**Officer Report**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Name:** | Jenni Lynam |
| **Role:** | VP Undergraduate Access and Education |
| **Council meeting:** | MT Week 3 (24/10/23) |

# Section One | Pledges

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **My Pledges** | **Progress** |
| Academic Bridging Scheme for Oxford students | After writing in my manifesto to establish a bridging scheme to assist state-educated students with their transition to university, over the summer, I consulted with key stakeholders to discuss what the university was currently doing to address academic skills and provisions. Currently, the CTL are working to increase on-course provisions for students through both colleges and departments. From these discussions, I have reshaped my ideas to highlight the need for departments specifically to implement more transition and on-course support for all students. I aim to collate information on what departments are currently doing for students and rate them on the support that they provide. I will also be gathering student feedback on this. |
| Create a pledge for JCR’s to have social class training during Freshers week and access ball tickets | Due to the early organisation of Freshers week, my aim to mandate social class training in JCR’s will now be looking towards next year’s intake of Freshers. I will be working with JCR Presidents to discuss these two items, reaching out to them ahead of PresCom. In regard to access Ball tickets, I will also be reaching out to JCR Presidents to get into contact with their Ball Presidents to discuss this idea. |

# Section Two | Projects

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **My Projects** | **Progress** |
| Academic Peer Support Network | Panning and getting resources ready to launch this mid-Michaelmas term time. Consulted with Class Officers in rep-com on the scheme to get their advice and feedback. In the long term, I want this scheme to be institutionalised in the Student Union as a key provision that we provide to students. |
| Increasing support for and work with the UCU | Over the summer, myself along with a few other sabbatical officers have met with the UCU to discuss current industrial activity and how we can increase student support. |
| Pledge for student pay for Access and Outreach work | Over the summer, I reached out to all access and outreach colleges officers to get information on how they pay students for the work that they do for the college. From this information, I am looking to create an ‘access and outreach pledge’ to be adopted by colleges to ensure that students are paid the Oxford living wage. |

# Section Three | Key Events and Meetings

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Meeting: Quality Assurance Sub-Group | 20/10/23 | Key information was gained from this meeting in regard to the provisions that colleges have to provide for students and how they are measured. Following on from the work of my predecessor, I want to add measures of how colleges support suspended students. I am also keen to look into how quality assurance is measured for care-experienced and estranged students. A final important note was that Foundation Year students must be properly supported by colleges and I will be working with this committee to ensure that it is measured. |
| Meeting: Quality Assurance Sub-Committee | 11/10/23 | Key updates were provided on the ongoing effects of industrial action. Clarity was provided on the subjects that were mostly heavily impacted by the boycott which included: Politics, Geography, International Development and English. The date for students to receive their degree qualification and examination marks has now been set for the end of October. During this meeting I asked a representative of Education Policy Support for more information on how the university was using the money that was collected through industrial action and if this was used for student support as is stated on the University’s website: [Industrial action and students | University of Oxford](https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/news/2022-11-14-industrial-action-and-students). I am now waiting for more information on this to feedback to students. |
| Event: Rent Negotiation Training |  | Following on from the training run by the SU last year, we will be running rent negotiation training in 6th week. From consulting with students on current issues with accommodation, rent appears to be a pressing issue amongst all colleges. Developing on from rent training, we will also be putting together a ‘renter’s rights workshop’ during Hilary Term to help students with private renting and contracts. |
| Event: Student Solidarity Event with the UCU | 24/10/23 | Having been working with the UCU over the summer to fulfil the SU’s mandate to support them and their striking action, we have been beginning to plan events to increase student engagement with their cause. Initially, I set up a ‘Student Strike Support’ Facebook group to connect students with the UCU and to post useful information and events that students can attend. This event, organised by the UCU will be the start of a series of events that I will be organising throughout the year. |

# Since the beginning of Michaelmas term, I have attended 10 university committee and working group meetings.

# I have also had regular catch-ups with key university stakeholders including the Bodleian library and the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) as well as the SU campaigns that I am working (Class Act and Target Schools).

For note, these are the current committees and groups that I sit on:

1. **Conference of Colleges**
2. Admissions Committee
3. Admissions Executive Committee
4. Senior Tutors Committee
5. Quality Assurance Working Group
6. Committee of College Librarians
7. Quality assurance sub-committee
8. ICT Steering Committee
9. Access and Outreach Forum
10. **University**
11. University Council
12. Education Committee
13. Research and Innovation Committee
14. Curators of the University Libraries
15. Education IT Board
16. IT Committee
17. Taught Degrees Panel
18. Joint Fees and Student Support Advisory Group
19. Continuing Education Board

# Section Four | Future Key Events and Meetings

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Event/Meeting** | **Date** | **Anticipated outcomes / impact** |
| JCR Presidents Committee | TBC | I want to use this meeting to discuss ideas with presidents on the implementation of social class awareness training for freshers as well as the use of access ball tickets. These are two policies that I am lobbying to be implemented by JCRs. |
| Access and Outreach Forum | TBC | I will be using this meeting to present information on a access and outreach work pledge for colleges to adopt. The information gathered will be useful for colleges to have reference to a ‘best code of practice’ to instigate themselves. |

Alongside these key meetings, I will be attending my regular committee meetings throughout the next few weeks and engaging in student consultation in order to be well informed on what students think on important items discussed.