

## Student Council Meeting Minutes

30<sup>th</sup> January 2016, WMA 136

### 1. Welcome to Student Council

Meeting opened at 4pm by (LC).

Quorum was not met so no votes on motions could be taken.

#### 1.1. Attendance

##### 1.1.1. Sabbatical Officers

(LC) Lewis Cleminson	VP Education (Acting Chair)	Non-Voting
(NF) Naomi Fry	VP Employability and Engagement	Non-Voting
(HH) Hanna Head	VP Welfare and Community	Non-Voting

##### 1.1.2. Student Officers

(MT) Mollie Tuck	Disabilities Students' Officer	Voting
(RL) Rebecca Latchman	Mental Health Campaigns Officer	Voting
(IM) Izzy Mana	BME Students' Officer	Voting

##### 1.1.3. Student Leaders

(LMN) Lulu McNally	Societies Council Chair	Voting
(DD) Daniela De Palma	Sonar Media Representative	Voting

##### 1.1.4. Students

(JB) Jack Baker	Warsash Cadet	Non-Voting
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##### 1.1.5. Students' Union Staff

(JS) Joshua Smith	Student Voice Coordinator (Secretary)	Non-Voting
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#### 1.2. Apologies

(SGR) Sebastian Graves-Read	LGBT+ Students' Officer	Voting
(RN) Richard Neale	Postgraduate Students' Officer	Voting
(LA) Lotty Astbury	WMA Liaison Officer	Voting
(KL) Katharina Laube	EU & International Students' Officer	Voting
(BC) Bethanie Clarke	Women's Officer	Voting

## 2. Ratifications

### 2.1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (29.11.2017) were handed round and run through on the screen for ratification. The following amendments were made:

- Change 5.5 to 'Look After Your Mate'.
- Rephrase 7.2 to say a possible unconscious bias.

**Ratification of the previous minutes with the above amendments unanimously approved**

### 2.2. External Trustee Ratification

(LC) explained that due to Student Council not being at quorum they could not ratify the new trustees and suggested that it could either be done by email or at the next meeting.

These new trustees had been found through a recruitment programme and were to fill a vacancy and replace the outgoing finance trustee.

(RL) asked how soon the new trustees would need ratifying.

(LC) explained that they wanted to ratify the trustees as soon as possible so they could start getting them involved in the Students' Union.

(HH) added that they didn't want to risk losing them by delaying too long.

It was agreed that the ratification of the two new trustees should be done by email.

**ACTION: (LC) to send round further information on the trustee applications and conduct an email vote to ratify the two new trustees.**

### 3. Policy Developments

#### 3.1. Policy Register Updates

The policy register had not yet been updated.

#### 3.2. Lapsing Policies

(LC) explained that some policies were lapsing at that they either needed to be taken up by a new proposer and seconder or they would automatically lapse.

**3.2.1. "The Students' Union should lobby the University for 24/7 opening times for the University and the main areas, including the Library, Andrews Learning Resource Centres and dedicated labs. After consultation, Course Reps should be used as appoint of contact for access to these rooms."**

The policy lapsed.

**3.2.2. "Solent Students' Union should take stronger action against letting agencies, by putting pressure on them to stop exploitation of students, and make sure there is a fair deal available and to consult students to locate the issues."**

Proposed by (HH) and seconded by (MT).

**Vote to continue the policy is unanimous.**

The policy is continued.

**3.2.3. "Solent Students' Union should lobby both the Southampton Solent University and Sodexo to improve food at all campuses, looking at variety, quality and price."**

Proposed by (RL) and seconded by (MT).

**Vote to continue policy is 4 for and 1 abstention.**

The policy is continued.

**3.2.4. “Solent Students’ Union should place boards for society advertising in the Lounge and Students’ Union Diner, and should lobby the University for society advertising space across the whole campus.”**

(NF) explained that:

- As long as not drinking promotion or illegal, societies can get any promotional material they want put up on the screens around campus.
- The university is phasing out poster boards and moving solely over to TV screens.
- She feels the policy is done, so would vote against continuing it.

