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Manifesto Point	Updates	
<p>Objective 1: 60% of students will agree that campus is accessible for all.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>Over the past month, I have been working very closely with the Disabilities Officer, to create our “Spoons Campaign” which uses Miserandino’s (2003) Spoon Theory to explain the what it’s like to have an invisible disability. The campaign will be based around an interactive experience that allows you to spend a day working in “spoons” and uses the “spoon” brand to help students and staff understand the lived experience of people with invisible disabilities. In addition, I have drafted a proposal for a roll out of Sunflower Lanyards, which will support students with invisible disabilities, by highlighting the need for staff and students to be more considerate when approaching and working with any student with an invisible disability. This month I also worked closely with the Student Wellbeing department to highlight the need to review learning support plans and how they are produced, to ensure they are student centred and are being used correctly by academics.</p> <p>Next month, I will continue working on my campaign plans, and continue to highlight accessibility issues on campus to university departments (i.e. Estates).</p>
<p>Objective 2: 85% of students will agree or strongly agree they are “satisfied with their life nowadays”.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>Over the past month I have worked very hard to produce a proposal for a new student network for the Vice President Wellbeing & Community, which should help bring the importance of Sexual, Physical and Mental Health into further strategic discussions. In addition, this work has helped me develop the proposed “Wellbeing Champion” role further, and the possibility of more Student to Student support mechanisms, which will be fully developed by the end of the year, in line with the new Union Strategy. In addition, I have met with more students to discuss PG Mental Health, and as a result the VPE and I are looking to work with the Student Support Services to continue to improve their experience. In addition, this month I finalised my “Look After Your Mate” campaign proposal, which will launch in March and includes lots of new ideas to help students to be able to support one another when times are difficult.</p>

		<p>In January I will begin to get feedback about the electronic support services on offer students at Lincoln, to ensure they are delivering for students and are effective as possible.</p>	
<p>Objective 3: 40% of students will believe the SU are actively working to reduce the negative impact on the environment.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>Since the last report, I attended the first SU Environmental Champions where all departments came together to discuss how we can reduce our negative impact on the environment across the Union. Additionally, I have worked with the other Student Leaders to plan our February Green Week Campaign, and the Environmental Officer to help the plan their event in January. In December, I also represented students at the Environment and Sustainability Committee, where we discussed plans for formal “Climate Emergency” response.</p> <p>This month I started working on the Environmental SUGgestions that have been assigned to me and will continue to do so in January.</p>	
<p>Objective 4: 85% of students will be satisfied with their accommodation in the Housing Survey.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>In the past month I finished my work on the Ready to Rent Campaign, which involved the Housing Fayre and a Facebook Live in collaboration with the Residential Services Team. The end of the campaign also meant we began to review the renting process for students, and wider discussions regarding the future of accreditation and housing campaigns are taking place so any ideas can be developed for the new Union Strategy. In December I took part in the interview process for a new Head of Residential Services, where I made sure that the successful candidate was student centred and would look out for the wellbeing of students. Also this month saw the last Carholme Community Forum of 2019, where I represented students living in the west end, as well as securing a new opportunity for the first student representative on the Sincil Bank Residents Board.</p>	
<p>Objective 5: 85% of students will have heard of or used “Volunteering Opportunities”</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>I have met with the HR department to work on our plans for “Make A Difference Week”, which will offer students the opportunity to do one-off volunteering both on and off campus, along with staff members to improve the one community feeling. In addition, I put together a series of social media for over the Christmas break which can be used to publicise volunteering in the Campaigns Network.</p> <p>2020 will see me work more on a plan for a volunteer appreciation campaign, and how we publicise off-campus volunteering more.</p>	
<p>Student Interactions</p>	<p>Lots of Attendance Panels Housing Q&A Facebook Live Housing Fayre Referendum Drop Ins</p>	<p>Committee & University Staff Interactions</p>	<p>Attendance at Mary Stuarts Launch for “The Purpose of University in Uncertain Times” Meeting with Student Support, Student Wellbeing & English Language Centre</p>

	<p>PG Mental Health Meeting Campaigns Network Focus Groups Campaigns Network Meeting 50:50s – 4 SLP & 5 Officers Campaign Planning Sessions with LGBT+ & Disabilities Campaigns Network Christmas PG Coffee Morning</p>		<p>Environmental Champions Wellbeing Champion Meeting Carholme Community Forum Make A Difference Week meeting with HR University Wellbeing Filming Panel Member for University Senior Staff Member Interviews Gender Based Violence Taskforce Introduction Meeting with Local Councillor about Street Lights Environment & Sustainability Committee</p>
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