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| **Part-time Societies Officer – Taylor Jessica Herrin** |
| **What I plan to do for the year** |
| Increase support and ease of societies whilst representing their voices and working towards their best interests |
| **What I have done since my last report** |
| Held two society forums, both of which went very well. Term 1 funding was handled and information about Term 2 funding was presented. Some societies felt they didn't get the funding they wanted/deserved, but overall there wasn't too much disappointment. Many awards have been handed out for their hours dedicated to their societies. I've also been working in conjunction with the LGBT+ Officer, Bran, in regards to focusing on the issue of exclusionist tendencies and casual homophobia occurring in some societies and clubs.  I also attended the first LGBT+ forum on 21 Nov, attended the policy training, and had my first 1-2-1 13 Nov. |
| **What I plan to do before the next Union Council meeting** |
| Get everything together for the first societies forum of 2019 (4 Feb, 6pm) |
| **Other updates** |
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| **Part-time Welfare Officer – Megan Warwick** |
| **What I plan to do for the year** |
| For this year, I plan to work with Tilda to run awareness campaigns, including student tenants’ rights – ensuring that all Plymouth University students know their rights as a tenant, in private housing, to ensure they get have the best experience possible. Additionally, I plan to help develop ideas on how to increase awareness of the support services available to all students. As well as this, I plan to help establish awareness of the advice platforms for debt and financial management, as I know that this can be a significant stress and anxiety for students. |
| **What I have done since my last report** |
| I have contacted students from all courses to gain their knowledge and understanding of what UPSU offers regarding support. The feedback gained was one of little awareness, unless actively seeking for the help – this can be an area of difficulty, especially for mental health, as students may find it difficult to reach out for help, I would love to work with UPSU to make this process as easy and comfortable as possible. |
| **What I plan to do before the next meeting** |
| Before the next meeting I plan to gain more student feedback to help gather their ideas and recommendations, for the campaigns and any other feedback all they have. I plan to do this through meetings/forums, as well as through social media. |
| **Other updates** |
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| **Part-time Mature Students Officer – Louise Crichton** |
| **What I plan to do for the year** |
| Move forward with a campaign to highlight that ‘age is just a number’ and make contact with as many mature students, particularly those working off-campus. Encourage mature students to engage with society and sports events during ‘refreshers’ week. Talk to other part-time officers to identify issues which overlap and explore any issues further. |
| **What I have done since my last report** |
| I have submitted my information and image for the website, created a Facebook page for students to contact me and so I can post polls about any issues arising, and spoken one-to-one with mature students from different schools to understand their experiences. Made contact with a mature student referred to me via Student Union and support the creation of an action plan / provided contact details for situational support. |
| **What I plan to do before the next Union Council meeting** |
| Compile the key themes highlighted in discussion with a sample of mature students and use the information to form an agenda for use in an organised meeting (in person or online) by the end of January. |
| **Other updates** |
| Progress has been impaired by health issues and bereavement, but I am catching up! |

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| **Part-time Environment & Sustainability Officer – Helen Hill** |
| **What I plan to do for the year** |
| For 2019, we (forum attendees) spoke about running a campaign to lobby against the single – use plastics used in the Union, we hope to do this during green week; collect all the single-use cups used on club nights and put them on display. Education around campus is also a priority; I want to focus on making posters for the Union shop and at various points around campus with various educational points i.e: the amount of energy saved by using the stairs vs a lift, advertising the reusable water bottles in the shop and highlighting their benefits, also, get them moved so they are in an obvious place (currently they are situated on the bottom shelf) etc.. |
| **What I have done since my last report** |
| We’ve organised two forum meetings. Mostly focused on reducing the Unions single-use-plastic use. We also started communicating about Green Week and forming ideas that can be put forward.  I had no points to make at the last Union Council meeting and have had no other meetings since then. |
| **What I plan to do before the next Union Council meeting** |
| Green week planning meetings every Monday. Host another forum to finalise campaign plans and start working on ideas for educational posters around campus. |
| **Other updates** |
