

# Deputy President (Welfare) – Council report

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## Intro:

Hi everyone. I hope you're all doing well and exams are going well for all of you taking them. This continues to be a very busy time, pulled in every which direction by the College and not much time to breathe between meetings! I haven't been able to make great progress on projects as a result, and won't make promises about when I can.

## How I've spent my time since the last meeting:

<b>College Meetings and 121s</b>	<b>Union Meetings</b>	<b>Operational work (day-to-day)</b>	<b>Project work</b>	<b>Time with students + comms</b>
45%	25%	10%	5%	15%

## Covid-19 Matters

Since the last Council meetings, all of the College's Covid-19 education meetings have been consolidated into one group – the Education Strategy and Operations Group (ESOG) – that meets daily with a weekly carousel model such that there are effectively weekly meetings with a different topic.

- Mondays – Online Readiness: Looking at the provision of online education in the Autumn Term. We have discussed the models for Quality Assurance and how students will feed into this. This led to a meeting with Michaela as incoming DPE to discuss how students will be involved in processes for education delivery.
- Tuesdays – Education + BAU: This covers matters for this term, and alternates between UG and PG. We have discussed exam analytics, application of the safety net, PG(T and R) registration, PGR support and financial hardship.
- Wednesdays – Student Experience: Following our insistence that this needs to be considered equally to education, a day of ESOG has been set aside for student experience and I was invited to co-chair. We produced a paper (appended) that highlighted 6 key streams of the student experience, and added a seventh separated the PGR experience at the suggestion of the group. We now have separate streams of work for each area and work is ongoing to make sure these are ready for blended delivery next term.
- Thursdays – Student Admissions: looking at comms to incoming students, considering Widening Participation and also requirements from the Office for Students. The most distant from the current student experience, and not much to report from this.
- Fridays – Timetabling: looking at timetabling principles and operations next year. This group hasn't met yet (at time of writing).

On the Union side, we have ramped up our online readiness efforts into a now distinct working group that will set the direction for online-readiness across the Union. As the College will be multi-mode next term, we are also looking at what we can deliver in person under social distancing, and how we can do this.

## Key areas:

### EDI and Liberation

- There has been no progress on the implementation of the Liberation Networks since my last report, as such. However, this will be part of the Community Building stream of the ESOG Student Experience group.
- I have helped Debbie and Amna to help produce a statement on BLM, as well as a resource page. I think it is likely we will do more work on this, and I plan to reach out to both to see how we could go forward.

### Wellbeing Representation Network

- The WBRN review project with College has been continuing and interviews with case studies will start next week. From this, we'll be able to pull together an impact report of the WBRN to complement other parts of the review.

### Student Support & Services

- The Director of Student Services is still off sick so, unfortunately, a lot of work here is still paused.
- Student services continue to run remotely, with the Counselling Service expanding its provision to take advantage of opportunities in the online space.

### Operational/other matters:

- Have been on five panels for the Student Choice Awards and preparations for the live online ceremony are underway, and we're excited to announce winners soon!
- I'm involved in a number of other projects at the Union: preparation of online volunteer training, preparation of training for incoming OTs and trustees, a project around reconnecting ICU to the wider SU sector, preparation for Welcome 2020.
- With the help of Gabi, we're tackling the Accessibility Policy and Religious Observance Policy, and aiming to meet Hilliam and Amna this week.