

AGM Report

Presidents Report

Fresher's Week

During this year's Fresher's week the Students' Union put on a number of events and activities for students of all year groups. Once again the Students' Union hired the marquee which was located on the football pitch behind the Students' Union building on the Chichester Campus. The marquee was used for parent talks on arrivals weekend, SU events during fresher's week, accommodations Film on the Field and for Fresher's Fair. The marquee was a resounding success. Students enjoy the extra space and enjoy using the marquee for the silent disco.

2018 Fresher's Week saw the first Bognor Bar Crawl. The Students' Union Bar's Team worked with local venues in Bognor to host the bar crawl. Students started at the Hub on the Bognor Campus and finished the bar crawl in Sheiks. We had around 100 students take part in the bar crawl. The Students' Union had a number of other events during fresher's Week, these events included a step up to the mic hosted by the MT society, karaoke nights, international students party/quiz, THIF (Thank Hub it's Friday) and our rebranded Saturday club night "Saturdays Sorted". Fresher's fair was again a huge success, the day had a really positive atmosphere and really showed the strong sense of community at the University.

Campaigns

Shhhh! Campaign

In the first week of the semester we ran the Shhhh! Campaign. This campaign was aimed at bringing the local residents of Chichester and the Students at the University closer together. The accommodation team and the Students' Union receive a large number of noise complaints at the beginning on most years. Myself and a group of volunteers posted leaflets through local resident's and student's front doors. The leaflet included information on what to do when students are being noisy, how and who locals should inform of noise complaints and some information for locals about what it is like for students to be living on their own for the first time and why this may cause noise. There was also information for student's on the leaflet reminding them that they are moving

into an area heavily populated by local residents and some advice to ensure a harmonious living environment. My information and the accommodation office information was included on the leaflet so locals and students knew who they could contact if there was an issue with noise or a disturbance. The campaign has been a success, I am still receiving calls and working with local residents and students to ensure a safe, harmonious living environment.

Mental Health Campaign – Men Talk Health

From the 1st November the Students' Union have been running the Mental Health Campaign, Men Talk Health. The campaign is set to last until 30th November. The campaign is aiming to break the stigma around mental health and is also aiming to help men come forward and talk about any mental health problems they may have faced or are currently facing. Dominic Haward (Vice President) has been conducting interviews with students to raise awareness, tackle issues and break the stigma surrounding mental health. On Thursday 8th around ten students gathered in the art department for an open informal art session. Students' spoke with Dom about mental health, the aim of the session was to use art as an outlet to reduce stress. This was a very successful session. These sessions will run through November.

Activities, Events & RAG

RAG Committee

For the 2018/19 academic year the Students' Union's RAG committee has been disbanded and the responsibilities of the committee have been passed on to the Activities Committee. The Students' Union took an in depth review of its committee, its members and the functionality of the SU's committees. Reducing the number of committees was in the best interest of both student officers and the Students' Union itself. The RAG Officer will sit on the activities committee and report to this committee.

UCSU Chosen Charity

Challengers is the chosen charity for the upcoming academic year. Challengers is a charity that works to provide inclusive play and leisure activities for disabled children and young people. Donations from students and the

money raised from the Unions RAG events will be donated to Challengers. We look forward to raising as much money as we can for our chosen charity this year.

Sports

This year sports clubs will be continuing and attracted lots of interest in terms of students sign ups at Fresher's Fair. Sports teams have gone through the trial process and sessions for both first year students and students in later years have started. The first set of BUCS fixtures took place on the 10th of October. Lack of funding has led the Students' Union to cut a small number of sports team this year. Teams that could not field teams or had a number of walkovers were cut. Other teams are still being monitored. This year's destination for Tour has been confirmed as Croatia, again traveling with the I Love Tour Company. Team Photos are scheduled to take place in November with the company Take That Photo.

Societies

All of our societies from last year are continuing. All societies made their first session free as a taster session for new students so they can find out more about the societies before choosing which ones to join.

Bye-Elections

The Students' Union have recently recruited more part-time student's officers and two student trustees. Below are the part-time student officer roles that have been filled.

- Postgraduate Officer
- First Year Student Officer
- Societies Federation President
- BME Officer
- Disability Officer
- Student Trustees (Undergrad & Postgrad).

Tech Park Opening

I had the fantastic opportunity to meet the Duke and Duchess of Sussex and talk to them about the fantastic University we are all a part of. It was a great day and a brilliant opportunity to show them the Tec Park and the University. A great day for both Students' Union and the University.

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