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What have you worked on over the past month?	<p>Over the past month, I have been working with the LIBS College alongside our Student Leaders to prepare for the year ahead. It was talked that I will be focusing more on breaking the barriers between our home and international students by promoting equal opportunities and involvement. I have been collaborating with different staff members to make sure that I can reach the right students to communicate with. At the moment, I am still trying to build communications with all of the students. I have been actively promoting the Student Union and the services they are offering, making sure that they are being accessed by the students.</p> <p>Additionally, Part of my role is to meet up with different academic staff members to make sure that I have been present to engage and represent our students in LIBS, which I have been involved in and making sure that students are aware of our role and where and when to contact us. I have been doing talks on different lectures throughout the welcome week and also taking advantage of the fresher fayres to encourage students to take part in the academic representation making sure that students see the benefits around the roles.</p> <p>Another important note is that I have been spending time with the elected volunteer officers to make sure that we are not only having a college collaboration but also university-wide.</p>
Successes from the past month and any Representative wins?	<p>There are times that students from different courses in LIBS have approached me, especially in Freshers' week to ask different questions about representation and how to get involved which I have managed to explain to them, the reason why we have student representation. I have managed to encourage some students to apply for some of the academic rep positions.</p> <p>I have been taking part in some of the society activities to show my support.</p>
What student feedback did you receive this month and how were issues resolved	<p>Over the past few weeks, I have received quite a lot of feedback from our international students especially Erasmus students regarding their timetabling issues, enrolment, and visa inquiries. These issues were raised to the student leaders where they have informed all of the students that there are some system issues and the university is trying to resolve this problem as it is affecting everyone. In terms of the visa inquiries/issues, I have been in contact with Amina (VP International) to resolve this and it was agreed that any students that will have difficulty around this matter should be contacting the Visa Compliance team.</p>