(LMN) asked how societies get their stuff on the screens.

(NF) explained that they should talk to her or any member of SU staff as everyone knows what to do.

The policy lapsed.

**3.2.5. “Solent Students’ Union should lobby the University to have a standardised heating system across campus, including the Students’ Union.”**

The policy was proposed by (MT) who explained that the SU didn’t really have anything.

No one seconded the policy, so it lapsed.

**3.2.6. “Solent Students’ Union to lobby for free gown hire for all students, and to lobby the university to give WMA cadets’ a free passing out ceremony and gown hire.”**

(LC) explained that:

- It costs students £45 to hire a gown.
- Only five institutions don’t charge for gown hire.
- Solent University does have free tickets so the only cost is a gown.

The policy was proposed by (MT).

No one seconded the policy, so it lapsed.

**3.2.7. “The Students’ Union should lobby the University for more SSNO support with international students.”**

(HH) explained that:

- The position no longer exists.
- Was left over from the days of faculties.

(DD) asked what support was given to international students now.

(HH) explained that the international department has since been expanded to cover providing this support.

The policy lapsed.

#### 4. Student Motions

One student motion was submitted but could only be discussed and not voted on.

##### 4.1. Fight to prevent graduation costs

Proposed by **(SGR)** and seconded by Jarrod Jones, neither of whom were present to discuss the motion.

##### **Motion Explanation:**

*"The university has started charging graduating students for each of the guests they bring to graduation which in a university which prides itself on the equality of low income families. This motion is to empower the sabbatical team to fight the university and make it so there are no costs for guests."*

##### **How the proposal would benefit members of the Union:**

*"It will mean all graduating members of the union will not have to pay extra money to graduate helping those graduates who struggle with money or are from low income backgrounds."*

**(LC)** explained that the Sabbatical Officers had worked with the university and the cost had been removed for this year, but discussions were still ongoing about future years.

**(DD)** added that people on her course were concerned.

##### 4.2. NUS Motion: We are not children

**(LC)** explained that the NUS:

- Vote on policies which affected students around the country.
- Solent SU is affiliated to the NUS.
- They can send 4 delegates to the conference.
- Any student can submit motions for the conference to discuss.
- If approved by delegates across the UK the NUS will campaign on the motion.
- Solent SU has never submitted a motion to the NUS before.

**(LC)** explained his motion for the NUS to scrap means testing for all students (see Appendix 1).

**(RL)** added Student Finance doesn't care if you are a mature student.

**(LC)** explained that Student Finance considers the age of a mature student to be 25. He had originally considered asking for his age to be lowered to what universities consider a mature student to be to thus remove means testing.

To approve the motions it was decided an email vote should take place.

##### 4.3. NUS Motion: Update to articles and rules, 500 (a)

**(LC)** explained his motion for the NUS to change its governing documents about the opening of nominations (see Appendix 2).

To approve the motions it was decided an email vote should take place.

## 5. Sabbatical Officer Reports and Questions

(LC) gave each Sabbatical Officer five minutes to run through their report.

### 5.1. VP Education

(LC) ran through his report (See Appendix 3).

#### Questions:

(RL) asked why he was on the TEF panel for Engineering and Technology.

(LC) explained that he studied computer gaming.

(HH) asked what TEF was?

(LC) explained that it was the Teaching Excellence Framework which ranks universities bronze, silver or gold and that Solent was currently a bronze.

(NF) asked how he had gathered the information on graduation costs for other universities.

(LC) explained he had got 90 off the internet, 5 from other sabbatical officers and had got the remaining ones using tactical data gathering techniques.

### 5.2. VP Employability and Engagement

(NF) ran through her report (See Appendix 4).

