

City University Students' Union Standing Report

Summary

This paper is a summary of the Students' Union activity. The following areas are covered:

- Recruitment
- Student Voice team
- Opportunities team

Recommendations

Education and Student Committee is asked to:

- **Note and discuss** the report

An update on the main activities from the Students' Union:

Recruitment:

- New CEO Phillip Gilks has started his post in the SU
- Business Operations Manager post has been successfully recruited for and filled
- Societies Coordinator post has been successfully recruited for and filled
- The SU currently has an Interim Membership Development Manager in post

Student Voice team:

- 600+ elected reps across the University, the SU are aiming for at least 1 rep on all courses at City by the end of the Academic year. This will ensure better student representation across the University and further opportunities for the student experience to improve as a whole. The aim to have at least 1 rep on all courses is to support the joint aim of the SU and University to continue to improve student satisfaction overall.
- Online training is live on Moodle and is working well for reps, especially commuter and part-time students. The learning and development of skills has been incorporated into the training and reps are encouraged to use and promote opportunities/services at City, such as the Careers Service. The SU will continuously support reps throughout the year to ensure they are receiving satisfactory support to succeed in their roles. An end of year survey will be developed to gain feedback on whether reps feel the role has enhanced their employability prospects.
- Welcome Receptions for School Staff/Students have begun and all Departmental/Academic societies have also been invited to attend. Staff are encouraged to build relationships with reps and society committee members in order for potential collaboration going forward. The SU will meet with and encourage all Schools and Departments to support the work on this over the year.
- Union Support Service has recruited 6 volunteers from PG CLS courses to support the high demand of support currently needed by students. The SU are currently exploring ways to include UG students from all Schools going forward.
- By-elections are currently taking place in October 2016. Union Council and NUS Delegates will be elected for this academic year to hold the SU executive to account and allow City the opportunity to represent City students on a National platform.

Student Opportunities:

- RAG Week will commence from November 28th – December 2nd. We will be fundraising for two charities (Mind and Side by Side) with a variety of activities and events planned.
- 24 new student societies have been approved. However due to a high demand from student organisers to form new societies this year, we have decided to extend the deadline for new society applications until midnight on Monday 31st October.
- The issue around the bar continues to be an issue raised by students. Discussions have started about other possible options that we can work on for our events with external organisations.
- £5000 has been secured from Santander for the purpose of the SU's leadership/employability program which we will be working closely on with the Careers Service.

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