Officer Report

Llywydd Wellbeing & Liberation

Priorities

- The University experience will have a positive impact on student's mental health and mental health will be considered when changes are introduced at the Union and University.

Policy

- We have Taken a Zero-Tolerance Stance on Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Assualt
- We will resist and Campagn Against the UK Supreme Court Ruling on Gender
- Petition for Free Laundry Services for Full-time Residents
- We are Discontinuing the use of the Term BAME and using GEM
- Union Priority

What have I been up to ?

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- Trusteeship: sat on an interview panel to hire an external Undeb trustee, attended trustee training and sat on my first trustee board + followed university trustee induction and became a trustee of the university
- Fighting transphobic measures: following the pause in gender affirming surgeries in Wales, I reached out to other SUs to get them to lobby their MSs into discussing the board's decision in Senedd + had correspondance with MSs and Cabinet Minster for Health and Care + worked on comms to affirm support to our trans community
- Freshers week: spent time at the wellbeing table to spread awareness on free wellbeing items in Undeb + co-ran evening events + gave induction talks and Welcome Ceremony talks about my student journey
- Took part in various trainings over the summer on how to run campaigns, communicate with the university, PR, ...

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Accountability

Meeting List:

- University Council - 2
- University Strategy Days - 3
- Undeb Trustee Board
- Audit and Risk Assurance (AU Council)
- Nomimations (AU Council)
- Resource and Performance (AU Council)
- Investments (AU Council)
- Senate Workshop
- Education and Student Experience
- Equality Champions - EDI input
- Meeting with Various AU Executives #
- Adult Exploitation Toolkit Meeting

✔ Work around student and staff AI usage and guidance

✔ Work on how to follow legal EHRC guidelines while protecting our trans community

✔ Production of training and spreading awareness about adult sexual exploitation

Student Conversations

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Themes

- Feedback on welcome week events
- Feedback on welcome talks, what they found useful
- Wellbeing Focus Group: what students think impacts their wellbeing the most and how can the Undeb mitigate it as much as possible
- spoke to an undefinable amount of students in induction talks about the Undeb's role in representing their voice

Body

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Next Steps

Coming up

- Keep doing work around adult sexual exploitation, preparing to chair a panel around it mixing students and university
- Keep working on my campaign, meet with key stakeholders (university decision makers, allies, key people who will help shape the final document)
- Aim is that a first draft of mental health impact assessment is ready by January to be piloted for semester 2 Senedd and AGM
- A new cycle of meetings and committee meetings
- Helping out for SHAG week

Priorities

- There will be no barriers to student athletes travelling for BUCS away sports fixtures

Llywydd Opportunities

Policy

- We as Students' Want Redeveloped Sports Facilities
- The Students Union should Keep Running the International Students Advisory Board
- Bring Back RAG Charities
- We are Supporting the Work to Transform the Botany Gardens into the Penglais Botanic Gardens.
- Union Priority

What have I been up to ?

- Freshers, superteams planning, night team, preparing for the year ahead
- general work on my campaign, gathering feedback on different stuff from students, some admin and cover for opps
- lots of social media and BUCS stuff
- lots of training through the summer and recently travelling a lot for work

Llywydd Opportunities

Accountability

Meeting List:

- Welsh Student Sport
- Space Management Group
- Trustee Board
- Health Safety and Environment Operational Group
- Arts Centre Advisory Board
- FTPs and Disciplinaries
- Student Officer Network
- Meeting with Timetable
- Developement Meetings
- Risk Review Club Meetings
- Interviews
- VC meetings

- ✔ we have hired a new member of our trustee board and another member of opps
- ✔ elected as student chair of WSS
- ✔ potential trial of timetabling changes in semester 2

Student Conversations

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Themes

Social Media
BUCS
Sport facilities
Superteams

Llywydd Opportunities

Next Steps

Coming up

- more development meetings and risk reviews
- Meeting with NUS about international students
- MORE BUCS
- starting advisory boards
- varsity initial meeting
- more campaign work and analysis

Llywydd Academic

Priorities

- To take action against mouldy student homes
- Currently investigating an AI Campaign.

Policy

- We are Adopting Amnesty UK’s Defend Dissent Charter
- We have Agreed to Evaluate More Sustainble Alternatives to Starbucks* Costa Coffee

What have I been up to ?

Llywydd Academic

- 11 induction talks, 2 meet and greets, Freshers Blog article, Big Quiz, support at Welcome Weekend, training academic reps
- Promoted clarity around AI and Turnitin User License Agreement, and lack of job security for graduating nursing students, through videos, petitions, emails, articles and communication with other SUs
- Lots of training, such as Community Organising, Campaigns, Renters' Right Act, First Aid
- Lots of research, meetings and speaking to students for campaigns and future events, e.g. to students about their housing experiences, reading legislation about housing rights, planning SHAG Week and Diabetes Event

Accountability

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- **FTPs and disciplinary hearings**
- **university staff, e.g. Digital Education, Accommodation, PVCs**
- **local tenancy union, SOS Housing UK**
- **ESE Awards Panel**
- **ESE, QS Committee**
- **Academic Communities (Unitu)**
- **Defend Dissent with Amnesty Soc**
- **Senate Generative AI Workshop**
- **Monthly Exec Meeting on Sustainability**
- **First trustee meeting**
- **Faculty officers and Faculty heads**
- ***Unable to attend AberSkills Group, Collaborative Commissions Committee, Strategic Portfolio Development Group**

- ✓ Continue work on mould and dampness in student homes a aim to educate students about their housing rights
- ✓ Ensure students' concerns about AI use in their education are addressed and communicated to the university

Student Conversations

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Themes

- **student housing**
- **AI**
- **accessibility**
- **special circumstances**
- **protecting and promoting student rights**

Next Steps

Coming up

- SHAG Week
- Diabetes Event
- Meeting with Senedd members re student housing and clarity for postgrad nursing students
- more academic rep training
- conversations with the university about fair AI usage and whether to continue our Turnitin license
- continued communication with students and their feedback and concerns
- continued research on housing and AI!

Llywydd UMCA

Priorities

- Welsh language modules will be properly advertised, clearly stating all elements of the module that will be in Welsh.
- Welsh Students have a safe space to speak Welsh in their home.

Policy

- We are Working to Remove the Statue of Edward VIII
- Union Priority

What have I been up to ?

Llywydd UMCA

- Received multiple trainings
- Hosted a range of UMCA activities to welcome Welsh students here to Aberystwyth. Also hosted our first paned a sgwrs this year, which gives support and help for Welsh learners.
- Campaign planning and meetings: students consultation set up for November 11 in regards to the information provided on Welsh modules.
- Was part of an interview panel recruiting newest staff member to the Undeb, and also was a part of judging the Education and Student Experience Awards for this year.

Accountability

Meeting List:

- University Council
- University Strategy Days
- Undeb Trustee Board
- Cross-party group for Welsh language in the Senedd
- Welsh Language Operational Group
- Coleg Cymraeg Branch Committee
- Coleg Cymraeg Academic Board
- UMCA Committe
- Arts Centre Advisory Board
- Disciplinary
- Senate Workshop
- ESE Awards Panel
- Unable to attend: Welsh Medium Studies Committee

✔ Presented priorities to University Council.

✔ Changes have been approved to better signposting that make nursing students aware they can request to stay in Pantycelyn.

Student Conversations

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Themes

Welsh medium modules
Pantycelyn
Nursing students housing
How to learn Welsh

Next Steps

Coming up

- Academic Rep Training - tomorrow!
- Student consultation on the best way to advertise Welsh modules.
- Returner students Pantycelyn campaign
- Dawns Ryng-gol