Date: 23/11/23 Union Senate

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I will work with the Lettings team and advice centre to improve the student housing experience and hold local lettings agencies accountable.	<ul> <li>Work so far:</li> <li>Had meetings with a local lettings agency following a plethora of complaints</li> <li>Spoke with SUSU Head of Advice and Lettings as well as SUSU Lettings Manager about a developing a guide for all things relating to housing and accommodation</li> <li>Next steps:</li> <li>Continue to work on a guide for housing</li> <li>Speak with SUSU COO to find a solution to the tenancy gap at the end of June</li> <li>Work so far:</li> <li>I have worked closely with SUSU's Head of Advice and Lettings and our VP Activities on the Student Safety Agreement, a set of criteria for local nightclubs to sign up to which improves safety within the venue.</li> <li>Next steps:</li> <li>Continuing to build working relationships with the local night-time economy vendors</li> </ul>				
I will make student safety in the wider s Southampton community a priority and enhance the already-existing initiative SUSU Safe.					
I will liaise with iSolutions to improve the MySouthampton app in order to make it more user-friendly and convenient for students.	<ul> <li>Work so far:</li> <li>Spoke with SUSU's Director of Marketing and Events and the University's Head of Student Communications to make the interface of MySouthampton more user-friendly</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Next steps:</li> <li>Continue to consult with students on any issues/ideas they have for the app</li> <li>Push for more student-focussed activities to be published on the app for more accessible information</li> </ul>				
I will support students through the current cost of living crisis and reduce the burden it has on the student body.	<ul> <li>Work so far:</li> <li>Continued work with SUSU COO and SUSU Head of Social Enterprise on the new SUSU loyalty programme</li> <li>Talks with SUSU Head of Advice and Lettings to promote to students the financial support available to them</li> </ul>				
	Next steps:  • Speak with relevant stakeholders to promote employment opportunities at the University, Union and externally				



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I will be a part of several university SMP boards, including SGOP, Sustainability Education, Process Transformations and Collections Development and Discovery.	<ul> <li>Work so far:</li> <li>SGOP: Attended introductory meetings and met relevant stakeholders</li> <li>Sustainability Education: Attended original meeting</li> <li>Process Transformations: Started consultation on suspending students</li> <li>CD+D: Attend monthly meetings and have agreed on methodology for the process, started consultation with students</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Next steps:         <ul> <li>SGOP: waiting to hear further from the University</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sustainability Education: Waiting for outcome from original meeting, continue to lobby the University for more access to the sustainability module</li> <li>Process Transformations: Attend next meeting having consulted students, await for more information from University</li> <li>CD+D: Continue consultation, advise the Board from a student perspective</li> </ul>
I will contribute to the formation of a new SUSU strategy.	Work so far:  • Encouraged students to take part in SUSU democracy review  • Interview with Wonkhe  • Set out SUSU priorities for this year with Sabbatical Officers and CEO
	Next steps:  Continue consultation with students
I will rethink how SUSU social enterprise spaces are used and make them more enhancing venues for students to enjoy.	<ul> <li>Work so far:</li> <li>Started brand new event in Stags – Stags Showdown, which encourages engagement with clubs and societies</li> <li>Consulted with students on the reintroduction of the bar at Wide Lane</li> <li>Spoke with students about what they want from their SU spaces</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Next steps:</li> <li>Continue work with SUSU Head of Social Enterprise and the University on getting the Wide Lane bar operational</li> <li>Continue to promote Stags Showdown and keep up the momentum it has reached</li> </ul>
I will promote SUSU activities and achievements as well as pushing to become more student facing in order to improve relations between SUSU and the student body.	Work so far:  Outreach to clubs and societies in their social spaces for genuine conversations about their achievements/anything they need from SUSU
	Next steps:  Continue to build close relationships with clubs and societies with the help of VP Sports and VP Activties



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I will propose more sustainable activites for SUSU to facilitate for students.	<ul> <li>Work so far:</li> <li>Started early discussions about Sustainability Week 2024</li> <li>Discussed possible ideas for sustainable student engagement with SUSU Head of Sustainability</li> <li>Next steps:</li> <li>Propose ideas to Give it a Go Coordinator</li> <li>Consult with sustainability reps</li> </ul>				
I will help launch the Green Student Project; an initiative run by both the University and SUSU to help students live more sustainable lives outside of their studies.	<ul> <li>Work so far:         <ul> <li>Early discussions with SUSU Head of Sustainability and University VP Education and Student Experience</li> </ul> </li> <li>Next steps:         <ul> <li>Regular meetings with relevant stakeholders</li> </ul> </li> <li>Speak with sustainability reps</li> <li>Work with University admissions team to make it an option at point of enrolment</li> </ul>				
I will form a new sustainability group comprised of relevant students to deliberate and enhance student voice on sustainability issues.	<ul> <li>Work so far:</li> <li>Opened interest form for the Student Sustainability Forum</li> <li>Held the first meeting</li> <li>Spoken to SUSU Head of Sustainability and Environmental Sciences professors for engagement</li> <li>Next steps:</li> <li>Connect this student group with the Sustainability and Resilience Institute</li> </ul>				
I will sit on the key sustainability boards within the university to ensure they upkeep their Sustainability Strategy.	<ul> <li>Work so far:</li> <li>Attended monthly Sustainability Implementation Group (SIG) meetings and delivered SUSU reports</li> <li>Attend quarterly Sustainability Strategy Board (SSB) meetings and delivered SUSU reports</li> <li>Attended sustainability strategy Q&amp;A event with SUSU Head of Sustainability to challenge the University on their sustainability goals</li> <li>Next steps:</li> <li>Continue to attend said meetings to report on SUSU activity and lobby for more action for a sustainable future</li> </ul>				

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