



Executive Committee Reports

Union General Meeting

May 21st 2021

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Name (Position)	Report
Hasan Zakria (Activities & Events)	No report submitted
Sabrina Shah (Democracy & Education)	No report submitted
Roza Atac (Equality & Liberation)	<p>Since February things have somewhat slowed down with the end of term and Easter break.</p> <p>I've mainly been working with Anna Dodridge (SU General Manager) on writing up a proposal to request further funding for consent workshops and SGBV (sexual and gender based violence) support from the Union, in consultation with Enough is Enough. We have taken the proposal to SOAS and we are currently awaiting confirmation.</p> <p>I have continued to work closely with the complaints team on the Report & Support project. I am happy to say that the website is fully live and named reporting is now available. https://reportandsupport.soas.ac.uk/</p> <p>Women's history month took place in March, I was lucky enough to organize a couple events. Two of them I co-organised with Kurdish society, our first event was an introduction to the women's revolution of Rojava in memory of Anna Campbell (Anna is a british women who was martyred whilst fighting alongside Kurdish forces in Rojava), the second was an introduction to Jineology (Kurdish Feminism) workshop which we organized with the Jineology academy in Rojava. I worked with a student to organize a networking event for Women, Non-Binary and queer creatives in collaboration with the Daisie App, and finally I organised a liberation through art event, where the aim was</p>

	<p>to create a safe space for those of affected by misogyny to come together and create art.</p> <p>I have been working closely with the Access and Participation plan team throughout the year, and for the first time the OFS (office for students) requested a student submission in order to assess whether or not SOAS had reached its goals.</p>
<p>Yasmin Elsouda (Welfare & Campaigns)</p>	No report submitted

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<p>Lucia Pedroso (Academic Affairs Officer)</p>	No report submitted
<p>Oscar Ward (Accommodation Officer)</p>	No report submitted
<p>Sohane Yahya & Hisham Parchment (Anti-Racism Officers)</p>	<p>Hi guys! Hisham and Sohane here!</p> <p>Thank you for all the support during this crazy virtual year. We know this has been an incredibly difficult year especially heightened by the racism displayed by the SOAS director, Adam Habib. It is really disheartening to see that a university that was marketed to us as a place that would value the contribution of black people as well as respect our histories and trauma was able to let such blatant displays of afriphobia go unpunished. As such most of our efforts have gone towards supporting the #firehabib campaign and the students affected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 reflection sessions with a Nafsiyat black therapist, which was attended by members of the campaign, SU and Art and the African Mind • Support to AAM in the organizing of the People's Tribunal (upcoming) • Involvement with Twitter storms + contacts with Wits university • Outreach to gain society supports across other UK Sus.

	<p>It's on a very bitter note that our time as anti-racism officers ends, but we will continue to fight for justice and hope that our successors will be able to continue to facilitate the struggle for racial justice at SOAS.</p>
<p>Ella Spencer (Campaigns Officer)</p>	<p>This term I have been continuing my work with the Justice For Workers campaign to demand that management implement their version of the cleaning rota- an issue we have been raising since November. To escalate, we are holding a rally on Tuesday which will also be an opportunity for students on campus to hear from the campaign and how they can get involved. The SOASWTFees campaign is still holding a fee strike until management meets their demands and and last term we held a superforum with the rent strike, the UCU, UNISON, Art and the African Mind, SOAS Palestine Society, FFFP and Preventing Prevent to highlight the interrelated nature of our causes. I have also been working closely with Yasmin for the next UGM to pass a motion in solidarity with campaigns opposing the new Police, Crimes, Sentencing and Courts Bill to defend the right to protest and to challenge the expansion of police powers which will target communities already marginalised by the state. Lastly, I have been working with Preventing Prevent to organise cross-campus events and events with external groups like Lesbians and Gays Support the Migrants and the Kill The Bill coalition to continue the political education on what Prevent is, how we can resist it and how it fits in to wider structures of policing and surveillance.</p>
<p>Felix Henson & Amba Janiurek (Disabled Students & Carers Officers)</p>	<p>Amba:</p> <p>Flexibility: Liaising with students to understand what kind of study accessibility changes they'd like to see.</p> <p>Widening Participation and Education: Currently organising workshops and speakers for future events, including disability careers and events with universities outside Britain and, in addition, reaching out to departments to improve disability inclusivity within syllabi.</p> <p>Social Spaces & Creativity: Creation of a Disabled Students Society and workshoping the constitution.</p> <p>Research and Reform: Accessing SOAS statistics on disability and reading SOAS disability policies - interrogating them with the aim of improving accessibility.</p> <p>Felix:</p> <p>This term I have continued my focus on developing the Disabled Students Society and helping individual students. We have (and I say we, because the students of the Society are owed at least as much credit here) confronted exclusive</p>