| We wanted to submit a policy proposal in response to the two single – use plastic campaign ideas, though have been told that two were submitted last year that were both rejected. We (attendees of the last forum) weren’t sure how to move forward with these make a change ideas.  I spoke to Alex re. communicating with Anglia Ruskin about the GumDrop recycling scheme – I’m not sure if this is in my area to push this idea forward as it’s all down to university funding etc, however all of us at the forum thought this is a small and easy step to make the campus environment cleaner and highlight its movements towards sustainability.  We also spoke at the forum meetings about implementing the educational posters around campus – another thing we all agreed on, though again, I’m not sure how to move this forward? |

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| **Part-time Volunteering Officer – Abby Williams** |
| **What I plan to do for the year** |
| To increase the awareness of the volunteering department and volunteering and its benefits to the individual and the community.  To have a place were student with an interest in volunteering can join together and discuss ideas, ask for support and to find out what is going on around the university. |
| **What I have done since my last report** |
| Spoke to the volunteering department about volunteering and the needs of volunteers. Including the dates for student volunteer week. – have discussed how to encourage student to log hours and to work on finding out what would encourage students to log their hours. |
| **What I plan to do before the next Union Council meeting** |
| To hold another forum/ get together for volunteers.  Speak to the volunteering department about upcoming events. ( locally and nationally) –  To encourage students to log hours, and to work on collating feedback.  To provide a platform to gather feedback on students views. |
| **Other updates** |
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| **Part-time BAME Officer – Simran Tak** |
| **What I plan to do for the year** |
| 1. Increase publicity for events that celebrate multiculturalism at the University to raise awareness of them amongst students who don’t know about them. 2. Increase the amount of SU nights that incorporate the music of the different cultures at the university and raise awareness of those that already exist e.g. Rumba 3. Increase awareness of casual racism on campus and how it can negatively affect the experience of students at the university 4. Improve acknowledgement of BAME student achievements and celebrate them on a wider scale |
| **What I have done since my last report** |
| 1. I have had a 1-2-1 with Stephanie and Walter where we brainstormed ideas on how to increase BAME student involvement 2. I met with Tilda, Walter, and Charlotte to discuss how to move forward with the casual racism campaign in collaboration with the ‘Positive Plymouth’ campaign. There were some good ideas on how we can get the initial message out there before trying other media. We also tried to discuss some different names for the campaign- TBC |
| **What I plan to do before the next Union Council meeting** |
| 1. Plans to set up a pop-up stall in different buildings where there is most footfall in order to make BAME students aware of my role and how they can help me with my role. 2. Meeting set up with the Islamic society to talk to the society members about their experiences at the university so far; what they have enjoyed and if they have any issues. 3. Working with Tilda on setting up the liberation forum alongside other liberation officers. |
| **Other updates** |
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| **Part-time LGBT+ Officer – Brandon Carr-Malloch** |
| **What I plan to do for the year** |
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| **What I have done since my last report** |
| * In November, I held my first forum meeting with a moderate turnout. The turnout included special guest Eden Ladley, NUS’ LGBT+ Officer, who discussed with me both during and after the importance of my role and helped me with a few campaigns ideas. The outcome of the meeting was as follows:   + UPSU has a problem with everyday homophobia and racism, which damages participation and needs to be tackled.   + The meeting liked my idea for the ‘draw the line campaign’… I have discussed this with Tilda – VP Welfare and Diversity – and will be working with her on her campaign ‘Never Okay’.   + I have planned another meeting for 14/02/19, and all who went to the last meeting have reserved to come to this date, showing that the forum can be a success * I have been to meetings with VP Sport and VP Activities, and the president of the LGBT+ Society, to tackle everyday prejudice in societies and sports clubs and we decided that the start of abolishing prejudice is to bring attention to it. * As a result of the previous point, I appeared in the November Societies Forum Meeting and gave a speech bringing attention to how some of their members are feeling and stressed the importance of being mindful of behavior and language. * I have been in numerous meetings with the Student Voice team and Tilda – VP Welfare and Diversity – in discussion of a few topics.   + The main topic was the creation of the date and plans for the first Diversity and Liberation Forum meeting on 17/02/19 at 5pm – the little room stage – which is a product of the discovery of everyday prejudice. We recognize a need to work together as minority groups to achieve what we need. I hope other liberation officers will get on board with this and add to the agenda.   + Touched on my hopes to network with other LGBT+ Officers across the southwest. Just because we are leaving NUS, it does not mean I should not work with other universities.   + Discussed ‘Never Okay’ and how we can incorporate some of my ideas to the campaign.   + I discussed the need for a Diversity Report; an annual report that societies and sports clubs should have to fill in so that we can start measuring the steps they are taking towards diversity and equality * I have started to plan for the agenda logistics of the Diversity Forum meeting. |
