



## **Sabbatical Report 3**

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### **November 30th, 2011**

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#### **Areas of Work Since the Last Council Meeting**

##### **Sports and Wednesday Afternoons**

Over the past three weeks, myself and the rest of the other officers have all been working on a Framework for the Future document highlighting 12 areas of work that we feel needed attention and improving, in cooperation with the University. I took the lead on Sports and Wednesday Afternoons, which were broken down into three areas of interest:

- Current situation
- What students expect
- Proposed area of activity

The main outcomes of the two areas that I worked on was the University should create more links and official ties with external facilities as we are at capacity with what our current clubs can do in terms of space, as well as highlighting the need for a voucher system so our clubs can purchase more ideal training sessions which are currently unavailable due to the targets that the sports centre needs to meet. With Wednesday afternoons we would like the University to enforce the current policy, but after speaking to students who came to the clubs and societies forums that they would like no University commitments to take part in extra curricular activities from 12pm as travel, especially when it comes to long distances is becoming a big problem and stopping people representing their University, but also this would enable students, especially part time and mature the opportunity to spend a large proportion of their day working or learning without effecting their family commitments.

##### **Single Tour Provider for our Clubs and Societies**

The contracts have been finalised and once I have received paper copies from iLovetour I will be signing them so officially I Love Tour will be our preferred tour provider.

##### **Student Activity Executive**

On Monday we had our first Student Activities Executive meeting which had a fantastic turn out from the members of executive and several interesting discussion points. I will bring out the minutes of the meeting to the Council Meeting on Monday and will do a brief summary of them at AOB.

##### **Versus 2012**

We have pretty much finalised plans for the "alternative varsity" which we have called Versus 2012. This will be another pretty competition between Keele and the Stoke campus which will take place in the week beginning February 6th, 2012 and will have 7 separate events.

During discussions with Alex Chow from Keele we have had to be very cautious regarding approaching sports to be included in this competition as there have been several sports that have wanted to be apart of Varsity for a few years. We have also had to be very cautious regarding staffing of the event which is why Versus 2012 could quite possibly be over 3-5 days as unlike Varsity when we have a range of staff available we do not have that privilege during that week as sports fixtures will still be taking place and that requires attention of staff. Also we had to take consideration into the size of the competition as we have never organised this before so we have had to limit events, however we will not discourage over societies to organised their own competition against Keele but it wouldn't count towards the score.

## Other Areas of Work Since Last Council Meeting

- Club and Societies Development Meetings will be taking place over the next two weeks
- Been in discussion with Derby about restarting the annual Varsity between themselves and the Stafford campus

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## Important Areas Of Work

### Student Activities Executive Positions

Before the next Student Activities Executive Meeting which will be taking place on Monday 23rd, January 2012 in Stafford I will continue to research potential positional names for our Student Activities Executive members to give the 2012-2013 Executive a more of a active role in the organisation of certain student activities events for example - Student Activities Awards Night, Varsity Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator. I will also be presenting a model constitution for them to approve.

### RAG/Volunteer Week

Volunteer week and RAG week will be taking place from February 20th-24th 2012 and the Student Activities Department, along with marketing and representatives from RAG will begin planning on December 15th at 3pm to discuss how we can promote the week so that students can get the most out of any potential volunteering opportunities as well as raising the awareness of the Raise and Give on campus at both sites.

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## Areas Of Work For The Next Council Meeting

- Sports Relief plans
- Sports kit
- Look at how we can go forward do a "Team Staffs" for societies
- Development of the Give It A Go program

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## Hours of work

Sabbatical Report 3		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	
	Date	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Week
	Time In	8.00	9-18.30	10.30	9	8			
	Time Out	20.00	20:30-11	19.00	18.30	16.30			
	Total	12	11	8.5	9.5	8.5			49.5
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	Date	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Week
	Time In	8-16.30	11.15-17.45	1-4.15	11.00	9.15			
	Time Out	23.00-4	21.45-22.45	10.15-17.30	17.45	18.30			
	Total	13.5	7.5	10.5	8.75	9.25			49.5