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Since the last council I have been busy nonstop on multiple large projects. One of the biggest projects over the last 2 weeks that I have personally been working on is the green impact excellence award which is a national award that we have submitted a proposal in for. Our idea is a computer recycling scheme which will help the environment, along with giving volunteers real world experience and helping out our local community but delivering refurbished PCs to local charities.

I have been working with the university on the reporting our goals and milestones against the student experience strategy which the students union has made great progress on so far early into the strategy. Majority of these goals are around STARs, employability, advice centre appointments, students attending events.

Another project I have been working on is with our market research intern, this is a more in-depth look into question 23 of the national student survey and how we can improve and satisfy more students as the union. I attended a session 2 weeks ago with other unions in Liverpool to see how we can work together and increase our knowledge into the question and how to improve for next year

I also attended a QAA conference in Birmingham on the 9th of October, where they talked about the quality of courses and delivered workshops which links around the STARs scheme some of which I used during the STARs training weekend.

This month saw the successful completion of 2 international students forums which had combined around 20 attendees, one in Stoke and one in Stafford. It was great to hear from international students ranging from as far east as India and China to close to home of France and Republic of Ireland. The next meeting will be in about 6 weeks, at which time I will be trying to get the NUS International Officer to attend.

The reason this report is late is I've just attended today (Wednesday 31st) a meeting with Heads of Schools and Executive of the University about Feedback and Assessment. A new system is being implemented about assessment and feedback and will be piloted this year before going live to all Level 4 students in 2013

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