demo | Supported their demo/campaign. |

Currently Working On

| What are you doing? | Progress |
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| Green New Deal | We formed a 'task force' after the last student assembly. Following UCU passing their motion to support the GND, we have reached out to Jason Hickel to get him involved to formulate a strategy to implement it at Goldsmiths. |

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| Organising a South London Derby | Though absolutely nothing is confirmed, we met with Greenwich to discuss an South London Derby in first term, in a similar style to Varsity. We hope progress can be made on this to get it going! |
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University Events and Meetings That I Have Attended

| Event/meeting | Outcomes and/or actions taken or agreed on |
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| Research Ethics and Integrity Sub-Committee | Fed into the process of research ethics and learned how the university processes their research ethics. |
| Programme Scrutiny Sub-Committee | Passed a number of new modules on courses and generally learned how the university pass programmes. |
| Health and Safety Committee | Went along and heard the reports of how many times the fire alarms have been set off around uni, etc. The members are looking to dissolve the committee and let it feed into estates committee. |
| External Relations Committee | Attended and heard the work that other departments in the Uni do externally focused - This is just an informational group, no decisions are made here. |
| Sat of the panel to appoint a new Student Advisor | We chose a suitable candidate. |

Plans Before the Next Meeting

| Event/meeting | Outcomes and/or actions taken or agreed on |
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| Working on my manifesto points | I will strategise and plan ahead. |

External Events That I Have Attended

| Where and when | Reason and anything to report |
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| NUS Renter Activist Day | I attended the session by NUS VP Welfare, our former president Eva, as she trained us on how to effectively be a rent activist. |