

## Volunteer Officer Report February 2019

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What has been worked on in the past month?

Myself and the PGT Officer held our very first monthly PG drop-in session and will still be holding them every first Monday of the month.

I also represented the SU at the NUS conference with the PGT Officer where we discussed many issues within the PG community. I have taken some of these issues further in the University to see how we stand on these issues (which were also discussed at ASM) and if there is anything we could do to improve on them. One of them being PGR mental health and wellbeing. I have been discussing PGR mental health issues and their opinion and thoughts on Student Wellbeing with a few students to get a general overview which will help me figure out how to approach the situation further.

I have also attended a few academic boards as well as UREC. I have raised issues regarding the new ethics system and Confirmation of Studies forms to help staff and students work towards understanding the systems better and in the future prevent this from delaying research.

Successes from the past month and any Reps Wins

Steps are being taken to ensure the new ethics system and Confirmation of Studies is understood by both staff and students. We are hoping with the new academic year this system will be a much smoother process.

Plans for next month

Once I have gathered enough opinions and thoughts regarding PGR mental health and Student Wellbeing I will meet with Student Wellbeing to discuss any issues which may be raised and work with them to improve these for the PGR community.

I will further progress streamlining the process of the new ethics system so for the new academic year this would be much easier for new students

Myself and the PGT Officer are hoping to form a PG Society so the PG community can be stronger as both PGT and PGR students can meet through social methods, such as through quizzes.

I will also be present at the 2019 Postgraduate Research Showcase to network and discuss my role within the University with students.