Date: 03/05/23 **Union Senate** 

Area of work: "Increase number of postgraduate scholarships for underrepresented and disadvantaged students. "- Now Improving the Postgraduate Research (PGR) Experience at Southampton

Sabbatical Plan Goal	Details
Goal 1 Expand student voice opportunities for PGRs	Work so far:  - Sent out PGR experience surveys in August and November  - Agreed with Doctoral College that instead of being a part of the Postgraduate Research Engagement Survey (PRES) that SUSU would do three surveys a year Next steps:
	<ul> <li>Catch up one more time with PGR Faculty Officers to take their concerns forward to the Doctoral College</li> </ul>
Goal 2	Work so far:
Co-write an action plan with the Doctoral College	<ul> <li>Updated action plan with key issues such as finances and work/life balance.</li> <li>This was presented to both the Doctoral College and PGR Faculty Officers for their approval.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Update action plan with result from cost of living survey and February PGR         Survey         Next steps:         <ul> <li>Publish Action Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Goal 1 Reduce student workload around the winter holidays	Work so far:  - Checked in with each of the schools to see plans for the review  • Received papers from Education and ESPS  • Collate evidence from Geography and Environmental Science and Psychology  • Present at Education Committee  - Add to discovery for the SMP on Assessment and Feedback  Closed
Goal 2 Create strong TEF Student Submission	<ul> <li>Work so far:         <ul> <li>Conducted focus groups with Politics, ECS, Chemistry, Philosophy, Medicine, Nursing and Physics</li> <li>Wrote the 10-page TEF submission alongside Insight Manager and Head of Representation (submitted 24/01/23)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Closed</li> </ul>

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Goal 1	Work so far:



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Greater emphasis on	- Attended rep socials and organised catchups with academic representatives to
student feedback and	get further informal feedback on how things are going in each school.
partnership at all	<ul> <li>Working on the module feedback working group on a new way for students to</li> </ul>
levels	feedback during and after modules.
	- Created a MS form for School and Department Presidents to use when
	collecting feedback before each SSLC.
	- Present student concerns to VPSE (and potentially Deputy Heads of School
	(Education)s about how to listen to student feedback.
	- Giving a talk at the FEPS Conference on Assessment and Feedback about what
	students views are.
	Part of Successor Manifesto
Goal 2	Work so far:
	Recruited 10 student creators.
Real Student Stories	
	Recruited 10 mentors who are either University staff or local artists.
	<ul> <li>Secured funding from Public Engagement and Research Unit for exhibition.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Secured technical support and equipment for the students to use when making</li> </ul>
	their submissions
	<ul> <li>Exhibition is now confirmed for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 at Turner Sims Concert</li> </ul>
	Hall
	Set up comms/events team for the event
	Support students in creating their artistic submissions
	Next steps:
	<ul> <li>Launch event Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</li> </ul>
	Open for public 23 <sup>rd</sup> June-20 <sup>th</sup> July
Goal 3	Work so far:
Activism Training	.6
	Diversity, Equity in Education for 2023.
	Added Activism training to the conference agenda.
	Abandoned for other priorities
Goal 4	Work so far:
Student Voice Toolkit	Created toolkit
	Approved use of toolkit for the new Programme Approval and Review Process
	at Academic Standards and Quality Committee.
	<ul> <li>Recruited staff and students to sit on working group to turn the toolkit into a</li> </ul>
	sharepoint that is accessible by both staff and students
	<ul> <li>Met twice times between now and June with working group to develop the</li> </ul>
	website.
	Next steps:
	- Meet one more time with working group to publish internal website
	- Present toolkit at Change Agents Conference on the 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Area of work: Student	
Sabbatical Plan Goal	Details
Goal 1	Work so far:
Student Support	Created the infographic
Infographic P1	Launched the infographic
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	<ul> <li>Get it added to key websites (student hub homepage, library homepage etcc)</li> <li>and to digital screens</li> </ul>



	Closed
Goal 2 Student support Infographic P2 (Data Sharing)	Work so far:  • Re-recruit focus group  Abandoned for other priorities
Goal 3 Special Considerations and Extentions	<ul> <li>Work so far:         <ul> <li>Attended rapid improvement event in December</li> <li>Now on working groups to implement agreed changes</li> <li>Comms about what changes we have been able to negotiate went live week of the 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Next steps:  AQSC in May will approve or reject changes  Working on video with student comms which will clearly explain special cons process  Hopefully ready to launch for Autumn 23/24

## Other

Business As Usual (BAU) Attendance to Project boards and Meetings

- Race Equality Charter
- Mental Health Charter
- Reducing Curriculum Complexity Project-(Completed as of 31/01/23)
- Special Considerations Forum
- Academic Integrity Network
- Module Feedback Working Group
- Collaborative Provision
- Doctoral College Board
- AQSC (Academic Quality and Standards Committee)
- Education Committee
- External Examiner Scrutiny Group
- PGR Periodic Review (Sat on Panel to review Faculty of Social Sciences Graduate School)
- PGR Quality, Monitoring and Enhancement
- Research Ethics Committee
- University Senate

## New for Semester 2

- Academic Engagement Monitoring Project
- Assessment Project (Has been trialled in Politics (21/22) and in Maths (22/23)

