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<b>Manifesto Point</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
<p><b>Objective 1:</b> 60% of students will agree that campus is accessible for all.</p>	<p><b>Progress this month:</b></p> <p><b>Reflection on Year:</b></p>	<p>During this month, the Executive Committee approved the Accessibility Report, and as a result I am presenting Zoe &amp; I's findings at the Inclusion Committee on Wednesday (27<sup>th</sup> May) in front of multiple academic teams. I am looking forward to passing on this work to the new VP Wellbeing &amp; Community &amp; VP Campaigns &amp; Environment, in order to monitor how the university respond to our concerns presented. During May, the VPA, VPI &amp; I all finished the first draft of the Lincoln Together Inclusion Training, which will be rolled out in the next academic year. I am awaiting more details for the Learning Support Plan changes, however currently I believe these are still on track to be ready for September.</p> <p>Overall, I believe I made a lot of progress with this KPI this year and have worked very hard to support the Disabilities Officer to raise the concerns of students about physically and virtual accessibility. From the Accessibility Report to all the work that went into Sunflower Lanyards Campaign, the work has started on making campus "accessible for all", however I do believe there is much more work to be done.</p>
<p><b>Objective 2:</b> 85% of students will agree or strongly agree they are "satisfied with their life nowadays".</p>	<p><b>Progress this month:</b></p> <p><b>Reflection on Year:</b></p>	<p>This month I was working with the Student Wellbeing team in order to put on a virtual wellbeing café, however due to GDPR complications with using teams, this could not go ahead. Instead I have been working on the "Wellbeing Network" structure I have been developing since January, and hopefully this will be fully operational in time for the new SABB team. Over the past couple of weeks, I have been working to produce the role descriptions for volunteers.</p>

		<p>Reflecting on this year, from the data in the most recent Membership Insight Package, 68.7% knew about the “Look After Your Mate” Campaign, with 73% of people describing it as a “good campaign”. However sadly the results for the question: “are you satisfied with your life nowadays, in regards to mental wellbeing” showed only 58% of positive responses, much lower than aimed for in my KPI.</p>
<p><b>Objective 3: 40% of students will believe the SU are actively working to reduce the negative impact on the environment.</b></p>	<p><b>Progress this month:</b>  <b>Plans for next month:</b></p>	<p>This month I represented students at the Environment &amp; Sustainability Committee, as well as working with the Environmental Officer on ideas for next years Enviro-Fayre. In addition I have been working on processing all the feedback from the Enviro-Fayre, and writing this up into a formal report.</p> <p>Reflecting on this year, from the data in the most recent Membership Insight Package, 70% of people believed “the SU are actively working to reduce the negative impact on the environment”, which means I have reached my KPI target and surpassed it by 30%. This KPI was linked to campaigns such as Green Week &amp; Enviro-Fayre, as well as large improvements in our venues achieved through our quarterly environmental champions meetings.</p>
<p><b>Objective 4: 85% of students will be satisfied with their accommodation in the Housing Survey.</b></p>	<p><b>Progress this month:</b>  <b>Plans for next month:</b></p>	<p>During May I have dealt with more queries regarding Housing and Accommodation in response to COVID-19, particularly for Danesgate House, where I wrote a letter of concern to the Management Company regarding the very unethical approach they took to rent reductions. In addition, for this month I created an ASM Motion for a Student Union Accreditation Scheme, in order for this to become Student Union policy for 3 years. Sadly, the ASM did not reach the 150 attendees required, however the motion was approved to go to Referendum and therefore hopefully this referendum will be completed before my term in office is over.</p>

		<p>Reflecting on this year, sadly the Student Housing Survey was not run this year and therefore there is no data for this KPI. This KPI was linked to the Ready to Rent Housing Campaign in November, and work around a future Student Union Accreditation Scheme.</p>	
<p><b>Objective 5: 85% of students will have heard of or used "Volunteering Opportunities"</b></p>	<p><b>Progress this month:</b>  <b>Plans for next month:</b></p>	<p>Sadly due to COVID-19, all volunteering opportunities have been suspended until further notice and therefore we are not promoting these opportunities. Instead I have been working to improve the structure of the Campaigns Network, and as part of this, we have incorporated volunteering into the Community Campaigns Group (with a volunteering lead position). In addition, we celebrated all student volunteers at the SU Awards, and had our new award, "volunteer of the year" awarded for the first time!</p> <p>Reflecting on this year, from the data in the most recent Membership Insight Package, 86.7% of people had heard of "SU Volunteering Opportunities", which means I have reached my KPI target, and from that, 74% of people rated the SU volunteering opportunities as positive. This KPI was linked to improved promotion of Make A Difference week, and work on improving the visibility of the Campaigns Network.</p>	
<p><b>Student Interactions</b></p>	<p>Final Campaigns Network Meeting Campaigns Network Officer Handovers Facebook Live Sessions All Student Members Meeting</p>	<p><b>Committee &amp; University Staff Interactions</b></p>	<p>Danesgate Rent Meeting Phone Call with Danesgate Management Environment &amp; Sustainability Committee Monthly Student Service Catch-Up Monthly Accommodation Catch Up Education &amp; Student Life Committee OfS Mental Health Project Steering Group</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>	<p>And just like that, it's all over – my last officer report as VPWC! I'd like to say a massive thank you to all the staff who have supported me this year, and a very large thank you to all the students who I have had the pleasure of representing and working with this year! Reflecting on my past year, I am glad to have been able to meet some of my KPIs and for those I was unable to measure, I do believe I have made significant progress towards a better experience for students at Lincoln! From Ready to Rent and the Accreditation Policy, to</p>		

	<p>Look After Your Mate and the Accessibility Report, this year has been filled with lots of challenges and amazing experiences as a result. This month I have been working on the logistics of the Wellbeing Network, as well as creating a motion about an SU Accreditation Scheme for the ASM. So that's it, 3 weeks to go, thank you again – it's been a brilliant year!</p>
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