

Kim Hargreaves Officer Report

Ongoing Projects:

As last month:

Car-parking and intersite travel :

We have employed 2 Student Academic Representatives to examine issues surrounding both car parking and The X1 bus and intersite transport.

Questions which are being researched include:

How many students use the X1 Bus?

How many students commute by train?

Are these students who live in Stoke and study in Stafford due to financial or accommodation issues?

How many car-parking spaces are there in Stoke and Stafford?

How many students actually park on the campus if they live in Shelton?

How do other Universities deal with parking issues?

How many students live within one mile radius of the Stoke Campus?

These are just a tiny slice of the questions undertaken by two student project managers, leading a team of over 40 students will be asking. The results of all this research will be presented to the Officers and members in the New Year. The results will help to formulate an appropriate strategy which we can then give to the University.

Update on this includes the most up to date data to be presented at the AGM for the Memberships acknowledgement and feedback in how to present this issue to the University. I encourage all Members to come forward with any issues and suggestions prior to the beginning of next Year as this is the time when the data will be examined and recommendations given. All data will be available for students to peruse, upon completion of the project.

On the 24th of November I attended with Staff a training session on how to report and manage Hate crime. The resulting action from this has been the preliminary setting up of a Staffs Anti Hate -Crime Group. This group is open to any students and staff members and our aims are to promote reporting of such crimes and also to create an environment of zero tolerance for hate-speech and resulting behaviour. This is the first announcement of the dates: First meeting to take place on the 25th of January 2012. Promotion online and

through STARs etc will follow, as will an agenda. If you are interested please email me at k.hargreaves@staffs.ac.uk.

Drink Spiking :

Spikeys have been ordered and as soon as they arrive we will arrange to visit all our venues on both sites (as before) and hand them out as well as promoting drink spiking awareness and what to do in case you suspect you have been spiked.

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New Projects and Campaigns:

Staff/Student Awards;

Exciting news ! I recently attended an NUS conference on a project about introducing a yearly Awards Event for Staff as nominated by Students. This is an excellent idea as we can praise our amazing lecturers for anything which students feel enriches their experience at Staffs as well as providing benchmarks for best practice across the University. Topics for Awards particularly relevant to Staffs include : Greenest lecturer/course, most Inclusive lecturers and lectures (aimed at lecturers who are innovative in providing support for disabled students and differently abled students.) And the more traditional Awards such as Best Feedback and Most innovative delivery. I am very excited about this and hope students will get on board.

Union Blueprint:

Not going to say too much about this as it is something that all our Officers will have touched on in their reports, suffice to say it is a wish-list stating what we as a Union would like from the University. My sections refer to Transportation , STARs (including nominations thereof) and Feedback, however all the Officers have worked on each of the 11 proposals and this will be available to all students once completed and published