#### Questions:

(RL) asked if there would be a quiet period at the Refreshers Fair.

(HH) clarified that:

- It had been too late into the planning of the event to start this year.
- There would be a reputational risk to implement one after stallholders had already booked.
- It is now on the stallholder forms for implementation at Freshers in the next academic year.

(NF) added that it had been factored in for future events.

(DD) asked when Student Volunteer Week was.

(NF) explained it started on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February.

### 5.3. VP Welfare and Community

(HH) ran through her report (See Appendix 5).

#### Questions:

(RL) asked if they had heard of the new mental health advisor.

(HH) confirmed Sarah was brilliant.

(RL) added that she had lots of resources behind her.

## 6. Student Leaders Updates

### 6.1. Societies Council Chair

(LMN) directed people to the minutes of Societies Council.

## 6.2. Sonar Media Rep

(DD) provided an update on the Sonar Media groups:

- Not yet had a radio update, but they have a Voice FM takeover.
- Need new adverts for magazine.
- Magazine are creating new content.
- Film is going successfully and they can now take card payments.
- TV is working on new content.

(IM) asked if people can still apply to be a radio presenter.

(NF) explained that they should join Sonar Radio and get involved that way.

## 7. Student Officer Reports and Questions

### 7.1. Disabilities Students' Officer

(MT) provided a written report (see appendix 6) and ran through it in the meeting.

### 7.2. LGBT+ Students' Officer

Due to Christmas and other commitments had no report to give this time.

### 7.3. Mature Students' Officer

This position is currently vacant.

### 7.4. Postgraduate Students' Officer

No report submitted.

### 7.5. Warsash Maritime Liaison Officer

No report submitted.

### 7.6. Mental Health Campaigns Officer

(RL) provided a verbal update on what they have been doing:

- She didn't have much to update.
- Had had a 1:1 with (HH).
- The role was more to support (HH)'s role.

(MT) added that they want to change (RL)'s role.

**ACTION:** (HH) to arrange a meeting with (MT) and (RL) to review the Mental Health Campaigns Officer role.

### 7.7. Trans Students Officer

This position is currently vacant.

### 7.8. BME Students' Officer

(IM) provided a verbal update on what they have been doing:

- Had a 1:1 with (HH).
- Was looking to restart the ACS society and potentially merge it with the East African society.

(HH) suggested that they talk to Kirsty in Student Involvement about setting up a society.

#### **7.9. EU & International Students' Officer**

No report submitted.

#### **7.10. Women's' Officer**

**(BC)** provided a written report **(see appendix 7)** and ran through it in the meeting.

### **8. AOB**

#### **8.1. Student Council Chair**

The position is still vacant.

#### **8.2. NUS Conferences**

**(JS)** asked that all Student Officers wanting to attend any NUS conferences should reply to the email about them.

#### **8.3. Warsash**

**(JB)** explained that improvements in Warsash had been seen for the new phases, and that since speaking with **(LC)** and **(JS)** positive changes seemed to be being made.

### **9. Confirmation of the Next Student Council Time and Date**

Next Meeting Date: 27<sup>th</sup> February

Student Officer Report Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Meeting Ends: 6:46pm**

## Email Voting Results (05/02/2018)

1. **NUS Motion - Remove means testing for Maintenance Loan/Grant.**  
Yes - 9, No - 1
2. **NUS Motion - Update rules to allow nominations for democratic procedures committee to open sooner.**  
Yes - 10
3. **Ratification of External Trustee – Darren**  
Yes - 9, Abstain - 1
4. **Ratification of External Trustee – Tom**  
Yes - 9, Abstain - 1

