

Vice President Education Officer Report

June 2020

The last couple of weeks have seen so much change - saying bye to Cassie, Emma and Mohit and welcoming in Amina, Bailey and Lucy! Training is well underway and we have been figuring out how we can work well as a team to hit our goals throughout the year and make sure we work to represent students and bring about positive change.

Handover:

Our handover period this time has been interesting as I was handing over to myself for all intents and purposes! I decided to use this time to be reflective on the year and think about what I want to change about how I do my role and how I can continue to progress. For this year I want to branch out and try get feedback from a larger group, education impacts every student at university and I want to go to more events put on by the other Student Leaders to broaden out my networks. My original manifesto from 2019 had a point about an 'officer hour' type session once a week which I would like to do this year more formally, I think by making myself available either on campus or online will help more students come to me with any issues or concerns that they have.

Training:

We are coming to the end of our fourth week of training and it has been great to bond with the team and start to work on our plans for the year. It is good to go back through all of the training and reaffirm the information we have to make sure that I know how to help students and where to signpost them, going back through this process I think will make me more confident in my ability to help people. Communication is key, this year with the Senior Reps I have always tried to give them all of the information they need to do their roles efficiently, throughout training this year and reflecting back I have discovered new methods of talking with the reps and others in my networks to effectively communicate to achieve all that we want.

KPIs:

I have been looking at my KPIs and seeing what I have achieved in full this year and where I still have plans to follow through. One of my KPIs this year was to enhance the learning spaces on campus, within this I had been working with the University's ICT department to get access to some more spaces across campus. Unfortunately, the dates we had secured for pop up ICT labs were for April and May so they were not able to occur. I want to make sure the KPIs I could not finish still come to fruition this year whilst achieving everything I set out in my manifesto. Learning spaces, especially going back onto a campus that is socially distanced, will have to adapt to the new spaces available and also make use of spaces that wouldn't necessarily be considered useful for learning. My manifesto this year focused on personal tutoring, assessment feedback and academic societies so I am focusing on developing my plans for the year so I can start working towards them.

What I'm looking forward to:

It is sad to say bye to the old team but being able to continue to work for positive change for students and welcome in three new sabbatical officers to make our own team is exciting. I cannot wait for the year, although though the environment we are in provides some challenges and different situations to what we are used to, it is going to be an interesting and exciting year.