



London Metropolitan University
Students' Union

Subject: Full-time GSBL Officer Report

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Action required: To note

The report/reflection is going to highlight most of thing that have been done since I got in to office. Below were my goals, plans, targets that I created at the beginning of the year, followed by what has been achieved and what I hope to achieve by the end of my term.

1. Goals that have put together prior to students arrival in October 2018

- Keep the door open at Moorgate at all time **(Achieved)**
- Creating a better student union presence at Moorgate **(Achieved)**
- Video reports for students and reps **(Achieved)**

2. How I was going to create Presence SU at Moorgate

- Tea and coffee at hub area and office - Sweets + goods (pens +notepads) **(Achieved)**
- Stall at the Moorgate hub **(Achieved)**
- Open door policy **(Achieved)**
- Visitation to lectures on request **(Achieved)**
- Visitations to lectures **(Achieved)**

3. Ideas that I had for events at Moorgate as part of new engagement

- Movie nights **(Achieved)**
- Speed meet Hub + music **(Discussed)**
- Comedy night from Avalon - Alex Massey **(Discussed)**
- Organise Free food/BBQ for students **(Discussed)**
- DJ/Cocktails/Christmas event **(Discussed)**

4. Student reps were going to be a big key and how I was going to recruit them and make them feel a part of the union are as below.

- Classroom visitations **(Achieved)**
- Initiations + elections + photos to go on the SU office board + Class picture and photos **(Achieved)**
- Use iPad for emailing/class/name detail **(Achieved)**

5. Social Media was going to play a big key as a modern day tool for communication

- **(Sophie and Aaron** from Student Union will be helping)(Also Ben from University Comms team) **(Achieved)**
- Post weekly videos on what we are up at Moorgate **(Attempted)**
- Post pictures with reps on all socials **(Achieved)**
- Facebook/Twitter/Instagram involvement engagement - All students in class **(Achieved)**
- WhatsApp/Facebook group for reps together **(Achieved)**
- polls for students to vote on things to choose from **(Achieved)**

6. Staff were another key players that I had to get on board in order to establish a good working relationship across the school

- Keep lecturer in the loop and email all lectures about what students are up /campaign/student rep feedback **(Achieved)**

7. Plan of Execution - Looking ahead from July 2018

7.1 Goals

- Keep the door open at Moorgate at all time together
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7.2 August

- Clear out Moorgate office **(Achieved)**
- New equipment - chairs/computers/desks/painting **(Discussed)**
- Spare keys **(Discussed)**

7.3 September

- (Induction for new/returning students) **(Achieved)**
- Give a speech at Moorgate on Student Union **(Achieved)**
- Recruit students on our social Media platforms **(Achieved)**
- Inform all lectures that we would like to come in and give a brief talk on SU **(Achieved)**
- Prep lecturers about what we would like during visitation (inform students of elections prior arrival) **(Achieved)**

7.4 Fresher's 24 September - 5 October

- (Need help with this - hub committee) - **(Discussed)**
- Start putting new/returning students on social media for Moorgate students **(Achieved)**
- Collecting data - students who are interested in societies and sports **(Achieved)**

7.5 5th October onwards

- Free coffee and tea - Morning and afternoons ideally at the Hub **(Achieved)**
- Open up a stall at the Hub for students for queries (free sweets + goodies) **(Achieved)**
- Use big board to advertise/promote weekly events/sports and societies **(Achieved)**



7.6 October - November

- Visit all lecture rooms - in form lecturers that we will be coming to give a presentation and also help elect a rep (democratically) and initiate them. **(Achieved)**
- Add students and reps to social media platforms students in year 1, year 2 and 3 together, finally a page for post graduates. **(Achieved)**
- Take pictures of student reps and class. **(Attempted)**
- Create a WhatsApp group for all reps/ Collect email address (University+ in use). **(Achieved)**
- Select a day to meet up with all reps before student rep training (free food). **(Ongoing)**
- Go out with an evening meal with Hub committee **(Achieved)**
- Put on some events for students **(Achieved)**

7.7 December

- Organise events for students **(Achieved)**

7.8 January - April

- Organise event **(Achieved)**
- Disability forums - campaign focus - **(Discussed)**
- Moving campus on agenda **(Achieved and ongoing)**
- Organise a Rep meeting **(Discussing)**

