



Zoe Booth

Senator Zone Representative

Zone: Sustainability Zone

The details in this report reflect progress made within the Zone since the last meeting of Union Senate, which took place on 8th November 2018

Minutes of previous meetings can be found on our website here:

<https://www.susu.org/meetings/1275>

Attendance Summary

Absence with Apologies:

22nd October 2018

Vice President Student Communities – Emily Harrison

Absence without Apologies:

22nd October 2018

Union President – Emily Dawes

Progress Report

Summary of work actioned by the Student Leaders:

Type	Description	Who
Action	<u>IC to find out how the trial of new bins has gone, and to ensure that other university staff also know the policy with regards to recycling and waste.</u>	Isabella Camilleri
Action	<u>Invite societies interested in scholarships for asylum seekers and refugees to the next zone meeting.</u>	Isabella Camilleri

	Action	<u>FMI to liaise with Wessex Scene to see if they would be interested in writing an article on scholarships for asylum seekers and refugees.</u>	Fleur MacInnes
	Action	<u>FMI to work with IC and MarComms to produce a video explaining how to use accessibility features on social media, and to talk to AUC committee.</u>	Fleur MacInnes
	Action	<u>IC to check that sanitary bins are in all toilets (including men's).</u>	Isabella Camilleri
	Action	<u>IC and FMI to add societies to Facebook page.</u>	Isabella Camilleri, Fleur MacInnes
	Action	<u>FMI and LS to make a Welfare Instagram and share login and responsibilities.</u>	Lucy Stephenson, Fleur MacInnes
	Action	<u>LS to work with IC and IB to progress a sustainability zone societies' collaborative event.</u>	Isabella Camilleri, Lucy Stephenson
	Action	<u>IB and IC to meet with Open Place members.</u>	Isabella Camilleri
	Action	<u>IB to work with Democracy coordinator to open nominations for a new Clubs and Societies Representative for the zone.</u>	

Progress towards the Zone's Goal:	<p>Lucy Stephenson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been working with Mike Travers from the university's Estates and Facilities team to produce marketing to raise student awareness of the recycling process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DH – issue with high proportion of recycling bins o general waste bins. ○ Action: IC to find out how the trial of new bins has gone, and to ensure that other university staff also know the policy with regards to recycling and waste. • Has organised increased waste collections in the library during exam periods. • Is planning an event based around Air Quality, with Nicola Turvey and London Sustainability Exchange, to coincide with the Environmental Science Christmas lecture on the 12th. • Is planning to work with the Faculty of Environment and Life Sciences Faculty Officer to run a sustainability event in Valley Gardens. • Is hoping to lobby the council to improve the recycling infrastructure. • Will work on a sustainability page for the SUSU website.
Progress: 0/1/2/3	

- Will work with IC and the Widening Access to Participation team to provide a scholarship scheme for asylum seekers and refugees.
 - DH – Widening Access to Medicine Society (WAM Soc) may like to be involved with this.
 - Other societies who may be interested include STAR and Amnesty.
 - Action: Invite these societies to the next zone meeting.
 - Important to gauge student support for this – All Student Vote?
 - Action: FMI to liaise with Wessex Scene to see if they would be interested in writing an article on this topic.

Isabella Camilleri:

- Has been working with the Widening Access to Participation team to provide a scholarship scheme for asylum seekers and refugees.
- Has been working with the university's Estates and Facilities team to change the signage on self-contained toilet cubicles to be gender neutral. This should be in the standard specification for all new building works.
- Is producing posters for toilet etiquette.
- Action: IC to check that sanitary bins are in all toilets (including men's).
- Is having conversations with the university and the union about providing free sanitary items.
- Will be getting pronoun badges to give away during Trans Awareness Week.
- Attended the Southern Unions Conference and discussed drug harm reduction.
- Intends to work with security on introducing a 'blue light' system on lampposts, to alert security if anyone feels threatened or in danger.
- Is working with Union Services with the aim of reducing food waste by donating left over food to homeless shelters.
- Is producing a weekly welfare podcast.

Fleur MacInnes:

- Has started researching the accessibility features on social media, with the aim to meet with societies to show them how to do this
- Action: FMI to work with IC and MarComms to produce a video explaining how to use accessibility features on social media, and to talk to AUC committee.

Pictures/links to blog posts relating to the work in the above section:

Future Plans/AOB

- Next meeting Monday 26th November 1-3pm
- Isabella will be making a Facebook page for the sustainability zone societies.
 - ACTION: Isabella and Fleur to add societies to Facebook page.
 - Action: Fleur and Lucy to make a Welfare Instagram and share login and responsibilities.
- Disability History Month (Disability and Music)
 - Concert /Open Mic Night showcasing those artists with disabilities, potentially in collaboration with CI societies and CI Coordinator.
 - Exploring music through other senses.
 - FemSoc discussion on December 6th.
- Sustainability zone societies' collaborative event.
 - Day event where each society has a slot. A timetable of events to network and reenergise members. Potentially in Freshers.
 - Action: Lucy to work with Isabella and Ilona to progress this.
- Action: Ilona and Isabella to meet with Open Place members
- Action: Ilona to work with Democracy coordinator to open nominations for a new Clubs and Societies Representative for the zone.

Additional Comments: