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Manifesto Point	Updates	
<p>Objective 1 Create an Academic Societies Program.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>Abi and I have been having meetings at the SU to talk about the Academic Societies Programme, we have been tasked with checking over the collaboration agreement which will outline what Academic Societies can expect from the SU. Next we will be looking into what is included in the Academic Society programme for example events the societies can put on, how we will help them by giving venue access etc and finally how we will get an academic buy in from the university. Lastly, we will come up with a name for the programme to give final ownership to Academic Societies and their process so that they have an individual identity to the other activities.</p>
<p>Objective 2 Inspire a sense of community and belonging in collaboration with the university and their access and participation efforts.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>I have continued to attend the LEAP meetings to ensure that the university is being active in achieving their access and participation goals, whilst offering help to gain student feedback where possible. As a result of one of these meetings I invited Xiaotong the lead of this group to attend a Rep Forum to gain research around barriers students face in higher education. We had our third PG Coffee Morning and it was good to see so many postgraduate students in the Swan using the space to take a break from studies, from here we are going to be doing a larger marketing push on these events to see if we can get even more people attending. During the PG catch up with Farhan and Jonathan the deans of PGR and PGT we talked about plans for the upcoming PG welcome for the new cohort and changes we want to make to the PG week in October. Marketing have been a big help in pushing these events out, making posters and ultimately creating an identity and sense of belonging at these events.</p>
<p>Objective 3 Supporting and enhancing the experience of student representatives.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>Rep forum has proved a challenge throughout my time as VPE so far in terms of engaging reps by providing useful and enriching sessions at these forums, as a result of this I thought it was time to introduce some bigger changes to see if I could crack how to make the best forum. The Student Voice team and I altered the table layout to allow for cross university and college feedback during the different sessions, these changes received great feedback and have me confident that we can keep enhancing the reps experience through these alterations.</p>

<p>Objective 4 Review academic representation in line with the new union strategy.</p>	<p>Progress this month: Plans for next month:</p>	<p>Over the last month I have been researching other institutions and how they academically represent their students, from this research I have been able compare our current system and see where we can improve our methods to gain feedback. After the success of the last Rep Forum I have new ideas on how to expand it and keep improving it, something I have to consider is how to make it work for a larger audience though as the January forum has a smaller attendance so I will be thinking of ways to make it work on a larger scale physically with the tables and also with the agenda.</p>
<p>Objective 5 Enhancing learning spaces around campus.</p>	<p>Progress this month: Plans for next month:</p>	<p>I have made a lot of progress this month in regards to learning spaces on campus. One of our pop-up lab dates has been confirmed and as has a room and we're just finding a suitable space for the second date but everything will go ahead providing students more computer learning spaces during those busy assessment periods. In the library the extension cords used near all of the computers and tables have been replaced with cables with more sockets to allow students using their own devices to be able to plug them in and charge without having to unplug a PC taking them out of action. The library have also assured us that the cables that have been replaced will also be either reused in the library with the remaining ones being returned to Estates who will repurpose them or destroy them in line with the universities disposal policy.</p>

<p>Student Interactions</p>	<p>Elections meetings with students interested in being VPE, College Officer and School Reps. SRG. Rep Forum. Meeting with History and Heritage School Rep and History Committee President about the H&H Ball 2020. BUCS matches: Netball and Badminton. Refreshers Fayre. Attendance Panels. Took part in a PhD students VR research project. Met with Medical School students about societies involvement.</p>	<p>Committee & University Staff Interactions</p>	<p>Accountability and Insight Committee. Digital Education Sub Group. Executive Committee. Monthly SU and Student Services catch-up. PG catch-up with Farhan the Dean of Postgraduate Taught and Jonathan the Dean of the Doctoral School. Catch-up with Jasper the Dean of LALT. Mentor meetings. WonkHe SU catch-up.</p>
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