

**Student Wellbeing and Experience Sub-Committee**

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| **Meeting details** | | | |
| **Meeting name** | **Student Wellbeing and Experience Sub-Committee** | | |
| **Date** | **Wednesday 9th November 2022** | **Time** | **17:30 - 18:30** |
| **Location** | The Lounge, SU | | |

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| **Minutes** | |
| **1.**  **Welcome** |  |
| **2.**  **Attendance** | Joshua Borokinni – VP Wellbeing and Diversity  Apolline Tran – PT Womens Officer  Olly Moody – PT Students with Disabilities Officer  Ahmed Hammad – PT PGR Officer  Tracy Priestman – Representation and Democracy Manager |
| **3.**  **Minutes of last meeting** | N/A |
| **4. Notification of any other business** | None |
| **5 Matters to discuss** | Accommodation  Joshua reported that international students are struggling to find appropriate accommodation, especially those with families. The students are being signposted to student services who are supporting those students where they can, but it is an ongoing issue which will be further impacted by the January intake of students.  The university are not able to issue a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) without accommodation in place but most reputable accommodation providers ask for a CAS.  The university website does now say not to bring family to the UK until suitable accommodation has been found and where these cases have been brought to the attention of the university, the family has been signposted to the correct support services.  Ahmed noted that this is also an issue for PGR students and supervisors help where they can but having a guarantor can be an issue. Josh agreed and explained that the university does recommend MyGuarantor but this is not accepted by all agencies.  It was also noted that the guarantor issue can affect home students that are estranged from their family or that the person who would be their guarantor does not meet the financial threshold.  Josh explained that the university are planning an accommodation forum which will bring together all the key people in the city.  Cost of Living  The SU are currently providing free sanitary products and personal hygiene items. The community larder is also being launched on the 16th November. Staff and students will be able to donate key essentials for students who are in need.  Socialising  It was agreed that it can be difficult to make friends and over the winter period can be especially isolating. All were happy to think of ideas.  Prayer Space  Josh explained that the Islamic Society had been using a room in Endsleigh Place but that there is a prayer room in the Library. Unfortunately, the signage has been taken down and some students are staying in there |
| **6. Priority work/**  **Campaigns** | Fitness and mediation event Friday 9th December |
| **7. Actions** | **Action: Joshua to contact the library to get the signage for the prayer space re-instated** |
| **8. AOB** | None |
| **9. Dates for the diary** | Next meeting 31st January 2023 |
|  | **End of meeting** |