

For the interest of accessibility, my written update will be split into:

1. My role as an individual student officer
2. Position on the trustee board and other representative bodies

Individual

As an individual, I have endeavoured to fulfil my manifesto points, such as fighting discrimination on and off campus, liberating and diversifying the curriculum, alongside aiding with the sanctuary scholarship and PADILIEA programme, both of which aim towards helping asylum seekers

Fighting discrimination – I was the lead officer on Islamophobia Awareness Month or IAM, held in November, which marks a national effort to combat the increase in anti-Muslim hate crime across the UK, Europe and America. This involved organising a whole month's worth of events, campaigns and workshops, ranging from film nights, an exhibition, bystander harassment training and I also successfully submitted a motion to our Union Development committees on embedding Islamophobia Awareness Month within KCLSU. I'm now going to be working closely in its implementation and how societies can access KCLSU funding and support for campaigns and events they have already been doing for IAM.

Diversifying the Curriculum – I have been working very closely with various heads of faculties, departments, professors, senior management of the college and diversity and inclusion teams across KCL, in implementing the Liberate Our Education Campaign. I submitted a short report to the college on the BME attainment gap with the latest data, possible suggestions to overcome it and how it's more vital than ever that the college addresses it. so as not to further alienate its BME students.

The campaign also involved me organising workshops and "hack the curriculum" sessions in terms of increasing diversity within the syllabus. The first workshop will take place next week on 14th of February, and another officer update will be going out tomorrow with the exact details so watch this space and please contact me at the end of today's AGM if you want to get involved.

Sanctuary Scholarships – I have met with several staff members involved in the Sanctuary Scholarships programme and we are planning out how best to implement and advertise them internally and externally to the college, for example, via UCAS.

I've also been in meetings and roundtables with staff and with the director of the PADILIEA programme, which aims to provide a college wide holistic response to the worsening refugee crisis. Also, I have looked at the accreditation of volunteering/ aiding with refugees as part of the wider KCL Service Strategy, alongside co-creating online courses/ MOOCs for refugees who may then utilise these qualifications to gain a place at KCL or other UK HE institutions.

Increasing accessibility and faith spaces on campus – I have been in talks with the Islamic Society and relevant people overseeing the move to Bush House, who have expressed concern over limited spaces to pray, and I am looking at alternative options to the increasingly inaccessible prayer rooms on Strand campus.

Sleeping pods – Being in a series of discussions with the library services and their director, and having met with students who are also keen to have this manifesto point implemented,

I've identified an area, submitted proposals and am now discussing how best to get a welfare/ napping room initiated in the Maughan library

On top of Manifesto points – I have also been aiding with:

- The recruitment of a new CEO OF KCLSU
- Sitting on interview panels for key college and union roles
- Social media – for example, having set up a snapchat account in term 1, and participating in more visual SU videos, our Head of Marketing will tell you how this, alongside the efforts of the rest of the team has resulted in a massive spike in engagement.
- Drafting the Relationship Agreement when we first took office, which lets us hold the college to account over key points, such as student-college co-creation of key policies within King's

Representation

SU representation:

- Have actively attended every Trustee Board and supported motions going through that, kept account of the SU's finances, policies, and any issues that may clash with KCLSU values

College Representation:

- Monthly meetings with my counterpart in the college, where we catch up and I receive aid in SU ideas being implemented, such as the refurbishment for the wall of BAME, which happened early in term 1, and which I also released a statement/ blog post for on behalf of the SU.
- Sit on the Programme Board for Bush House, which oversees the move and flags up any issues/ successes
- USAT – also perhaps known as the BME success steering group, overlooking how to best aid diversity and gender equality within KCL
- College Council
- Academic Board- 2nd highest decision making body in the college
- College Education Committee - CEC
- CASC
- Annual Monitoring Review Group