**Officer Report | Vice-President Access & Academic Affairs**

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| **Summary:** | This paper contains a report of the key events, meetings and engagement that I have attended. |
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# Section 1 | Priorities for 2022-23

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| **Projects**  Write here a title or name which most closely describes your project | **Progress**  How has this area of work progressed since its commencement or since the last report |
| Divisional Reps & Assessment Consultation | * Reached out to staff from across the 4 divisions and Continuing Education regarding the recruitment and training of Divisional Reps * In frequent communication with the Centre for Teaching and Learning about training of Divisional Reps and learning from their research findings about good practice of student engagement * Distributed application for Divisional Reps via divisions and Common Room Academic Reps and received the highest response rate in years * Currently working with VP Graduates to select Divisional Reps following a successful recruitment application period * Preliminary conversations with various university staff about the situation regarding assessment diversification * Reviewing and updating the Policy & Guidance on Student Engagement and Representation to bring to the Quality Assurance Sub-Committee, which largely regards the role of Divisional Reps |
| Care Experienced Student Access | * Various meetings with University Access and Outreach staff to discuss additions to existing access and outreach programmes and projects to support care experienced prospective students * Initiating meetings with Access Officers in colleges to get a further insight into good practices at a college level |
| Graduate Access | * Advocated against tuition fee increases at committee level, together with the work of SU President in his relevant committees there has been success - no PG Taught (i.e masters) fee increases for the following year * Various meetings with Graduate Access team at the university regarding access information available online * Planning to develop a postgraduate Alternative Prospectus once updates to the undergraduate version have been completed |
| Cost of Living | * Carried out a free sub fusc scheme which over 200 new undergraduate students on a means tested bursary have been able to benefit from * Working with VP Graduates to look into a postgraduate sub fusc reimbursement scheme * Working with the other Sabbatical Officers to strategise and advocate for solutions as an over arching year long project * Met with the university Registrar, head of Student Fees and Funding and head of Conference of Colleges to highlight the acute issue facing students * Planning a ‘town hall’ type coffee morning event with PG students affected by lack of stipend increased * Connected SU Class Act Campaign to Student Fees and Funding regarding financial information in their Freshers’ Week training project * Together with SU President met with UCU about issues affecting DPhil students * Communicating with JCR Class Reps to gather information about the increased living costs in colleges |
| Suspended Student Support | * Supplement the work which VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities is doing in supporting SusCam * Met with SusCam chair to discuss issues regarding academic support & readjusting to studies after time out |

# Section 2 | Key events, meetings, Students’ Union and media engagement

In this section of the report you will need to update this before each meeting. There’s no need to record every single meeting you have in your diary but put in here all the key meetings or events you may have had with students, union staff, university staff, external agencies, NUS or other SU’s. Keep it short and focus on what the outcomes or impact was as a result of the meeting.

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| **Event, Meeting or Media**    Write here the name of meeting, event, visit or media organisation | **Date** | **Outcomes / Impact**  What was the key outcome or impact of this engagement? |
| South West Sabbatical Officers Conference | 18th July | Meeting with various officers from across the South West region to discuss role experiences, strategise and learn about national picture |
| Save the Children Demilitarisation Workshop | 1st September | Met with Save the Children, Demilitarise Education and SU Officers at other universities to discuss the role of the arms trade at our institutions and how to research / campaign against them |
| GLAM Meeting | 5th September | Along with other SU Sabbs met the Gardens, Libraries and Museums team to discuss how we can work together over the year, event planning in co-ordination with each other for this term |
| Conference of Colleges | 21st September | SU Sabb team met with key heads of Conference of Colleges to discuss our priorities for the year ahead |
| Joint Fees and Student Support Advisory Group | 6th Oct | Advocated against tuition fee increases and highlighted the lack of financial support for PGT students |
| Admissions Executive | 7th Oct | Particularly relevant discussion about mitigating for any issues regarding the admissions cycle for the coming few months |