| **What I plan to do before the next Union Council meeting** |
| * Chair my LGBT+ Forum meeting on 12/02/19 * Chair Diversity Forum Meeting on 17/02/19 * Announce the Forum meeting at Union Council to get my fellow PTO’s involved * Create events for LGBT+ History Month in February. I am in the process of setting up meetings with the president of the LBGT+ society to do this. * Eden Ladley is visiting early in February to go over plans for LGBT+ History Month and to give me tips on networking post NUS Disaffiliation. |
| **Other updates** |
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**After deadline**

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| **Part-time Academic Officer– Ben Parkes** |
| **What I plan to do for the year** |
| -Infographics for representation structure and meetings.  -Support best practise between schools and reps.  -Set up “2 stars and a wish” meetings with schools. |
| **What I have done since my last report** |
| - Infographics for representation structure and meetings have been drafted.  -Met with school reps to help plan meet ups.  -Attended and spoke on behalf of UPSU at Truro and Penwith college JBS meeting.  -Sat on disciplinary board for Conservative society photo incident. |
| **What I plan to do before the next meeting** |
| -Complete Infographics.  -Set up more regular school rep meetings.  -Support Maja with rep drop in meetings.  -Come up with topics to give academic forum direction. |
| **Other updates** |
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| **Part-Time Faith and Belief Officer - Fawziyyah Ahmed** |
| **What I plan to do for the year** |
| -Build an interfaith forum: A safe space for all students and staff of different faiths to come together at least fortnightly to discuss areas of common interest and concern  -Create awareness and understanding of all faith groups by regularly organizing activities such as speed faithing and talks by chaplains  -Ensure that all faith groups are well represented and their needs are well satisfied |
| **What I have done since my last report** |
| -I have set up meetings with the Islamic society and the Salem Christian union to plan the first inter-faith forum that will take place in the first few weeks of semester 2.  -I sent messages to the Christian union since December but I have received no reply. |
| **What I plan to do before the next Union Council meeting** |
| -The first interfaith forum would have taken place. I will ensure to get feedback from all attendees  -Organize meetings with heads of all faith groups to discuss event collaborations where everyone can come together**.** |
| **Other updates** |
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| **Part-time International Students Officer– Ummi Ahmed** |
| **What I plan to do for the year** |
| I plan on making fun and educational events for all international students. |
| **What I have done since my last report** |
| Nothing to be specific, I’ve just been gathering few ideas on what event I’m going to plan this year |
| **What I plan to do before the next Union Council meeting** |
| Food events maybe. |
| **Other updates** |
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| **Part-time Sports Officer - Niall Beer** |
| **What I plan to do for the year** |
| Supporting Ben and holding him accountable as VP Sport within the SU, as well as focusing on the Sport Positioning Paper (SPP), supporting and starting campaigns for sports clubs in UPSU and assist with clubs who need help. |
| **What I have done since my last report** |
| Held the December Forum, with main focus being on campaigns which sports clubs can get involved with, reasons to why memberships are down across UPSU in regards to sports, and the university’s contract with Akuma for kit. Main issues which have arisen is vast majority of clubs are unhappy with the current deal, so feedback collated and sent in an open letter to Akuma. |
| **What I plan to do before the next Union Council meeting** |
| February Forum will be held in due course, and meeting with Student Voice on Monday 11th February. Will meet with Ben in the coming days to discuss main points that have arisen over Christmas. |
| **Other updates** |
| Focus on getting clubs to achieve ICONS status and volunteering hours. |

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| **Part-time Women’s & Non-Binary Officer– Sarah Staples** |
| **What I plan to do for the year** |
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| **What I have done since my last report** |
| I have been doing research on period poverty on university campuses, looking into how business provide free sanitary products for their employees and the economic framework that they use to do it in order to make a business case for free sanitary products.  I have contacted the societies’ team to make connections with societies who are already doing work on this area, hopefully this should allow me to bring together existing work into my wider campaign.  I have made contacted with the previous women's and non-binary officer to gain admin access to the existing women’s and non-binary forum facebook group to be able to use this network to connect with students and advertise future events. |
| **What I plan to do before the next Union Council meeting** |
| Unfortunately I am not able to join you at Union Council as I am doing my placement, whilst with the Young Women’s Trust I will speaking to them about their work on period poverty and hopefully speaking with others who have run similar campaigns successfully. |
| **Other updates** |
| I am still working on completing my position paper, which unfortunately due to deadlines is slightly behind schedule. |