

Queen's University Belfast Students' Union

Full-Time Student Officer Report

Role: Student Officer Campaigns and Engagement

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Period: December

Introduction: As Campaigns and Engagement Student Officer, my role is divided between assisting the development of Union campaign strategies and coordinating student development in Clubs and Societies, Volunteering, Enterprise and RAG. As all officers do, I represent and advocate for students in their academic life.

Activity	Description
Accommodation Fees	<p>SO President and I, as senate members, opposed the planned 3 year annual increase of accommodation fees. We opposed it on the grounds of affordability for student budgets, the pricing out of home students based on static maintenance loans, and in the conflicting political messaging to government.</p> <p>It was agreed at senate that the planned increase for the 25/26 academic year go ahead, as pricing needed to be made public for the incoming cohort of students. However, structure of the following 2 years fees is to be consulted on by the SU for approval at the March Planning, Finances and Resources Committee.</p> <p>This took a considerable amount of effort, and was major focus of most of the previous month and December.</p>
RAG Coffee Morning	<p>I assisted in the Rag Coffee Morning Raffle as a server of tea and snacks, and also as the announcer during the raffle section. Lots of great prizes were handed out, many generously donated by local businesses and some left over from previous events. The total raised was £881.48</p>
Fitness to Practice	<p>I sat on the panel for a Fitness to Practice appeal. The contents of which are confidential.</p>
All Student Vote	<p>I promoted the All Student Vote for the approval of the Officer Roles review. The vote passed comfortably.</p>
Winter Graduations	<p>I led the processions for some of the Winter Graduations.</p>
Academic Offences Review Workshop	<p>SO President, SO E&D and I, attended the academic offences review workshop. There we discussed the need for changes to the penalties and sanctions regulations, to have a greater focus on intent and to move the guiding principles to one of rehabilitative justice over punitive.</p>

RAG Review	<p data-bbox="507 199 1374 383">It was agreed by EMC to review the state of RAG for the next year. This decision means that there will be no hiring of a new RAG chair for the next academic year, and charities may still be fundraised for if they wish to be, but no new charities will be chosen in the March elections.</p> <p data-bbox="507 434 1385 651">This decision was taken to review RAG because of the diminishing donations since Covid and the Cost-of-Living crisis. Changes to the structure and practice of RAG will be necessary to reach historical expectations. The SU will look into how the rest of the sector manages student fundraising to collate best practice and apply new structures to secure the future of RAG.</p>
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