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<p>Report Summary</p>	<p>This month I have been talking to students about elections and preparing more academic societies for next year if they want to adopt a once disbanded one or to start a new society. I have been working on improving the representation and engagement of the postgraduate community, by making sure that I continue to work towards the first postgraduate Students Association hub and all of our other plans for the community. I have been meeting with Mary to talk about the first semester and preparation for communications to students about semester B.</p>	
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<p>KPIs</p>	<p>Updates</p>	
<p>Deliver a new rep structure, setting out clearer descriptions for the roles and what can be expected.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p>	<p>Looking into different marketing and promotional techniques to get the reps faces and names out to students and to make them more recognisable. There is a SUGgestion currently being voted on about merchandise for Course Reps for they are physical recognisable as a group of representatives. The Senior Rep Group are once again meeting with Liz Mossop to feedback on the semester and ask any questions they have about Semester B so they can inform their reps and student cohorts of all the information they need to use.</p>
	<p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>I will be taking the restructure to the first Board of Trustees meeting in the new year to let the trustees know about the changes as this type of reform is more based in the long term strategy of the Students' Union than the previous changes I have made.</p>
<p>To establish the Postgraduate Students Association as a representative organisation for postgraduate students at Lincoln.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p>	<p>We have had positive feedback from postgraduate students about the improvements in representation and engagement with the research cohort in particular.</p>
	<p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>We had a slight set back with electing the PSA Officer after a technical glitch with the PSA election however, we are relaunching in January so working towards getting that filled and then putting together the agenda for the first hub and set the precedent for what type of meetings they will be.</p>
<p>To increase the engagement with online feedback platforms and tools.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p>	<p>Another three Suggestions have been approved and I have been doing social media promotion of the SUGgestions ready to be voted on to show students about the types of ideas we take through, but also how to engage with this service. We have been planning for the further</p>



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		development of the Student Teaching and Learning Experience panels including opening up the chairing opportunities to have many student co-chairs who can take different sections.
	Plans for next month:	Myself and Helen Nichols from the school of Social and Political Sciences have been meeting to set up a new coaching programme for staff and students, to help develop different skills to and allow both parties to benefit from the expertise of another. We are going to meet with Kate the new Dean of LALT in January to update her on our plans and see if we can get involvement and support from this level. This concept has been developed from the Student Teaching and Learning Experience panels as the feedback students give at this early stage is so useful and we wanted to create a more individualistic sounding board platform for both staff and students.
Provide feedback on the Assessment Charter and assessment feedback.	Progress this month:	Liz Mossop attend our last Senior Rep Group of then year and helped to clarify how the rest of Semester A in January would run and how we would look heading into Semester B in February. Myself and the College Officers have continued meeting on a weekly basis to keep on top of any academic developments especially in regards to assessments, we spoke at Senior Rep Group to get a wider image of how the assessment process has gone so far and if dates for them where changed in line with the change in academic year dates.
	Plans for next month:	I am meeting with Linsey Woodcock the Director of Quality, Enhancements and Standards and Liz Mossop in the new year to talk about the assessment charter and what my thoughts are on changing it, this will be the last step in my manifesto point moving towards getting positive change for students.
Work in partnership with the university to enhance pastoral care.	Progress this month:	Students have been using their personal tutors far more this year from feedback myself and the other sabbatical officers have received. The signposting done by all of the Volunteer Officers when students have approached them with issues about their academic and personal life they have been signposting to the Advice Centre and Wellbeing services but also towards student's personal tutors and this slight change in culture throughout this pandemic has helped students to



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		get help when they are not sure where they should be fixing a problem.
	Plans for next month:	Over the winter break I will be taking a break myself but making sure that during this period, because of the assessments, that students will be preparing for that there is help and students know where to get support from during this break.
To enhance the experience of Academic Societies.	Progress this month:	Reps contact with Academic Societies has continued to grow and I am working with James Morrison the Academic Societies Officer on getting any academic societies that have been disbanded to see if there is potential for them to restart in the new year with the help of us both to get more engagement.
	Plans for next month:	I have a few meetings set up in January to talk to students about academic societies, reps with support and how they can engage with them and continuing to meet with James to plan for the second semester and how we increase engagement.

Student Interaction update:	Senior Rep Group Meet your VPE Rep Forum Student Teaching and Learning Experience Panels Academic Societies Hub Facebook Live for Hanukah Education students academic societies talk
Committee and University Staff updates:	Portfolio and Oversight Group Access and Participation Oversight Group Lincoln Equality of Attainment Project Executive Committee Board of Trustees Education and Students Life Committee Academic Affairs Committee Accountability and Insight Committee
Any Other Business:	With the winter break in sight we have prepared online engagement activities for students staying in Lincoln including cook along videos of a Christmas diner, quizzes and Netflix watch parties. This last semester has provided a lot of challenges but the students at Lincoln have done brilliantly in engaging with blended learning and all of the changes to university life so thank you to all of the students at Lincoln.



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