	<p>and inaccessible practices from various departments together. Before my first year as Disabled Students and Carers Officer comes to an end I hope my motion might pass this UGM, meaning that students who were struggling or unable to afford dr's notes will have them funded, meaning Amba and I's manifesto will have been close to achieved.</p>
<p>Sara Llyod-Knibbs (Mature Students' Officer)</p>	<p>Hi Everyone!</p> <p>Like most of us I've had an intense couple of months since our last UGM, exacerbated by the workload of the final taught-term of my full-time masters programme. Rather than a thematic report, this time I've decided to submit a quick chronicle summary of some key things I've been up to in my capacity as Mature Students Officer since the last UGM (in addition to routine meetings and individual student support).</p> <p>Best wishes to everyone and good luck with your exams and assessments!</p> <p>Sara :)</p> <p>24th Feb.: Attended Staff-Student Forum</p> <p>24th Feb.: Attended Women's History Month Steering Group Meeting —> I really enjoyed collaborating with all the other wonderful Executive Committee on planning/promoting our Women's History Month 2021 event programme, it was a real joy!</p> <p>25th Feb.: Met with Monika (Student Experience Team) R.E. Student Parent Support</p> <p>26th Feb.: Attended SU Elections Drop-in —> My role is not due for reelection until the autumn, when I really want to encourage people to stand for it. I will also be encouraging students to stand for the newly created Part-Time Student Officers role and Student Parents Officer roles, which I proposed/passed last UGM.</p> <p>1st Mar.: Attended Women's History Month (WHM) Launch Event</p> <p>4th Mar.: Hosted #UniMentalHealthDay Focus Group with Hasan —> Collected student feedback as to how SOAS SU can improve mental health support provision</p>

6th Mar.: Hosted **WHM Craftivism Workshop**

8th Mar.: Facilitated '**Negotiating Gender in Department Meetings' Workshop**

—> An initiative developed in conjunction with Dr. Ilana Webster-Kogen, based on Rep feedback about unproductive/uncomfortable dynamics in

23rd - 26th March - Attended **NUS Liberation Conference** (Delegate)

—> Attended sessions, voted on motions and fed back to Exec. Committee

24th Mar.: Attended **Extraordinary Department Meeting** (R.E. Habib Incident)

25th Mar.: Hosted "**Gender History: Interdisciplinary, Decolonial & Queer Approaches**" Event

—> This event to commemorate WHM featured Dr. Andrea Janku (History Dept. & Dr. Samia Khatun (Gender Studies Dept.) in dialogue, and was really well attended. One of my biggest successes this term!

30th Mar. Met with Simon (**Widening Participation Team**) R.E. Mature Student Support

31st Mar.: Hosted **Mature Student Social**

6th Apr.: Attended **Disabled Students Society Meeting** (Member)

—> Contributed to development of new society constitution

9th Apr.: Hosted **Inter-cohort Departmental Meeting**

—> Events this term have shown a need and a desire to challenge racism, misogyny, ableism and other structural inequalities at a department level, and I've been coordinating inter-cohort collaboration

15th Apr.: Hosted **Guest Speaker Event** on parent/child mental health

—> "SPARKLE: Using a parenting app to reduce children's behaviour problems during the Covid-19 pandemic" Lecture by Dr. Kasia Kostyrka-Allchorne (King's College London). This event was also of interest to non-parents as Dr. Kasia provided great insight into digital health interventions and research methods.

Dideolu Olufelo (Postgraduate Research Officer)	No report submitted
Emma Thackwray & Alex Allen (Sports Officers)	No report submitted.
Rima Koley (Entertainment Officer)	No report submitted
Janat Malik (Environment Officer)	No report submitted
Jake Isaac (International Officer)	No report submitted
Josh Mock (LGBTQIA+ Officer)	No report submitted
Heleena Pankhurst (People of Colour Officer)	No report submitted
Lizzy Cox & Victor Max Smith (Trans* & Gender Identity Officers)	No report submitted
Emma Masing & Tara Bhat (Womxns' Officers)	No report submitted
Katie Saunders & Michael Shand (Working Class Officers)	No report submitted
Mohamed Malainine (Postgraduate Taught Officer)	No report submitted