## Appendices

### **Appendix 1: NUS Motion: We are not Children**

#### **HE Zone: We are not children – Stop treating us like it by judging us off our parent's income**

##### **Conference Believes:**

1. The main source of income for the majority of undergraduate students is a maintenance loan from Student Finance England (SFE).
2. Maintenance grant and loans are means tested for the majority of undergraduate students against their parents' income.
3. Maintenance support is not enough to cover a large proportion of students living costs [1]
4. Many students now rely on additional income to be able to cover basic living costs [2]
5. A large number of students experience some level of mental health and stress whilst at University [3]
6. Young people aged 18 are treated as an adult by the law. [4]

##### **Conference further believes:**

1. Needing to have a job to cover basic living costs whilst studying can be a cause of additional stress and mental health issues.
2. Maintenance grants and loans should be sufficient to cover basic living costs of all students
3. Students are being negatively affected by means testing when their parents are unable to financially 'top up' or support students financially.
4. University students are considered to be independent adults however are still expected to be reliant on their parents' income after moving out for University.
5. Many households have an income above £30k however can still struggle to financially support students who are living away from home during their time at University but still have a reduction in maintenance and bursary support.

##### **Conference Resolves:**

1. For NUS to actively campaign and lobby the government and Student Finance England to scrap means testing parents income for maintenance support

##### **References**

[1] <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2015/jun/29/maintenance-loans-are-leaving-students-265-short-every-month>

[2] <https://www.endsleigh.co.uk/press-releases/10-august-2015/>

[3] <https://yougov.co.uk/news/2016/08/09/quarter-britains-students-are-afflicted-mental-hea/>

[4] <https://www.gov.uk/age-of-criminal-responsibility>

[5] <http://www.youthoria.org/home/life/rights/what-can-i-do/1238766894.723/>

**Appendix 2: NUS Motion: Update to articles and rules, 500 (a)**  
**AGM – Changes to NUS articles and rules, rule 500 (a)****Conference Believes:**

7. NUS rule 501 (a) states that the Democratic Procedures Committee nominations are required to open at Conference. [1]

**Conference further believes:**

6. Democratic Procedures Committee nominations are opened at the same time as other positions to be elected at conference. [2] [3]
7. By opening the nomination period there is a larger chance of receiving nominations
8. By opening the nomination period to before the start of conference it may encourage non-delegates to stand.

**Conference Resolves:**

2. To replace NUS rules section 501 (a) with the following: “Individual Members- there will be nine Individual Members, four of which will be elected by the National Conference in even years and five in odd years. All of these will serve two year terms at its annual meeting. Nominations will close at the event and the election will take place in a block form, elected by the Single Transferable Vote”

**References**

- [1] [https://nusdigital.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/document/documents/33502/NUS\\_UK\\_Articles\\_Rules\\_April\\_2017.pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAJKEA56ZWKFU6MHNQ&Expires=1517242238&Signature=SVrlqIQXmyaCl3PeC%2FgeA%2Bu2VRI%3D](https://nusdigital.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/document/documents/33502/NUS_UK_Articles_Rules_April_2017.pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAJKEA56ZWKFU6MHNQ&Expires=1517242238&Signature=SVrlqIQXmyaCl3PeC%2FgeA%2Bu2VRI%3D)
- [2] <https://conference.nusconnect.org.uk/elections/stand-for-election>
- [3] <https://www.nusforms.org.uk/mach1/machform/view.php?id=249571>

**Appendix 3: VP Education Report - Lewis Cleminson (30/01/2018)****1. Summary**

This paper provides an update on the activity of the VP Education against their manifesto.

**2. Recommendation**

- Student Council is asked to note the paper.
- Members of Student Council and students are encouraged to ask questions.

