

Executive Committee Reports from the Union General Meeting on January 20th 2020

Sabbatical Officers

Name (Position)	Report
Peadar Connolly-Davey (Activities & Events)	No report submitted
Yousra Elmagboul (Equality & Liberation)	<p>Since our last UGM, I have continued to work on some core projects. I have spent time discussing the Undergraduate Curriculum Review, specifically the "New Core". I have also been attending meetings every two weeks to discuss Student Feedback, ie how we collect it, how we use it and how we show students its being used (On that note, please fill in your end of term modules! They go to good use!).</p> <p>Unfortunately, I have been sick for two weeks at the beginning of 2020 so less to report there but this week is full of excitement as we finish up Refereshers!</p> <p>More generally, in the office, we have been talking about the upcoming SU elections; if you are thinking about running for a part-time exec role or Sabb, drop in to see us if you have any questions!</p>
Maxine Thomas-Asante (Democracy & Education)	<p>Happy New Year! Since the last UGM I have been focused on two main education projects. The first has been the Undergraduate Curriculum Review, which looks at the way undergraduate teaching happens here and may result in some considerable changes including: should we introduce January exams? Would we rather</p>



	<p>have less module options as part of our degree programmes to decrease timetabling issues? Would we like to introduce a compulsory core module covering climate change and SGBV? If you are interested come along to Get Vocal tomorrow in the JCR from 12pm to share any thoughts.</p> <p>I have also been working on a brand new degree programme going with the working title Africa and its Diaspora. This student staff collaboration is being driven by two paid student course consultants alongside Sindi Gordon! Stay tuned for more!</p>
<p>Valeria Racu (Welfare & Campaigns)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student Development Fund - Student Mental Health Film Festival - Paul Stott - how SOAS works with people - Race, Listening and Accountability with Tinu Cornish - Review of Africa at SOAS - Demilitarise SOAS, Account 4 This and Sanctuary Scholarships. - Climate Strike 14th February - 2nd Student-Staff Assembly next week

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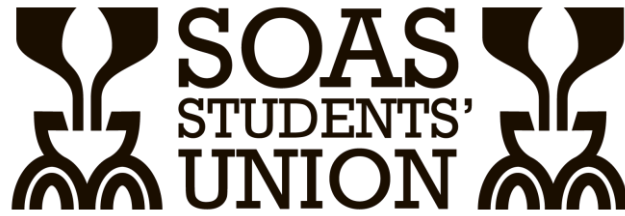
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<p>Oscar Ward (Accommodation Officer)</p>	<p>No report submitted</p>
<p>Imogen Kropf (Campaigns Officer)</p>	<p>No report submitted</p>



<p>Indigo Ayling (Disabled Students and Carers' Officer)</p>	No report submitted
<p>Inaki Arrizabalaga (Environment Officer)</p>	No report submitted
<p>Serena Coulson & Anirudh Srivathsan (International Officers)</p>	No report submitted
<p>Hasan Zakria (LGBTQIA+ Officer)</p>	No report submitted
<p>Talya Scott-Mason (People of Colour Officer)</p>	No report submitted
<p>Miriam Amrani (Sports Officer)</p>	No report submitted
<p>Rachel Lindfield & Maysa (Trans & Gender Identity Officers)</p>	No report submitted
<p>Anabelle Jones & Nare Hakebyan (Womxn's Officers)</p>	No report submitted
<p>Paulien Broens (Postgraduate Research Officer)</p>	No report submitted
<p>Katie Saunders (Working Class Officer)</p>	No report submitted
<p>Malena Antich & Ciro Puig (Academic Affairs Officers)</p>	<p>Together with the wonderful Sabbatical Officer for Democracy and Education Maxine, Ciro and Malena co-hosted the second Student Rep Roundtable, in which reps from different departments shared their questions and reports on their relationship with the department staff and their fellow students.</p>



	<p>In the last few weeks, Malena joined a working group of academic and administrative staff working on suggestions for the implementation of Semestarisiation and Intensive Teaching, by which 1) the school's curriculum and, crucially, assessment would be imparted within a six months period (hence not having a cluster of exams at the end of the year), 2) modules could be taught more intensely, over a shorter period of time, like in the SOAS Summer School. The next meeting of this working group will be taking place on Wednesday 3-5pm; in it, we will collectively agree on the suggestions to be made on the project. If you have any queries or comments you would like the working group to hear and consider, please feel free to get in contact with Malena at: academic@soas.ac.uk</p>
<p>Charlotte Keely (Entertainment Officer)</p>	<p>Just finished organising refreshers and am now working on LGBTQ+ History Month specifically events with Drag Society and supporting organization of the late license and watching the budget. Also, looking for additional funding for possible events in March and helping with organisation of womxn history month in March.</p>
<p>Hisham Parchment & Sohane Yahya (Anti-Racism Officers)</p>	<p>Hi guys! Hisham and Sohane here!</p> <p>Thank you for all the support during our event for refreshers and with The Robeson.</p> <p>Thank you to all those reaching out about white ally meetups, your desire to become a better ally to POC group is noted and appreciated and I hope to see more of you turn up to meetings.</p> <p>Finally: our Socials → Our fb page, twitter and lg are all live, so far we are not active</p>



on twitter and instagram but we should be by the end of this week.

Please keep emailing and sending us questions, tell us what we can do to help you have a better and safer experience at SOAS;

What we've done

Anti-Racism Network

We have been reaching out to anti-racism officers across the country at other universities in the hope of collaborating and building campaigns and sharing resources. We hope that those stepping into our role in the future will continue to strengthen these relationships and share effective tools for anti-racist practice.

White Ally Meetup

White Ally Meetups will start again this friday 16h to 18h, the room is still tbc but it will end with a drink at the bar orr a coffee. Sessions will incorporate safer space policy, and we welcome all white people wishing to become better allies to POC groups. We are also working on organizing a workshop to fight anti-blackness in groups of of other POCs

Refreshers

We had a black people only space with boardgames and rants last tuesday, whilst we had an all black evening in the JCR with our wonderful Black DJ Tolu. The night went very well and we are working on creating more Black only spaces for when bigger events are going on in the JCR, the idea is a space to escape the hostility of



	<p>what is a very white environment.</p> <p>Social media platforms for anti-racism @ SOAS</p> <p>We've got socials, check out Anti-racism SOAS SU on fb, ig, and twitter</p>
<p>Nidah Kaiser (Postgraduate Taught Officer)</p>	<p>Answered students' queries, replied to emails, provided advice for mitigating circumstances, planned and organised the 'Postgrad (Taught and Research) and Mature Students Takeover" event for Refreshers, carried out the Write to MP campaign for students' protests in India</p>