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Area of work: Streamline processes and website to make things easier for societies

Sabbatical Plan Goal	Details
Add a volunteer section to the website	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designed a webpage https://susu.org/opportunities/volunteering - Sought feedback from students and staff - Updated the webpage following feedback - Met with the COO to publish the webpage <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -
Help bookings and activities get approved faster	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looked into Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software - Met with Chief Operating Officer to discuss the requirements of any systems for ease of use by students - Trustees agreed that in house solution was cheapest and best, so we will continue to improve our own systems - Supplied covid risk assessment templates out, so people can do risk assessments faster <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support plans for the recruitment of new, skilled website staff
Update expired roombooking system	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worked with activities team to make sure block bookings were as full as possible and help societies cancel and book extra slots where needed. <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make sure a system is in place by Freshers' for students to book spaces easily within SUSU

Area of work: Improve communication with societies

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Talk with societies directly	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communicated with many individuals on facebook, Teams, discord and email... - Attended many society events in person and online (outside of work hours) to join in with their activities and answer questions when they had any. - Run weekly drop-in sessions for people to ask me questions. - Run society update sessions with all presidents and with groups of societies with similar aims to make sure they understand what they can do and how to do it as well as to get feedback about what they're worried about.

	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue communicating with societies - Take on feedback about my communications - Communicate with societies I'm not already in contact with.
Contact societies about issues which will affect them	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contacted societies about room booking issues to help them rewrite applications or make sure they had risk assessments and could use the rooms they needed.
	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to spot issues which will affect societies and talk to the societies about how to get the best outcome. - Work with societies who are struggling to recruit committees to support them
Area of work: Help societies recruit more members	
Sabbatical Plan Goal	Details
Provide trainings for societies on how to recruit members	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ran training sessions on how to use MS Teams to run online activities - Got our communications coordinator to run sessions on how to effectively use social media - Got our video content creator to run sessions on how to make good videos - Provided WIDE training to societies to help them become more accessible - Currently reviewing Wide Training with VP Sports and Welfare to bring more focus into what they can do to make it as easy as possible for people to join
	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design training, handover document templates for upcoming committee - Review Presidents' Training for post-exams
Run Welcome week to help societies as much as possible	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replaced our usual event line-up (block party, big night out, freshers' ball...) with events from clubs and societies. Promoted those like we'd promote the normal main events. - Facilitated and promoted in person meet & greets for societies to talk to people about what they do in a covid safe way - Promoted online meet & greets for clubs & societies - Working towards April Refreshers style events in person with an event schedule which can hopefully be moved to whichever week is the first week it's safe/legal to do so
	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluate effectiveness. Make sure next year's Welcome includes the things which went well in this one. -
Advertise societies and events	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Got the marketing team to share society spotlight videos on their facebook page over lockdown. - Share events personally - Joined in with UoS' #VirtuallyTogether campaign to help students make friends and find things to do together
	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find new ways of sharing events and engaging with students
Help societies recruit committee	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ran "how to recruit committee" sessions - Included advice in how to recruit committees in emails and meetings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ran support sessions for struggling societies - Made rule for this year only that alumni can hold committee positions - Planning for “adopt a society” scheme at freshers next year for people to take on societies who couldn’t get a committee this year
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communicate and work with societies struggling to recruit committees - Continue “adopt a society” scheme
Area of work: Enable societies to run events safely during covid	
Sabbatical Plan Goal	Details
Provide Training on how to be safe	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide H&S safety for presidents or nominated committee members - Ran sessions with societies explaining covid rules and guidance.
	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make sure trainings are available for new committees between exams finishing and Freshers 2021
Make sure societies risk assess activities for covid	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make sure societies submit a risk assessment and get them looked over by someone who understands the activities. EG: instructor, trainer, lecturer...
	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue making sure societies do activity safely and legally
Make sure clubs & societies can book rooms	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Made block bookings available in SUSU. - Moved block bookings forward a week earlier than usual to give societies more time to run activities - Helped societies book one off or recurring spaces in SUSU (and individuals if they could provide a reasonable risk assessment) - Worked with UoS room bookings to allow clubs & societies to book university-governed rooms. - Working with room booking to get University spaces bookable again from May 17th. By the time of the senate meeting, they should be bookable
	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -
Help societies run events online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertise events (see section above) - Worked with Sam to secure funding for coaching fees to make online sessions such as dance classes free for students to join in with. - Involved multiple societies to run the Southampton heats of Univision Song Contest
	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue advertising events and working with societies to see how we can support them.
Work with Stags/Bridge to allow societies to run events with us for tables of 6	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connected clubs & Socs with our Bars Manager to help societies set up events and understand the laws behind societies running events in the bridge - Enabled societies to hold events in October/November - Societies should be able to use garden court and other bar spaces for socials post-exams
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make sure that events can happen in a safe/legal way post-exams
Area of work: Reward and recognise volunteers	

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Recognise volunteers	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Put a volunteer transcript button on https://susu.org/me - Help volunteers get STRIVE badges, which they can put on CVs & LinkedIn by running workshops - I am sitting on the City of Culture steering group for volunteering to represent students and make sure we're included in their plans - Have filmed and made content for Society and Volunteering Awards. They will go live 14/05/2020 - Got activities team to run LinkedIn Labs sessions
	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make sure graduating students know about the transcript button - Continue LinkedIn Labs post-exams for people to promote themselves and their volunteering experience
Reward volunteers	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I've not been able to distribute and promote volunteer discounts because of the disruption of lockdown making them effectively useless as most venues are closed and they don't currently work with the Round App
	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make sure volunteer discounts are in place for next academic year
Help volunteers	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ran virtual update/speed friending for volunteers to make friends with each other and help each other on projects. - Promoted fundraising opportunities - Built relationships with volunteering/fundraising societies - Volunteered with multiple societies - Ran outreach events with environmental societies as part of SOTSEF
	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage more volunteering and fundraising opportunities
Area of work: Improve performance spaces	
Sabbatical Plan Goal	Details
Lobby the University to make sure that any future plans for the Nuffield take performing arts society use strongly into consideration	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lobby the University to get it brought up repeatedly at University boards - Worked with Arts at University of Southampton on a proposal for the future of the Nuffield which would greatly benefit performing societies - Currently consulting performing arts groups about what support they need
	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue lobbying to approve the Nuffield Proposal - Make sure this proposal continues to be pushed with next year's VP Activities as this is a multi-year project
Make sure the Nuffield is accessible	<p>Work so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -
	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make sure the Annex lift gets built - Consult Stage society, neurodiversity and disability society, the disabilities officer and the PA committee about how to make it accessible in a way which works for everyone.

Other

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