**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 | Attended another Decarbonise Oxford meeting, supporting individual students in pushing their colleges to decarbonise. Asked for the demands to be presented to Conference of Colleges which will now be happening this week. Added many items to the agenda of the inter-college Sustainability Working Group (happening today) including inter-college communication and sustainability staffing.   |
| Accountability of University investments and college fossil fuel divestment  | Arranged a meeting with Chair of Estates Bursars Committee to discuss divestment and wider college sustainability asks. Met with the Chair of Ethical Investment Review Subcommittee and discussed potential to convene a meeting to discuss the papers I’ve been writing (on net zero engagement, RINU membership and sustainable solutions definitions). Continued to work on and consult on these papers.  |
| Sustainable Careers | As listed below under meetings, I was involved in the Sustainable Careers Week, chairing a discussion on the Monday, and talking to students about my work on fossil free careers at the plenary on the Tuesday. This week had lots of discussions around fossil free careers and was good to have ahead of the paper I am taking in March to the Environmental Sustainability Committee on fossil free careers. I continued working on this paper and am sending it for consultation this week.  |
| Bridging Town and Gown  | Had a meeting with Oxford Hub to discuss feedback from the Social Action Fair and make clear documents for anyone who’s planning this event in the future.  |

# 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?  |
| Meeting with UCU | 31/1/2023 | Understanding the upcoming strike action and the ways we can communicate to students what is happening and why. Currently making a reel to communicate more to students.  |
| Meeting with Patrick Grant (Pro VC for Research) | 01/2/2023 | Met to discuss fossil fuel research guidelines and Sus request that these become more rigorous. Also discussed general funding for climate/sustainability research and ways this could be increased. |
| Planning and Housing Steering Group  | 1/2/2023 | Attended a committee overseeing university building/expansion plans. Asked key questions about affordable housing requirements from local plan and kept up to date on renters reform bill progress and potential impacts.  |
| Green Action Week and Planet Pledge  | Various dates | Meetings with the university environmental sustainability team and SU staff to plan for Green Action Week (6th Week) and the all team meeting. |
| Departmental Reviews | 2/2/2023 | Attended a meeting learning about the process of departmental reviews and sabbatical officer involvement – outcome is potential involvement in a review in Trinity term. |
| Cost of Living Response Planning  | 2/2/2023 | Meeting to discuss cost of living response and what we want from the university. Outcome was a plan for bringing topics of affordable rent and hardship funding to the Vice Chancellor in our next meeting (see below).  |
| Graduate Accommodation Rent Negotiation  | Various Dates  | Continuing to meet with graduate accommodation office, decision should be made on Monday 20th February at the relevant committee. |
| Pembroke Sustainability  | 3/2/2023 | Met with a staff member working at Pembroke to discuss Pembroke’s progress on the sustainability demands and how Pembroke could make this progress more transparent.  |
| Decarbonise Oxford Meeting  | 3/2/2023 | Attended Decarbonise Oxford meeting ran by Oxford Climate Society, supporting individual students working on college sustainability.  |
| CTL Catch up  | 6/2/2023 | Attended catch up with Centre for Teaching and Learning and discussed potential work for this term with the project lead on the racially inclusive teaching toolkit. |
| Navigating Sustainability in Careers: What credentials should we be expecting employers to have? | 6/2/2023 | Co-chaired a sustainable careers week discussion, discussing the work I’m doing in the SU relevant to this. |
| MCR Pres Com | 6/2/2023 | Attended MCR Pres Com and brought questions on rent negotiation to them, got important information about use of hardship funds going up for graduates.  |
| Vision Zero Working Group  | 7/2/2023 | University committee on cycle safety. Discussed doing more student engagement events and Draft University of Oxford cycling charter. |
| Meeting with Vice Chancellor | 7/2/2023 | Brought to her attention student concern about increasing rents, and our concerns with graduate accommodation rent negotiation.  |
| Sustainable Careers Week Plenary  | 7/2/2023 | Attended this session on whether a corporate career can be sustainable on behalf of the SU for the networking event afterwards. Talked to lots of students about the fossil free careers committee work I am progressing.  |
| Meet the SU Elections Edition | 9/2/2023 | Attended Merton college for a session to tell students about the elections and how/why they can vote.  |
| Meeting with proposers of Keep Campsfield Closed Student Council Motion | 10/2/2023 | Worked out initial action points from the motion – launching formal support on social media, promoting the petition, working on the open letter, attending monthly meetings of the coalition etc. |
| Wonkhe Higher Education policy updates meeting | 13/02/2023 | Important updates including around cost of living renters reform bill, UCU strikes, suicide prevention, international students visa fees etc.  |