**3. Detail****3.1. Course Reps**

- Continued to co-chair course reps working group and support the development of school reps

**3.2. Academic Societies**

- No update since last council

**3.3. Colourful Union**

- No update since last council

**4. Other Activity**

- Working on consultation around accelerated degrees on behalf of Solent students
- Held the SU's AGM shortly before Christmas break
- Decided upon a venue for the STAR awards and planning is under way.
- Attended management board in place of the SU president.
- Took the lead on writing a paper to VCG around the introduction of Graduation Costs. Also compiled a list of over 130 HE providers across the UK and if they charge guests for tickets at graduation or not to help prove if it is the sector normal to charge or not. Will be entering discussions with the University about the future of graduation costs.
- Submitting two motions to Student Council for Solent SU to submit to NUS national conference.
- Appointed as TEF pilot subject panel deputy chair and main panel member for Engineering and Technology. Will be taking infrequent days off as annual leave to fulfil this role.

## Appendix 4: VP Employability and Engagement – Naomi Fry (30/01/2018)

### Summary

1. This paper provides an update on the activity of the VP Employability & Engagement against their manifesto plus the details of other activities they are working on / supporting, both with the Union and University.

### Recommendation

2. Student Council is asked to note the paper.
3. Members of Student Council and students are encouraged to ask questions.

### Detail

#### 4. Objective 1 –

Encourage Collaborations ...and give societies/society members more experience in their craft on a professional level. Why should the university and Union hire in when they have a pool of talented students available? Societies should be valued and gain an income from their skills.

1. Have prepared a list of questions to ask societies at Freshers Fayre. They will gather details about the societies aims and what they can offer. The data will be collected and distributed after Freshers.
2. Spoke to all the societies at the Fayre. Gathered some information so I can refer people who ask, to the right societies. Will collate it all.
3. Currently working with some societies to improve their relationship with the university.

#### Objective 2 –

Arrange a Society of the Week Publication ...so students can hear about all the different active societies and their achievements/events throughout the year.

1. As part of the data collection at Freshers, I promoted and made the societies aware of Union Awards, RepFest (Society Training) and blog posts they could write for solentsu.co.uk. The latter will act as an opportunity for societies to share what they are doing, as the original 'society of the week' publication originally intended.
2. Am yet to receive anything of this nature from societies, but as a celebration and promotion of society success, I'm working closely with various to have some promotional/event videos made to be shown at the Union Awards.

#### Objective 3 -

Establish More Societies Promotion ...because it's a constant society struggle! Let's get your promo on the screens for all to see!

1. Links formed with the Uni screens and the Dock Screens (Sodexo). Societies are now aware of what to do to potentially get their artwork on the screens. Have made a sheet of the official required specs from both distributors. Have already completed quite a few requests.
2. After a recent communications reshuffle, I can no longer send things from societies straight to the uni screens contact but I'm working closely with the Dock to keep that channel open and will be working on the former, shortly.

#### Objective 4 -

Boost the Publication of Student and Societies Councils ...and make their when and where, clearer! All students are welcome to attend and engage in their democratic rights, so all students should hear about the meetings.

1. Council dates got set and put in staff calendars. Artwork was requested from comms. Sabbs will create Facebook events once chair is elected at Repfest in October.
2. No chair is in place so this is

process is on hold until a chair is in place and dates are set. 3. We now have a Societies Council Chair so I'm working with them for future meetings. 4. I continue to work with the societies Council chair, I make Facebook events for both councils and I now have two pull up banners which get put up in the SU Lounge with the details of the next meeting. As a side, I'm looking into more sustainable methods than paper for the meeting details.

**Objective 5 -**

Schedule Regular Sabbatical Officer Check-In Sessions ...so you can chat in an honest open forum, about the things going on within the University and the Students' Union.

1. Sabbs have attended and are rota-d on for some more 'Pop Up Union' events with Student Involvement. A reinforcement of an open door policy to the Sabb office is also in place. 2. Due to the President's resignation and duties reallocation, Sabbs are more stretched so attending Pop Up Unions isn't a priority currently so I'm working on bettering Sabb promotion to make us more accessible that way. I got new business cards printed and am working on bettering the contact details published around the Sabb office, alongside the continuing open door policy.

**Objective 6 -**

Organise CV/LinkedIn Workshops ...which will be clear and useful. Need your CV checked over or want some advice on how to effectively network on social media? No problem!

