

## AMINA AKUGRI VICE PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL 25-09-20

Report Summary	For this month, I interacted with Incoming International students of which some were in Isolation to hold conversations and stay in touch to ensure they are receiving the support they need.				
	I had a race equality training with the Sabb's as well as trustee training with the Sabb's and student trustees. Myself and the Sabb's held our 1 <sup>st</sup> Big Quiz for medical students in the Engine shed which was amazing! The Pen pal scheme is receiving lots of sign ups which is great! Like always, I am here to talk! So always feel free to drop me an email or simply DM me if that works for you on any of my social media accounts.				
KPIs	KPIs Updates				
IN 15	Opuates	Monthly ISA Hub for the 20/21 academic year has been created which would			
75% of students are aware of ISA	Progress this month:	be used to engage its members as well as generate feedback through activities and holding various topics of discussions.			
		A few members have joined the ISA Facebook group and a video of the ISA committee members has been posted on all social media platforms including Global lounge on Blackboard which is accessible to all International students.			
	Plans for next month:	I want to be easily accessible to all International students especially for those who may be isolating before start of term time so they can be supported and engaged in conversations, catch up's and other activities remotely.			
		To hold ISA's first hub, a walking tour for its members which would be conducted in safe manner.			
20% Increase in unique		I have shared feedback with Abi our VP Activities on the concerns from Current International students about engaging in sports/societies.  During two welcome talks, myself and Abi have encouraged International			
membership of International students	Progress this month:	students to join societies/sports to help improve their engagement and also see it as an opportunity to make friends.			
participating in memberships, sports, societies, academic societies and social sport		Based on the feedback gathered, the ISA committee has agreed to come up with a video from sports/societies officers as well as members of the societies to encourage International students to participate and sign up to the various types of societies and sports on campus.			
	Plans for next month:	Work with the ISA committee to complete the video which can be shared on social media so that International students would feel more welcomed to join a society or take part in sporting activity			
60% of Students are Aware of how to Report Hate crime	Progress this month:	Student support is in the process of completing a training module on hate crime/harassment which would be in the form of a video/quiz. This video is meant to educate students on Hate crime awareness & reporting which would be made accessible via blackboard.			
	Plans for next month:	Once the training modules are ready and available, I would create awareness of these modules using the ISA network and all others networks within the other student leaders to encourage students to take the training so they become aware of how to report hate crimes.			
60% of Staff and Students are Aware of Cultural events within the Community	Progress this month:	The multifaith chaplaincy has shared a link for a calendar with some cultural dates which is located on their Website. I am working on a calendar with ISA committee to highlight all of the various cultural events which can be made accessible to all students and staff.			



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		A list of important cultural dates was received from the Jewish society so awareness can be created among students and celebrate with members of the society.
	Plans for next month:	To gather and collect more resources on developing this calendar from various demographic of students so it can be very representative of the students' nationalities we have on campus.
75% students participating in the International Buddy scheme are satisfied	Progress this month:	38 pen pals have been paired and 8 are yet to complete their training so they can be paired to International students. Students are responding and showing interest in the scheme which is really good and hopefully the numbers would keep increasing. 2 students' have already shared excitement about their pen pals and are happy with the scheme.  The link to the scheme for current students to sign up has been sent to various colleges to encourage current students to be part of the scheme so it can be easy to pair students who want to be paired with students studying similar courses.
	Plans for next month:	I would continue to create awareness of the scheme with the help of the ISA network and that of the Sabb's to get more current students' to sign up to it.
40% of the members of International Students Association actively use skills	Progress this month:	The Penpal and International buddy Scheme can now be located on the SU's website as volunteering opportunity which can contribute to students skills log during their time of study. Some International students have shown keen interest in signing up for volunteering opportunities based on live talks we have delivered to them.
	Plans for next month:	I would continue to promote to students to sign up for volunteering opportunities on our various social media platforms which would contribute to their skills log.

Student Interaction update:	Participated in a Facebook live with all the student leaders and with Alex to interact with students and find out about their expectations when they come to campus and also talk about things they can do when they arrive.  Recorded a video for International office and PEASS with Abi & the Sabb's for Incoming students to inform them about what an SU is and also highlight the various services, opportunities and representational networks students can be a part off.  I also did a "Freshers Take" podcast with Lucy where we discussed well-being opportunities students can be involved in as well as ISA network and Penpal scheme in place to help bridge integration gap of International and home students.  I have interacted with students via B-Global self-isolation WhatsApp group which has given me the opportunity to be in touch with students during their Isolation period and also having periodic conversations with everyone in the group to keep them engaged and provide them with necessary information about the University and the SU.



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	Signposted a student to sign-up for a cultural exchange program, Supported students who emailed me to sign up for the pen pal scheme and overall responding to students questions via social media.
Committee and University Staff updates:	Executive Committee , Student Orders Ltd Board Meeting ,Finance & Risk Sub - Committee ,ISRIC , LEAP, Inclusion committee, Decolonisation the Curriculum, Airport pick ups , ICT , Black History Month, BAME working group and ISA committee.
	Monthly Catch ups were held with the Tommy International office ,ICT, English Language Centre, Judy Turner , ISA officer,
	Myself and the Sabb's delivered our first face to face Welcome talk to the medical students on campus. It was great to see students even though we had to adhere to social distancing in the Lecture theatre.
Any Other Business:	Did a marketing video of Towers to inform students on what to expect when they come to the venue and how to access the services at the venue.
	I had a plantain frying session with Towers Chef which is now part of the Line-Up menu for students to be able to make orders from.