

President – Rhiannon Ellis

Addressing: Preventing harassment and Discrimination on Campus, Improving the Disabled Voice, Improving the mental health and wellbeing of students, International Student Experience

What are the plans for the girl's night in, what is the purpose and how is the SU showing their solidarity with the movement against gender-based violence?

To amplify the student voice, on the 3rd of November the Students Union will be hosting a vigil against gender-based violence. With increased reports of spiking nationally, it is important to take a stand against these issues. The SU is shutting down the Forum, regardless of the financial losses experienced by the SU, to show support for the movement.

How does the Zero Tolerance policy differ from existing university policy and what are the practical sanctions associated with this approach?

At the moment, feedback suggests that students don't feel confident in the universities ability to deal with issues of harassment. Having a zero-tolerance approach will give students a good idea as to the universities approach to dealing with such issues. At the moment, the practical sanctions that will be given under the zero-tolerance approach have not yet been decided, and therefore cannot yet be promoted to students.

What are the SU doing in regards to allowing guests into the Forum, and how will the zero-tolerance approach apply to them?

There is only one guest allowed per student, and any guest that is guilty of harassment or any other negative behaviours will be removed and banned from the forum. This will also apply to the student who has brought them, as they are responsible for their guest during their time at the forum.

General Feedback:

- Students would like to see the use of more visual advertisements such as videos and posters addressing officers manifesto points and progress
- It would be helpful to address the zero-tolerance approach more widely to the student population, outside of the SU website, so that students are aware all discrimination and harassment will be dealt with accordingly

Vice-President Education – Syeda Zara Haram

Addressing- Timetabling, BAME Awarding Gaps, Personal Tutoring, International students' professional development, and Students Rights

What is being done to raise awareness of Student Representatives and SCOs within their schools?

It is important that SCO's are being productive in the process of raising awareness of their positions, but it is also key that programme leaders facilitate this process. The needs of each school are different, so individual plans will have to be implemented in each school, and the SU are happy to help in the process.

What should students do if they have face-to-face and online lectures in very quick succession?

Students should use study spaces on campus if they are having a mixture of face-to-face and online lectures e.g. LRC.

What steps are being taken to ensure that lectures are being recorded?

Students should have their lectures posted on canvas, this is a standard which should be applied across all courses and modules. If this is not happening on your course, please give feedback so that this can be addressed.

How can attendance in lectures be improved across the university?

Lack of attendance and low rates engagement were not expected this year, as it was assumed students would feel happy to return to some normalcy after the impacts of COVID-19. Some students still feel uncomfortable coming to campus, so online lectures have been offered to them to reduce risks of low attendance in lectures.

Are January exams to be sat online or in person?

Most courses will have online exams in January, unless otherwise specifically stated.

General Feedback:

- Admin has been slow this year, and students would like this addressed particularly in relation to issues accessing canvas
- Some students would like alternate forms of assessment considered, other than online exams
- Students would like to see more study spaces on campus available for group and individual study

Vice-President Community- Prosasti Ganguly

Addressing- Sustainability, Safety on Campus, Helping us Help You, Period Poverty

What are the plans going ahead with the green impact and sustainability movement?

Currently, the movement is going ahead with the help of the campaign co-ordinator to create more awareness and educate more students on the issue of sustainability whilst working with SU green impact team to make sure resources are sustainable, also the recycling campaign will be launched by the end of semester A.

Vice- President Activities – Junaid Ahmed

Addressing- Reducing student loneliness, More sport for disabled and able bodied students, Helping societies win

Where can information be found on Committee Member Roles?

Please find all relevant information using this link- [Society Committee Handbook \(hertfordshire.su\)](https://www.hertfordshire.su/society-committee-handbook)

Gavriel Solomons on the Issue of Student Rep Recruitment

The issue has been raised that taking the voting system out of student rep recruitment undermines the democratic natures of representation at the university. Now the student rep recruitment process is done by appointment, mainly by SCO's.

General Feedback:

- New system has been received well by some schools due to low number of student rep applicants.
- Maybe next year if the voting rep recruitment system is reimplemented, manifestos should be posted anonymously to ensure a fair vote.

- Some courses have experienced confusion in the new recruitment process, as staff and SCO's were practicing different recruitment processes.

Welcome Back Feedback

How were student leaders' experiences of the welcome back period?

Generally positive experiences, however due to most of the freshers and welcome events being held so early in the year many intentional students were unable to come.

General Feedback:

- Student staff should be put in place sooner, as SCO's were appointed in September and made the beginning of the year difficult.
- Have freshers' fairs later in the semester to promote inclusion of more international students.

The Appointment of Student Council Chair 2021/22

This academic year your Student Council Chair is Jackson Cyprian, and Deputy Council Chair is Abhijeet Atul Kale!