1. Will email Caroline Barfoot about cross-promoting what Solent Futures are doing and making sure it reaches the students using Union social media. Will also suggest some topics to cover (CV, LinkedIn, Cover Letters/Applications & Interview Techniques). 2. I'm working closely with Solent Futures and the 'Micro Interns' to gain a greater understanding of what past students feel like they needed help on, all to make sure present students actually want workshops; and if not, adapting the objective to suit the needs of the current student population. All input is welcome.

**Objective 7 -**

Appoint Volunteering Ambassadors ...giving students the opportunity to take charge of volunteering trips and other activities, means students have a voice.

1. Pending. Waiting for more really pro-active volunteers to emerge. 2. With Student Volunteering Week coming up, a new wave of volunteers should appear and then conversations will be had. As a whole though, based on the more recent NSS results, the union is rethinking the need for regular volunteering trips and shifting towards a more facilitative role connecting volunteers with charities. This objective will adapt as appropriate.

**Objective 8 -**

Arrange No Strings Volunteering ...Can't commit to anything long term but still want to help people out? This'll give you the chance to dabble and gain experiences/help others without the obligation of giving more time than you can.

1. Will email out to all currently collaborated charities on the SU database to ask for short term (single day) volunteering events the students can potentially do. What, when, who they want. 2. Again with Student Volunteering Week coming up, the charities attending the Opportunities Fayre will be offering a whole host of experiences, some of which will fit the objectives purpose. I have worked closely with our Activities Coordinator to make this week happen.

## **Other Activities**

### **Puppy Room**

Next Puppy Room is March 1st as part of Student Volunteering Week. Planning is in its final stages with my focus being making sure the template is future proof and the relationship with the charity is strong, all ready for a hand over in July. We now have competition from SUSU!

### **Refreshers Fayre**

Happening 1st February in the Guildhall. I've been working with Student Involvement to make sure societies are a prominent feature, and they are with some prime plots being occupied by societies. Radio Sonar, DJ Society and Live Events Society will be on the stage to provide entertainment for the Fayre with all other societies booked on, being the first thing people interactive with on the main floor.

### **Student Volunteering Week #SVWSolent**

All planned, promotional material made and events organised including many society and university collaborations (Free Sonar Film screening of Ghostbusters, FemSoc Sanitary Products Collections etc). Featuring the Opportunities Fayre, the whole two weeks is about facilitating Volunteering experience to boost your CV and help the local community.

### **Union Awards**

The venue has been booked, awards have been priced up, categories agreed and I'm now working on the nominations process, nibbles and decorations for the night itself. It's on April 25th and nominations open March 5th!

### **Fair Funding**

Currently developing a new process to replace the current one that is fairer and also suitable for liberation societies. I'm meeting with liberation societies soon to make sure they are included in the conversation.

### **Activist Academy**

We're now in the initial planning stages with Student Involvement to re-use our already prepared resources/activities. It's all being adapted into several shorter sessions for some on campus learning.

### **Academic Audit - Employability and Work Placement Audit**

I'm representing students and giving them a voice whilst the universities reviews work placements and employability opportunities offered by courses.

### **Living CV**

I'm working with some of the micro interns to help develop and promote the Living CV campaign; a great way to convert the learnt skills from course modules, into useful CV points. It's being pushed to become standard practice on all courses and really helps make students more employable.

## Appendix 5: VP Welfare and Community – Hanna Head (30/01/2018)

### Summary

1. This paper provides an update on the activity of the VP Welfare & Community against their manifesto.

### Recommendation

2. Student Council is asked to note the paper.
3. Members of Student Council and students are encouraged to ask questions.

### Detail

**Manifesto point 1 - Solent as a community:** Develop relationships with the trade unions at Solent, so staff across the university are being supported & recognising that staff issues have an impact on students.

