



**Subject: Full-time CASS Officer Report**

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**Action required: To note**

This report will reflect and highlight the plans, goals and achievements I have made throughout my first year in office. I will also discuss the challenges that have been faced along the way.

#### **01/07/18-24/09/18**

- Intensive training around the full time office role, this has included visits to NUS conferences in Birmingham and Hertfordshire.
- Planned for Fresher's and Black History Month.
- Redesigned #FreePeriodCampaign ensuring that it is still running. Students now have easy access to free sanitary products across all three campuses.

#### **24/09/18-05/10/18**

- Two weeks of Fresher's, three fresher's fairs, recruit members for societies, sports and liberation forums. Provided 500 students with reusable and biodegradable coffee cups, contributing towards our sustainability duties. Students had access to free tea and coffee across all three campuses.
- Liaised with the Rocket to get Sea of Red members official sports cards in which they are able to get discounted drinks and free entry to club nights.

#### **01/10/18-31/10/18**

- Planned and executed events for Black History Month.
- Liaised with Alumni from theatre company 'Michael Knight Theatre Company' to come and perform.
- Organised Black History Month closing party with three (3) Radio 1 DJ's and a performance from Alicai Harley.

#### **01/11/18-30/11/18**

- Facilitated a fundraising exhibition with the Architecture students to raise money for refugees in Athens. Just over £800 was raised in one night.
- Represented the CASS with a CASS postgraduate student on the Sir John CASS Foundation float for the Lord Mayors show.
- Had the first Women's Forum meet, we were very low on members but appeared to have keen members.

- During enhancement week I went into classes to do SU presentations and an interactive quiz which gave students the opportunity to interact and win some SU merchandise.

### **01/12/18-21/12/18**

- From the 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December we had Purple Week. A charity week in which students were able to purchase purple socks in memory of a student who we sadly lost in December 2017. We had a staff vs student Netball match.
- Took part in the filming of the Varsity promo video, this also included other students from various sports teams.
- Set up a charity pop up stall in the Holloway and Aldgate Students' Union. Each item is £2 each, all money raised will be donated to the Mental Health Foundation and the Islington Food Bank. We currently have raised just over £150.
- Assisted in recruiting for a new external trustee and operations manager.

### **07/01/19-28/02/19**

- Visited Islington Mind with Tyler for Talk for Health Training.
- Did various presentations and quizzes in classes for January starter students. Collaborated CASS students with CDM on headshots, beneficial to both parties.
- Helped execute three days of varsity, successfully in partnership with SOAS after various meetings. Had a successful warm up and closing party. Good partnership.

### **01/03/19-Now**

- Hosted a few events in a week for international women's day. These events included a Women in Leadership talk from Zamzam Ibrahim, NUS Vice President for Society and Citizenship. Hosted a women's poetry event in the rocket. A performance from Michael Knight Theatre Company.
- Attended various course committees for CASS.
- Teamed up with the sustainability team for green week in which the charity pop up shop went to The Junction in Holloway and The Atrium in Aldgate.
- Worked alongside colleagues in the Students' Union to put together and execute the Students' Union Awards. Positive feedback has been received.
- Represented the Students' Union at the undergraduate open days at Holloway and Aldgate. Had quite a high amount of potential students who are interested in sport.

### **Challenges**

- Due to the stepping down of our former president we as a team encountered various challenges throughout the year.
- We were a team member down during fresher's which is a crucial point in the year. However, we recruited two hub committee members from the school of social sciences and social professions which took on part time roles to ensure the schools were getting their representation.

- We have encountered low engagement across the year for our events and for the women's forum. As a team we need to work on communicating with each other and planning in advance for events so we can maximise engagement across the campuses.

### **Ongoing projects**

- The upstairs of the Harglenis is an ongoing arts/media project. Students have requested more and permanent exhibition space. A proposal was put forward from the students requesting the space. Estates have granted the space for the students. However, the funding has now been cut for the project in which now we must find another way to fund the project.

### **Working Towards**

- Students use to be able to apply for a three day extension uncapped for coursework, however this is no longer applicable. I plan to do research into why this was cut and try to bring it back. After speaking to students during the election this is appeared to be a recurring theme.
- Briefly touched upon KWAF at the beginning of the year. Students made small video clips and statements as to why having Wednesday afternoon off would be beneficial to them. I plan to work back on the report to build a case.

### **Boards and Committees**

- This past year I have sat on the Standards and Enhancement Committee for the University, the Teaching & Learning Committee for the CASS, PISO work stream 5 and the Editorial Board for VERVE.