7.9 April - June

- Open to questions/ workshops on moving campuses - ensuring that all students know what they are doing. **(In progress)**
- Organise a Rep meeting **(In progress)**

8.0 Presentations

Visiting lecture rooms and doing presentations, required planning and initiatives in ways that I was going to get buy in from students to part take and be part of the student union. Below is an outline of what the presentations included and what I achieved: -

8.1 What I'm working on this year is to be different for students. (Achieved)

- Classroom visitation on request
- See students in class at least twice a year (beginning of the year and end of the year).
- Students will be either appointed to seat on the different board, to take on Hub committee members and seat on universities committee where all module leaders seat and senior lectures. = you will have keys for our office to use at any time.
- We need more societies - a group of likeminded people coming together. We have a designated staff who can help you set it up and help you run the society. You need 3 people to start one - this is where being with others and mingling with people pays off.
- Pictures + videos on day.

8.2 Ice breakers (Achieved)

- one two three clap twice
- Whisper challenge - activity
- I'm alive and I'm awake and enthusiastic

8.3 Join as a student - Disability forum (Achieved and in progress)

- students with any learning difficulties (including dyslexia/dyspraxia)
- Mental health issues or experiences
- Opportunity to lobby the university to add or improve the services is offered to such students. E.g. 2 week assignment extension has been cut down to 4 days.

8.4 Student Union (Achieved)

- Within SU we have some who will be able advice you and support you on academic issues... such mitigating circumstance.

8.5 Student elections - Role on top of Student Reps (Achieved)

- Opportunity to run for them and go further up the ladder
- Inform of Moving campuses
- Better time more than ever to be more integrated and making good connections with people.

8.6 Compelling stories (Achieved and modified to seat the need of students)

8.7 What we can do (Achieved)

- Make new Friends from all sectors of the university
- Ladies and guys of all ages we need you to get on board

8.8 Why should students participate - Motivations (Achieved)

- Your hard work will be recognised - will do my best to make to visible
- Opportunity to meet new people in the university that are new and those that have been here longer.
- Start thinking like a 3rd year in your first or second year.
- Opportunity to become more mature in decision making
- Have a good laugh with us crack some jokes because we need that too.
- Opportunity to put your competency skills to test and learn about yourself.
- Don't be afraid - challenge fear because that's how you grow

- There are students that are awake and are taking these role —Mathew Hub committee in his foundation year.
- Meeting incredible people.
- This is one of the best times of your life....don't be harried through these years....stretch your timing by doing a lot and getting engaged with University life.
- Opportunity for your opinions and view point to be heard.
- Opportunity radically change and grow like you have never thought was possible. A leap ahead of career and personal development.
- Different yourself from other candidates who are going to have a degree just like you.....so how did you spend your time at University....doing what exactly....you can achieve so much on top of your degree that will impress your future employers....society, student council, sports, hub commits, board meeting.....employees will read between the lines and see what skills are needed for that.
- What I think is wrong at this campus, lack of activities, lack of student union engagement, and lack of their presence. This year I would like to keep this door open...

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8.9 Who will be a good fit (Achieved)

- Someone who is keen
- Motivated
- And a willing student
- All this role really requires is the right attitude/ a can do attitude.

9.0 Hub Committee (Achieved)

- Open session about each other and how we got to this information
- Background information on who you are and oppressed experienced
- What it took for you to get to where you at now

10. How the year actually played out

10.1 July - September

The early stage of our year in office as an Officer

- Training on our roles and standard procedures.
- Nus trips to Birmingham and Hertfordshire.
- Student Union trip away followed by more training and preparation for Fresher's.

10.2 September – October

Inspired students and promoted the student union on what we do and what is available for them this year.

- Seen over 1,000 students
- Through lecture visitations and inductions around campuses (CASS, Holloway and the Business school.
- Received mostly positive responses from students.



Positive results for student rep elections

Compared to last year's results, the student's reps are up this year.

- 42 students reps from social sciences (from 35 last year)
- 65+ student reps form the business school (from 45 last year)
- Other officers would have their numbers respectively.

