**Officer Report | Vice-President Charities and Community**

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| **Meeting of:**  |  Student Council |
| **Action:**  |  Approve/Note/discuss  |
| **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

In this section of the report you will be writing in the progress of each of your projects. Once you’ve filled in the ‘Project’ column that can remain the same for the full year in every report and all you need to do is fill in the ‘Progress’ column before each meeting.

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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  |
| College Decarbonisation | Met with E&E reps to discuss areas we should work on – targets, strategy, governance, transparency. Set up a college tracker on these areas, and shared lots of resources with E&E reps on these items. Worked with Action Director at Oxford Climate Society to set up Decarbonise Oxford Meetings for students to get support in these campaigns.  |
| Accountability of University investments and college fossil fuel divestment  | The invite for the Ethical Investment Review Subcommittee was sent to my predecessor, so I couldn’t attend. I have raised concerns about this with the Chair and hope to call another meeting to raise my agenda items on how OUem investment strategy could improve. Continued to work with Zak Coleman from Students Organising for Sustainability – we updated a toolkit for students to use to set up a college divestment campaign. We also gave an introduction to college divestment and I started a spreadsheet to keep track of progress at different colleges. I also supported individual students look at their college’s investment policy.  |
| Sustainable Careers | Met with Jonathan Black, Director of the Careers Service (see below) |
| Bridging Town and Gown  | Planning for social action fair in Hilary Term in ongoing. Talked with Charity reps and rep comm about the work Oxford Hub are doing around twinning colleges with schools, and different initiatives colleges could undertake.  |
| Empower Students | Ran Intro to Climate Action Event, trying to make it easy for students to get involved with climate activism at the University.  |

# 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?  |
| Meetings with Oxford Climate Justice Campaign (Wednesdays at 6:30pm) | Wednesday 12th and 19th  |  Held college fossil fuel divestment working group, supporting students to run college divestment campaigns. |
| Meeting with Divest Borders student campaign  | Tuesday 18th  |  Met with students from this campaign, learnt about what they are asking the University and colleges to do, and committed to learning more about the border industry, and what other University’s are doing. |
| Meeting with Oxford Living Wage campaign  | Tuesday 18th  | Met with students from this campaign, learnt about progress so far and discussed how the campaign could be progressed through committees and through student campaigning. |
| Committee meetings – Building and Estates Subcommittee  | Thursday 13th  | Learnt about the progress of various University development sites, raised a question about affordable housing which will be followed up on. |
| Committee meeting – Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee (ESSC) | Thursday 13th  | Learnt more about the progress of the University to achieving its goals of net zero carbon and biodiversity net gain by 2035. Following up on a transport item to see if we can get cheaper bus tickets for students. |
| Meeting with Graduate Accommodation Office to discuss student rents | Friday 14th  | Working with the graduate accommodation office on how to set fair rent give increasing operations costs, and cost of living crisis.  |
| Meeting with Jonathan Black, director of the careers service | Friday 14th  | Met to discuss what more can be done on sustainable careers, with a sustainable careers fair, more info on company sustainability communicated to students, and potential for fossil free careers discussed.  |
| E&E Rep Comm | Tuesday 18th  | Met with E&E reps discussing many items including college decarbonisation, divestment, the university’s energy saving campaign, and how we can ensure more thorough E&E rep handovers. |
| Charity Rep Comm | Tuesday 18th  | Met with Charity Reps discussing RAG, the social action fair, how reps run charity events, and how students can get involved in various community organisations. |
| Event – Introduction to Climate Action in Oxford  | Monday 17th  | Ran an event with Oxford Climate Society and Oxford Climate Justice campaign, introducing students to the different forms of climate action ongoing at the University. |
| Event – Vision Zero Cycle Safety Event | Wednesday 19th  | Ran an event with the University on cycle safety which included info on cycle accident hotspots, bike registration with free D locks, free bike lights and high vis for students, information on free cycle safety training, an HGV students could climb into to see a drivers view. |