

Report from the Vice-President (May 7- June 9)

1. **Social media** : Promoting Three Minute Thesis, Brighton Trip, Trustee Recruitment, International Freshers Welcome , SUAS exam guide and other routine stuffs .
2. **Statements** : Preparing and publishing GU executive committee statements on Divestment, Eviction of student activists from Greenwich house and Dr. Priyamvada Gopal racism and harassment issue.
3. **Activities** :
 - a) **Three Minute Thesis Finals** :
 - Established collaboration with university public engagement team, School of Life Sciences engagement office and Hughes Hall to conduct the finals
 - Pro-VC for Education Professor Graham Virgo chaired the judging panel ; Public Engagement Heads of University- Dr. Lucinda Spokes, Research Development Co-ordinator of Engineering- Dr. Sue Jackson, Public Engagement coordinator of Clinical Sciences- Dr. Sophie Wheeler and President of Cambridge University Students' Union (CUSU)- Daisy Eyre constituted our judging panel.
 - University Communications team covered the event and will publicise it
 - 8 Finalists; 2 winners (1 each for PhD and Masters) + 1 runner-up
 - Certificate of commendation, medals and trophies were distributed for winners and finalists
 - **Pro-VC offered a unspecified/small prize money for next year's 3MT**
 - The future goal is to conduct a unified 3MT with participation from colleges and depts with GU coordinating the event and hosting the finals.
 - b) **Effect of strike on Master's students Issue**
 - BME officer/Co-President of Faculty of Education Student Staff Consultative Committee- Caroline James working extensively on this issue
 - Since this is an urgent situation and requires a swift response, this matter has been raised with the Pro-VC of Education. Caroline has prepared a comprehensive documentation which was presented to him raising the grave concerns with her survey evidence backing it up for Faculty of Education
 - Having a meeting along with Caroline James and Pro-VC of Education to discuss this further.
 - c) **Unpaid Graduate Teaching**
 - Attended joint meeting of UCU students wing , History Faculty Students and Faculty Director discussing and understanding the unpaid teaching issue
 - Helped circulate the open letter
 - Flagged the issue up with the School of arts and humanities rep and Pro-VC
 - d) **Field work related Issues**
 - Working with a student to understand the existing Risk Assessment procedure for students under taking field work
 - Looking to lobbying for including this in COP and handbooks especially in departments that does high risk field work projects
 - Lobbying for proper policy, procedures and training support for supervisors and students going for field work - Discussed with Pro-VC

e) Research Ethics Issue

- Attended research ethics committee meeting
- Raised the need for clear policies around data usage by students
- Lobbying for proper policy and training
- Meeting with Rhys Morgan to jointly prepare a flowchart for students/supervisors dealing with high volume of public data for research
- Lobbying for this to be included during induction and in COP/handbooks

f) GU Bulletin

- Themed with more academic/skill set inputs from departments
- Fort-nightly
- Moving to a new system in line with the GDPR

g) External and Alumni Trustee Recruitment

- Chaired the selection process
- Eight applicants
- Shortlisted 7 applicants for interview after extensive scrutiny
- Three exec members volunteered for each interview
- Proposed 2 selected trustees to the council
- Deliberating on the remaining – have sent follow up questions
- Two extra ordinary executive committees, approval by circulation via email and 7 interviews (5 in person and 2 skype) were conducted for selection

h) E-thesis

- Provided feedback on interim policy
- Discussions with departments to understand the issues better
- Working with Zoe of OFC in preparing blurbs and documents to help students understand the process better
- Recommended training for supervisors and students

i) Meetings /Committees

- Fort-nightly executive committee (Chair)
- Research Ethics
- Societies Syndicate
- Extension Review Meeting
- Pro-VC for Education
- Graduate Colleges Working Group
- African Society Reps
- Meeting with individual students regarding international student working hours, mental well-being during field work , supervisor-student issues etc

j) Provided feedback for Well-Being Strategy Document and College Review

k) Provided inputs to President on her Parity for Care for Master Students and Lets Talk Mental Health Panel