



# **Officer Report**

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Hello, our wonderful student body, what have I been doing as your elected President since the last senedd. To begin, as President I am looking at ways to potentially get an increase in our block grant and I am looking for other ways to increase the amount of money we bring in as a Union. The simple concept being the more money we have the more campaigns we can run and the more ways we can engage as a collective of students.

I have represented the Student body to our Alumni networks at various University Celebrations such as the 'Founders Day' which is a celebration each year, to mark when the university was founded. At these celebrations I take time to talk with the high level of university members of staff that are there to get their more informal thoughts about everything that goes on around the uni. You'll be surprised to know that one informal conversation can get you a lot of information.

Quality Students' Union's, or QSU's for short. As a Union we are currently going through what I like to deem a health check. QSU is an initiative that we are doing to see where we are as a Union in terms of Governance and many other things. We will hopefully by the end of this year become accredited and get a shiny award for it.

In terms of external engagement, I have met a group of students from the Ukraine, who were a delight to have and give a tour of our facilities to, they had many questions on how the union is run and how they can take best practice back to their country. In very recent external engagement, I have also represented the students as the university welcomed the Chinese embassy down for the day, I was incredibly pleased to see so many of our Chinese students there as well as some representatives from the Interpol Society.

Academic Board, Governance and Compliance, Resources and Performance and University Council are the main committees the President has to sit on. To break it down, all things academic go through Academic Board; G&C is making sure we don't do anything stupid as a university and don't break any laws potential, I like to think of it as 'the contingency planning committee.' R&P is the money one, where's the university's money being moved about and managed around. University Council: everything feeds in to this committee, it is the main one, the top dog one. We are incredibly lucky as the student body to get the President and UMCA President/Welsh Culture officer to sit on this committee, having 2 votes out of a membership of 18 is incredibly powerful, and is great to have.

I also sit on many sub committees; the one that particularly is interesting to me is the Recruitment and Marketing board and the following sub committees. As a university they want to recruit students and this is great, but they need to make sure they are keeping the offer consistent all the way through our time as students at this university. We don't need an amazing 1 year deal for freshers, we want an amazing 3 year deal or 4 or 5 depending on what you study etc.





I would like to say a huge congratulations to Hermione and Showdance and all the societies involved when they raised over £700 on just one night for their arts festival performance. My Presidential pick for this report.

Coming soon, a survey on what scholarships you think we should have as the student body.  
Coming soon, the aftermath of AberSULovesEdSheeranDay  
Coming soon, a survey on what we believe we should have in Aberystwyth, in terms of building developments, as I recently became a coordinator for the Place-Plan for Aberystwyth for a Welsh Government initiative to get feedback from the bottom-up in terms of local stakeholders.

I am also looking at Sports facilities refurbishment with the help of Louisa - opportunities officer. The main facility I am looking to get redeveloped is an AstroTurf as currently the hockey teams at this institution can not play home games at the university. This has become a priority of mine alongside other potential refurbishments. I stood on a manifesto to start rebuilding Aber Union infrastructure, and I aim to keep pushing it through to leave a legacy of redevelopment for after I leave.

Any questions always feel free to slide into my emails on '[prdstaff@aber.ac.uk](mailto:prdstaff@aber.ac.uk)' or '[supresident@aber.ac.uk](mailto:supresident@aber.ac.uk)'

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