

Gary Richardson, President

November 2012

On-going projects

Demo 2012 – Hoping to have a meeting on November 1st at 5pm with those councillors that put themselves forward to help get involved with some planning. We have arranged times in our calendars to actively promote the Demo and encourage people to sign up and get involved in the build up to the demo.

Dates include: -

Monday, November 5th

Wednesday, November 7th

Monday, November 12th

Wednesday, November 14th

Monday, November 19th

Tuesday, November 20th

We would like to encourage councillors to get involved and help us during these dates in promoting the Demo which is taking place on November 21st. I will be asking for a amnesty for students who attend the National Demo. **(Completion date November 2012)**

Also if any councillor has any suggestions on post demo action please let me know.

Housing – The team sat down to discuss the opportunities that are possible in housing on the back of a feedback session from the Unipol Training that I attended with Martin from the advice team attended in August. We have come up with a printed and online questionnaire that we would be in the process of getting designed that will ask students around 12 questions about the state of the accommodation, what they expect, how much they pay and whether they would recommend the accommodation that they currently live in. We are hoping to have the questionnaire done by the end of the first week in December so we can have results that can feed into the House Hunter week that we will be running in January. The ultimate aim for this survey is to be able to shape the housing strand on our strategy and start getting a focus for landlord's on improving properties.

Also on the back on the feedback meeting we will be doing a '10 things your landlord does not want you to know' guide for the House hunting campaign to educate students about what is required and what is not required. **(Completion date January 2013)**

Campus Representation – Since the last meeting I have been down to Lichfield again to meet with a student following up on some actions from Jamie last year which I am still chasing up. The officer team also had a meeting about the promotion of going to other sites and we have all got to find out when is the best time to attend SURF Colleges and Lichfield and Shrewsbury. I have since found out that the best time to have presence on campus in Shrewsbury (Tuesday) and Lichfield (Tuesday or Thursday). **(Ongoing)**

Annual Students Forum/AGM – Verbal Report

NUS Society and Citizenship Zone – Verbal Report

NUS Union Development – Verbal Report

Student Academic Reviewers – I had a meeting with Nick Revell who is part of the University's Quality Assurance. There are opportunities for students to be a part of the Academic Review program. An application form will be going out shortly and we are looking for students who will be willing to be a part of a panel which makes sure that courses are being designed appropriately and that quality is being assured. Students that are successful will receive £150 per day of the review.

STARS Training – We held STARS Training last month and it was assuring to see so many students that gave up their time on a Saturday morning. For the Stars Councillors that are attending for the first time tonight it would be interesting to receive your feedback on the day and whether there is any additional items that you would like to be included.

Community (Friends of Hanley Park) – On October 20th I attended the Friends of Hanley Park community group meeting. One of the discussion points on this was about the potential move of the Fenton fireworks display to Hanley Park as the council are renovating Fenton Park. This is something that I will be pushing for as a load of students do attend the firework display and there is a possibility of it being closure to Shelton or moving to another area of the city.