

Kieran Minto President officer report: January

Highlights of this month included a large number of events, including Chinese new year, Russel group conference, panel discussions and speeches. The officer team also began writing the strategic plan and promoting elections.

Meetings:

- I attended the usual **recurring committees** and meetings with senior staff that is expected of the role, including student debt management, planning and finance, Vice chancellor meetings, senate and academic board.
- Fed into final discussions around GIFT city, specifically student engagement and its possible effects on home students, before the project's acceptance by PFRC and Senate.

Internal events:

- The officers and I took part in a series of celebration events for **Chinese New Year**, including a ceremony, dinner and lion & tiger dances.
- I was on a **sustainability panel** alongside several local leaders, politicians, academics and civil servants. This event was attended by around 100 students.
- All the officers attended **refreshers fair**, promoting the upcoming elections.

External Events:

- I along with the whole SU team hosted and took part in the 2-day **Russel group conference**. This included a presentation on student voice delivered by myself and Judy Williams, workshops, group discussions on the groups policies and social events. Officers from all members of the Russel group attended alongside a number of directors. 70 people attended in total.
- I attended and gave a speech marking the signing of the St Mary's and Queens university **partnership agreement** at St Mary's collage alongside their SU president.

Other:

- I attended a photoshoot and series of interviews with the BBC, Cool FM and NUS-USI organised by the department for the economy. This was part of the comms around the announcement of a **20% uplift in student maintenance loans** and was attended by the minister Connor Murphy.
- Recorded the presidents **St Patricks day message**.

Project focus:

- I began writing the officer contributions to the **strategic plan**, alongside some of the introductory text.
- The offer team spent a lot of time **promoting election** candidacy, this included lecture shoutouts and events.