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Issues raised since last council and results thereof:

Halls Internet:

The internet in the halls of residence, "ResNet" was due to be replaced by a new third party solution, after the initial tender process the contract was awarded to Ask4, but a legal challenge was issued by KeyCom and now the upgrade process has been postponed for a year. ResNet shall be the internet provided in halls for the 2011/2012 academic year.

CACH:

I've been elected onto the Executive Committee for the Chase Against Crimes of Hate. It's a group that works with local organisations to help report, identify and prevent Hate Crimes in Staffordshire. I'll be on there representing the university and students' union.

Ongoing projects:

NUS Black Students Campaign:

I'm going down to London on October 4th for my induction onto the NUS BSC Steering Committee that I got elected onto at the last BSC Conference in Birmingham.

RAG:

Jamie Robertson and I both decided to do a sponsored fast for Ramadan, through this we raised more than £2000 for Oxfam, which has kicked off this year's Raise And Give total to a flying start. We both gained a greater insight into Islam and worked to build good relationships with the local community.

Commencement of Projects:

House Style:

The union produces a lot of content be it printed and online, and in the past these have appeared rather random at times. We're working to align these and create a consistent brand across our material, so that when people look at our material, they'll be able to instantly recognise that it's related to the students' union.

Digital Engagement Strategy:

We've developed a Digital Engagement Strategy to help align all of the union's online resources. There's a lot of groups/pages/accounts out there and at times they don't always match or reflect the corporate message we'd like. The strategy also outlines how quickly we shall respond to messages and posts etc.

Organisational Priorities:

Myself, along with the rest of the Officers and Managers have spent time working identifying the key priorities for each department. From this we've created a couple of small committees to help progress these and steer the organisation. I've been appointed to sit on the Social Media related group.

National Interfaith Week:

We're working with the university to host some events for National Interfaith Week which is at the end of November. We'll be posting more details once events have been finalised.