

## Monthly Full Time Officer Report

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### Manifesto Pledge Progress

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<p><b><u>LIBERATE MY DEGREE CAMPAIGNS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue vital work on the Goldsmiths BME attainment gap, ensuring that BME voices are kept at the forefront, and that the university addresses this as a crisis.</li> <li>• Launch an incentive for LGBTQ+ inclusion in the classroom, and in academic spaces across Goldsmiths.</li> <li>• Champion students as partners in the shaping of their education, developing agreements within departments to adopt this way of learning and teaching within their practice.</li> <li>• Diversify assessment, pushing for the introduction of an interdisciplinary, credited module across departments.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 2018</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked with full-time officer team to address the need for a more urgent address of BME attainment gap crisis at Goldsmiths.</li> <li>• Have planned a timeline for a Pronoun Inclusion campaign on campus, and identified next steps.</li> <li>• In conversation with TALIC about a project, they are doing on students in partnership with their education. I will be promoting a survey going on the VLE that will consult students on partnership in their education.</li> <li>• No progress on final point so far.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>STUDENT COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose Goldsmiths scholarships for Grenfell Tower survivors and community.</li> <li>• Create more spaces and support for student-parents and mature students through our Academic Communities programme.</li> <li>• Collaborate with our local community, sports clubs and societies to host 'alternative education' events, which challenges the status quo and allows students to unpack what a better education looks like to them.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 2018</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have been in conversation with academics on how to go about this proposal of a Grenfell scholarship. Need to consult Grenfell community / those who would benefit.</li> <li>• No progress on student-parent spaces.</li> <li>• BME Officer Bella, referred Coachbright to us – an organisation that teams up school students with</li> </ul>

	<p>university mentors. They hosted an event at the Students' Union and we have built a good relationship with them.</p>
<p><b><u>EQUITY ACROSS GOLDSMITHS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Work with the university on fixing the RASA (reasonable adjustments) process which continues to fail our disabled students time and time again.</li> <li>● Provide international students with a handbook on their arrival.</li> <li>● Work with the Academic Skills Centre to better bridge the gap between life-before and life-at Goldsmiths, ring-fencing classes and workshops for those that need it most.</li> <li>● Work with the Careers Service on developing tailored support for students from liberation groups.</li> <li>● Work with the Career Service on developing better support for international students, especially in regards to visa sponsorships.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 2018</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Associate Director of Student Administration – Alix Poulton – carried out a project on fixing the RASA process. I will seek updates from her.</li> <li>● We communicated to the college about their international student handbook and contributed to the contents. This was circulated at the start of the new academic year.</li> <li>● Have begun delegating research on this within the Students' Union.</li> <li>● Mona and I had a consultation with a staff member who was working on an International Student plan within the career service. We made vital contributions to this conversation around the various barriers that international students have communicated to us. I will seek updates on this.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>BETTERING THE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Push for continued improvements of the VLE making it more coherent, consistent, accessible, and beneficial to the Goldsmiths student experience.</li> <li>● Continue working on the experience of joint-honours students, particularly focusing on practical module selection and communication between staff and students.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 2018</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Was in conversation with TALIC (Goldsmiths Teaching and Learning Innovation Centre) on this over the summer. The VLE has had some big changes, including auto-enrollment.</li> <li>● Hugh Macnicol from the Media Department is waiting to hear back from his last report that we contributed to</li> </ul>

	on plans for improvements on the joint-honours student experience.
<p><b><u>NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to campaign against the detrimental Teaching for Excellence Framework.</li> <li>• Continue to oppose the government's islamophobic Prevent agenda.</li> <li>• Continue the national fight for free education.</li> <li>• Continue to campaign against the detrimental Teaching for Excellence Framework, which links the value of our degree to the money in our pockets.</li> <li>• Provide students with training and knowledge on how to fight the changes to the HE sector, collaborating with national activist networks.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 2018</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing plans around a 'Better Teaching at Goldsmiths' project – research developed with students from the ground-up, outlining ways that we can better the student experience outside the limitations of what the TEF asks for. This could include, for example, liberating the curriculum.</li> <li>• No physical updates on Prevent opposition, other than a strong union stance.</li> <li>• Final point to be talked about with Joe Leam – a potential addition to his work on rights and skills outside of the classroom.</li> </ul>

### Currently Working On

What are you doing?	Progress
Alternative Careers Week 2019	This was really successful last year, and lots of students, as well as academics, are eager to get involved. I have been project planning for this, and am setting out to consult students on what sessions they would like.

### External Events That I Have Attended

Where and when	Reason and anything to report
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NUS SU's</li><li>• NUS Lead &amp; Change</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Both were for start of year NUS national training</li><li>• Hosted meeting at Lead &amp; change which was attended by representation from eighteen different Students' Unions, where we spoke about anti-marketisation campaigns and how to make them more inclusive, or next steps to take.</li></ul>
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**Anything Else To Report?**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Did a big push on getting students to fill out the recent GRA consultation.</li></ul>
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