Student rep training and student council

(4th November - 16th November)

- Attended student rep training at Holloway, Moorgate and Cass.
- Positive feedback from student with good engagements.
- Looking forward to be working reps across different schools.

Boards and Events

I will be sitting on both the Academic board this year and Health and safety board.

- It's the start of them term so mostly the papers were on pervious agendas and ongoing motions.
- On Events, I am putting together a Big movie night at Moorgate next week Thursday the 22nd of November (All students are welcome).
- First proper event at Moorgate so will try to make it as big as possible.

Biggest campaign this year

- Lobby the university to reduce graduation costs for students.
- Aim is to reach 1000 student signatures if not more.
- Every students should have the access to attend the graduation ceremony.

10.3 November - December

Big movie night at the Moorgate campus

- The event went well. Had about 10 people coming through to watch Jumanji – welcome to the jungle. Had very positive feedback and good laughs. Students were from Holloway and Moorgate campus.
- Any more events will have to be recommended by students on what they hope to be done and what kind of events they would like.

Reducing Graduation Costs

- At the moment I am waiting to hear from the graduation ceremony on the full break down of the cost which I will use in my report which will be ready before the end of January. I will then be taking to the report with the student union to the VC for her consideration.
- What I do need help with is to have a few students to attend a focus group to discuss on potential package that we would like for the university to provide.

Disability forum

- The first meeting has taking place and fellow students are looking to elect roles in the next meeting sometime in January.
- They are also looking to venture out in to new ways of promoting/ advertising the disability forum to students. Since the last meeting in December we have been up to a few things that I would to share with you. Below are some of the main agendas that we have been committed to date.

10.4 January - April

Reducing Graduation Costs

Initially the report was supposed to be written before the end of January, however this required class room visitation. Not knowing the January was a period of assignment and exams. So decide to push back the report until all students come back and finish with their exam end of Jan, beginning of February. In the meantime I have request key information from the university, like the number of tickets sold Vs the number of seats unsold over the last 3 years and type of student attendance home, EU and international students. Hopefully by getting some data I could then justify means for consideration to reduce graduation costs based on what the 3 years period data tells us, but also and not only what the students are saying.

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Tea and coffee service at Moorgate

Tea, coffee and biscuits service was introduced at the Moorgate campus, it turns out that many students are happy to have this service at their Campus. This was throughout the January period and we hope to continue this service through the February as well.

Enrolment Period - February Starters

I and some support from student reps and Hub committee members managed to speak to introduce new extended degree students at GSBL to the student union and what we do, and also how to get involved - we thought it went very well.

I also spoke to some new international students also during their induction at Holloway. Students were pleased to be acquainted.

Valentines 11th -14th February

There is going to be a valentines themed Hub with tea, coffee, chocolate and some valentine's cards for students. This will take place through the whole week of valentines from the 11th of February. There will also be a Rom Com movie for all students on Wednesday the 13th February.



Student Rep Meet Up Mid to the End of February

We will be working with the support of my Hub committee to put together some meetups for student reps, we managed to get us funding from SU. This is yet to be confined on the date, time and location.

New Hub Committee Members GSBL



- 5 new members for Hub committee role have joined me to help run the student union at the Moorgate campus. They have already started to help out at the office, with tea and coffee service, the valentine's preparation and more.

Keeping the Moorgate door open

With the support of my Hub committee members we managed to keep the SU door open at Moorgate 3-5 days a week, opening at exact same hours every day and we feel that students are beginning to come in more and more to the student union because of our presence at the campus. In general students feel welcomed to come in for help or support.

10.5 May - June

Focusing on organising an event for students and staff to celebrate a milestone achievements of being at the Moorgate campus from the inception, to shed light on our history, how far we have come and how the next journey will be continuing at the Holloway comes. Should be an eventful night for good spirits of staff and students, food and music and perhaps even presence of our Vice Chancellor and other stakeholders.

11. Conclusion

2018-19 has been a phenomenal year and most of that tasks/goals which were set out at the beginning of the year have been achieved. The campus is a much better condition than it was found and we can proudly say it was a great year. Next year would be a year of the move to the Holloway campus and this will bring its own opportunities and challenges but I am hopefully that the move is going to bring a lot of pros.