

Counselling

I am working with counselling and compiling a report on student experiences and how counselling can improve. I'm still collecting testimonies so feel free to message me. This report will cover the whole entire process from applying to counselling, the experience of the waiting time and also the actual counselling sessions.

Mental Health

Alongside Yousef (VPEH), I am working on this through the Mental health steering group that we have pushed for. We have created subgroups that report into the larger mental health steering group. The first of this subgroup is a Research subgroup which looks at the latest research around mental health both at KCL and around the world- this will essentially inform the wellbeing plan. Another subgroup has been created to take care of actually delivering services to students and making sure stuff actually gets done. The third group is one for staff mental health which includes PHD students, this was created to also help out with the experiences of staff at KCL because they are also not supported appropriately.

Mitigating Circumstances Form

At the beginning of this academic year, the College wanted access to all of the information that student's put on their mitigating circumstances forms so that it could inform their data and 'at risk' students could be reported. However, this had very obvious issues because 'at risk' was not properly defined and this was essentially taking the autonomy away from a lot of students. I made sure this did not happen and put in a consent box so that students could choose whether their information could be shared or not.

Slice The Price

I co-founded the campaign to make sure that students who choose not to take out student loans and pay their tuition fees out of their own pockets have a fairer and more flexible instalment plan. We met with the finance department at the college and made sure that the third installment was available to students who get the full living bursary. However, the fight isn't over and we want to roll this out to all students.

Ethical Investment

I got the finance office to publish every single fund and company they invest our tuition fees in so that students know exactly where their money is going and can hold the college to account.

Free Education

Alongside the VP Education (Arts and Sciences) I organised a delegation from KCLSU to go to the free education demonstration. You can read more about it here:

<http://roarnews.co.uk/?p=24614>

Student Representation

The conversations around liberation and inclusion can seem very cold, inaccessible, bureaucratic and corporate. To ensure the college is kept on their toes and these meetings are accessible to students, I made sure that there would be student representation on the diversity and inclusion steering group. Now, the lead officers of the liberation associations can attend, take part, and make the changes they want.

Careers for Disabled students

Future careers and prospects after leaving kcl is disparagingly varied for different people from different backgrounds. Disabled students not only experience discrimination in the

workplace but also find it harder to get into work. I met and worked with the KCL Careers service to ensure that they keep this in mind have have specialist support and options for disabled students.

Hate crime reporting

I have been working all year with external organisations and local councils on hate crimes and how we can support students who experience this. The work is not over and we are still working to ensure we have the structures in place to aid the students who face the most discrimination

Sexual Harassment reporting

We are working on the reporting procedures at the university to make sure they are rigorous, empowering and and actually helpful for the student

Freedom of speech

We got the university to agree to look into the way they deal with 'high risk events' and make sure that they get the balance right between freedom of expression and safeguarding. This involves an external organisation who is currently conducting an audit of both KCL and KCLSU and how we deal with these issues. We hope to have a quicker, fairer, more cohesive process as a result of this.

Rooms

Alongside the KCLSU President, I set the rents for the upcoming year for the accommodation and got 400 rooms at a subsidised rate for international students who are struggling financially. I also made sure that incoming students who are applying for accommodation are fully aware that the university can cater to their specific needs (in regards to gender, disability).

Welfare representation in the ratification of societies

The ratification of societies is currently made up of the elected activities committee and the VPAD. I made sure that the VPWC is also included in these discussions so that newly established societies that may need more support than others get flagged up and be given the relevant support they need.

Harassment training for activities committee

Alongside the above, I have also put in place training for the activities committee that covers things like safe space,

Safe space training for student societies

Students sometimes don't understand the reasons behind the safe space policy and what the relevance is for having it. I have made sure that societies get this training and are equipped with the knowledge on why safe space is important and how to orchestrate an event which is safe.

Harassment training for societies

Students sometimes receive disclosures from their friends in cases of harassment and bullying and it is important that the student leaders of societies know how to deal with this. Because of this, I have put in place harassment training for student Presidents and Treasurers so they have all of the information to signpost their peers to the relevant place.