- Continuing to meet regularly and getting updates from all over the university.
- Continue attending the Unison womens network meetings regularly to keep up to date with the changes to staffing that specifically effect women
- Manifesto point 2 - Students as activists: Re-run Activist Academy & host open training sessions. Better training for student officers and all student leaders on campaigning, intersectionality and inclusion.
- 2x LAYM training sessions planned
- 2x leadership type training events being planned
- Looking into how best to structure student officer training

**Manifesto point 3 - Students in the community:** Create a project to highlight and celebrate the benefits that students bring to the city. Complete research on events that students want - non-drinking especially.

- No update on this

**Manifesto point 4 - Liberation groups:** Increased support for liberation societies, and liberation specific forums to discuss the issues faced on campus, & continuing to work on securing better facilities for groups that need it.

- Working on a fair funding policy for societies
- Access Agreement working group involvement

**Manifesto point 5 - Student safety:** Finalising the Safe Taxi Scheme, finalising Ask for Angela within the city and finishing work on clearer reporting processes for discrimination and harassment within the university.

- Interviewed/hired a new nightbus driver!

**Manifesto point 6 - Student support:** Lobbying to protect and increase funding to support services, and for support in new areas such as substance misuse.

- Working on EC review currently – PLEASE SEND FEEDBACK [📧](#)
- Working on the accessibility of sexual violence/assault services in the city/Hampshire wide
- Mental health research project with 14 other unions – survey step two now complete
- Mental Health Strategy group has been approved and I'll hopefully be co-chair
- Equality forum report

#### 4. Other Activity

- Sat on multiple EC Panels
- Rewritten some content for the website
- Chairing Trustee Board
- Looking into democracy review
- Graduation cost paper with Lewis & Naomi

### Appendix 6: Disabilities Students' Officer – Mollie Tuck (30/01/2018)

#### 1. Summary

- This report is an update on what I have been doing for Disabled Students in January 2018.

#### 2. Recommendation

- Ask what other students would like me to do.

#### 3. Detail

- I have been working with VP Welfare and Community to improve Extenuating Circumstances policy for students, focusing on Disabilities, more so on students with mental and learning issues. I also want to work closely with Rebecca on this.
- I also looked into the form linked to this and noticed issues that could flare up for students with disabilities more so with learning and/or visual impairment and/or Autism (and/or something similar).
- Looking into the Solent website as a whole i.e. the Main, the Portal, Students Union and Sports websites. These need improving in general but as a matter of emergency of students whom require option such as bigger text, darker colours and overall easier navigation and search options. Hoping to speak to Alison Goulding in the next few months about sorting this.
- I am hoping to join the library Accessibility group to review the library to make it easier for students in general but focus on triggers for students with disabilities. I want to proposal a chill out space to the library also.
- I am looking into ensuring brail is around the university.
- I am looking into have a meeting with Charities outside of university, Including Spectrum to see if we can collaborate on something.
- I'm hoping to help change and improve the access agreement in the next few months.

### Appendix 7: Women's Officer – Bethanie Clarke (30/01/2018)

#### Summary

1. This paper provides an update on the activity of the Womens' Officer against their manifesto.

#### Detail

1. Due to an injury early in the year, up until now I haven't been as active as I would have liked as womens' officer however, over the coming months I will be working on the causes listed below.
  - Free Sanitary Products for female students on Campus.
  - Drop-In sessions for students to come and talk to me about their issues/the issues they see tasking female students on campus.
  - An event for International Womens' Day – Thursday 8th of March 2018

- On Campus activism – finding out what the issues students see as issues that female students face on campus today.
- Making sure that there is clear signposting on campus for the mental health support available to female students should they need it and clear signposting to outside organisations e.g. Yellow Door should the need outside/further support. – within this also making sure that the help is readily available for women on campus.

**Other Activity**

- Attending the NUS Womens' conference 10-11th April.

**End of Appendices**