

Student Council (01.12.21) – Updates from Zara

Manifesto Themes:

Face-to-face teaching.

What progress has been made / what has been achieved?

- Students will see an increase in face-to-face teaching as rooms that are safe will be returned to full capacity. To stay accessible and flexible, auto recording will be reinstated in 120 rooms across both campuses.

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

- Monitoring the amount of face to face in different schools and holding the University to account if the commitment to delivering more f2f is not upheld. Also, making sure all sessions are recorded and uploaded at appropriate times.

Timetabling.

What progress has been made / what has been achieved?

- Lobbied for better communication about timetables and early release of accurate timetables (early Jan). Also Considering longer commutes when timetabling for Semester B, which involves finding the right balance of fewer days on which the student must go to campus but not scheduling too many lectures on a single day.

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

- Working with the University marketing team to make sure timetabling communication is done at appropriate times. Listen and to further student during the semester and communicate it to the timetabling team. Also raise awareness on how to make timetabling changes for individual cases. Also there will be timetabling questions in the SAAS survey run by SU to gauge an idea of what students expect from their timetables.

Start of Term for International Students.

What progress has been made / what has been achieved?

- I've successfully lobbied with the Dean of Students to arrange airport pickups for students arriving during January Intake.

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

- Working with the University to improve the induction experience including but not limited to better signage, Student ambassadors, appropriate signposting, integration workshops. Also I'm in the process of developing a International Student guide for our website.

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Bits and bobs:

Ask Herts Hubs.

- Helping push to clear the backlog in the ask herts emails and student status letters.

Academic Misconduct.

- Leading "earn your degree" campaign.

Hosting.

- Hosting the rep conferences and the international student issues forum and followed up the feedback.

Engagement Monitoring Policy.

- Following the feedback from last time which I relayed to the University, engagement from students is being closely monitored and email as being sent checking on student's wellbeing.

Assignment rubrics.

- Plans in semester B to make sure good quality rubrics are delivered to students for each assignment.

SASS.

- Added questions on timetabling and teaching quality in the SASS following feedback from students.

Rep/SCO social.

- Helped organise the social that's tomorrow! Following your feedback, there's free pizza so make sure you attend!