

## **Student Council (01.12.21) – Updates from Junaid**

Manifesto Themes:

### **Reducing student loneliness.**

*What progress has been made / what has been achieved?*

- I have been speaking with students on both the campuses and helped them understand sports services and our advice and support program that SU offers. I have been actively arranging meetings with students who felt lonely and did not have any mates after coming to uni and helped them made good connections at uni. I have done movember pop up stalls both the campuses and talked about men's mental health and testicular cancer awareness for them. I am also putting up herts cultural fest with vp community on 8th of December where students from different walk of life will be given a platform to showcase their background and cultural interests respectively.

*What are my next steps / what do I hope to achieve by the next meeting?*

- I will be arranging more student facing events where commuting students and on campus students would get a chance to get involved and put forward their talents and make friends with each other.

### **More sports for disabled and abled students.**

*What progress has been made / what has been achieved?*

- I arranged a sports focused group within uni students and gathered some useful feedback to take it back to Herts squad and they have made necessary changes. They have put up more disabled student sports in their active student sessions and have named them for people to easily read and understand what they offer. They also started doing few females only active student sessions, such as powerlifting.

*What are my next steps / what do I hope to achieve by the next meeting?*

- I will be trying my best to get more student involvement in sports and get better communication between herts squad and students.

### **Helping societies progress and win.**

*What progress has been made / what has been achieved?*

- I have been helping society put up their events recently and have got two lined up next week. I have helped societies get their queries resolved instantly by them approaching me directly and have had the chance to

help understood more about their struggles and find a way to make things easier for societies. I have learnt a lot by speaking to societies and students by engaging in conversation with them.

*What are my next steps / what do I hope to achieve by the next meeting?*

- I will be hosting societies forum every now and then and the first one is tomorrow which is available online or in person to gather useful feedback from our societies and try make things more accessible and convenient for our amazing societies.

//

Bits and bobs:

- I attended few society events and one of them was divali ball. It was good seeing students enjoying the festival of lights.
- We have got another event "Bollywood bhangra party" on 6th of December please get involved as its going to be lit.
- I have attended a student mind training session yesterday with different activities sabbatical officers throughout the UK universities and believe me our SU offers far more support than others. It was a good experience to get few insights from other SU's.