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| Campaign Officer Name: | Nathan Mintz |
| Campaign Officer Role: | International Students’ Officer |

**Section 1: Officer Report**

*This section is to be completed by the Campaign Officer.*

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| **General Report** *(Written by the Campaign Officer this report is aimed at providing insight into their work/activity since their previous report).*  |
| This year I have had the pleasure to work with other international students to achieve the goals of my manifesto and work to accomplish goals that I believe best serve the international community of Cardiff. I have separated this general report into a few sections to give a better idea of what I have been able to do across the time span. September:The academic year had not yet begun but I was able to meet with Student Life wellbeing services about how we can have better mental health services for international students (ongoing). This meeting also led to me being the first officer (and only) in years to help international students move into their accommodations after arriving from Heathrow.October: This time was a fantastic opportunity for me to get the International Association to a point where it had never reached before. I attended every fresher fair and was able to speak to hundreds of students about what my job is and how I represent international students. This resulted in the association having its largest member count in years, with a membership of 160 in just 2 days. This allowed for multiple events to be held over the course of October with high attendance from international students (reflected on social media). November:This month can be split into two categories and that is policy and community events. As seen in October I was able to continue community events although not regularly. Post-Grad meeting and International wind-down were both successful events. I was also able to team up with the Baking Society and help with their international bake off which would lead to them winning society of the month! In terms of policy, I helped to draft the AGM policy that would create a full-time sabbatical officer to represent international students. This took the form of VP International (Education and Welfare). This motion passed AGM, which makes history as it will be the first sabbatical role dedicated to international students in Cardiff Student Union history. I was also able to successfully hold association elections with higher engagement than any other officer association. I would also meet with representatives from Nantes University to discuss how the SU can better help with exchange students.December:I helped to assist with exam prep events, and I advertised activities that SU would be holding over the holidays. I met with student life about holding events over the holidays and CSL was able to take my recommendations and hold multiple events over the holidays for international students that would not be returning to their country. I left the country to go back to the US on December 17th.January:I would not return to the UK until January 27th but I was able to hold multiple meetings back home about exchange students that were coming to Cardiff and how I might be able to assist in welcoming them to the new country. I would continue to advertise events around the SU.February:I hope to return to regular events for international students and have begun planning Culture Cwtch which will take place in April. I am planning a meeting with the PVC in which I will bring concerns about how the University treats international students' issues. I also intend to support the Spring Elections in any way I can and highlight all students running for VP International. |
| **Manifesto Update** *(Written by the Campaign Officer this section is aimed at tracking their progress against manifesto commitments made by them during their successful officer election)* |
| **An improved support system for international students facing difficulties with the visa process** | **I have met with Visa support about how the visa process can be made more transparent and we are working on solutions to this. I also hope to bring this to the PVC.** |
| **Support on how to navigate through the cost of living crisis as an international student and how to manage finances while living in a different country** | **As per student suggestions a guide is currently being worked on that would highlight where the best places to shop, best banking services, and how to deal with cost of living is currently. Being developed and well underway.** |
| **Improved assistance for those struggling to integrate and make new friends while being an international student** | **Regular events in the first September were an enormous success in bring international students together. I intend to continue this with the help of collaborating societies!** |
| **Culture Cwtch – An incredible event that I will work hard to ensure becomes a staple of the Cardiff international community. I will work to improve the capacity of the Culture Cwtch as well as encouraging even more participation from different cultural societies** | **Planning for culture cwtch is underway with Madison and will take place in April.** |
| **Regular events and opportunities that will allow international students to share aspects of their own culture and learn more about other cultures** | **I hope to collaborate with different societies more to bring diverse cultures to light. Similar to the baking society event which was a huge success.** |
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| Members of the Executive Committee present: | Gayatri Patwar |
| Date of the Accountability Session: | 09/02/2024 |

**Section 2: Accountability**

*This section is to be completed by Campaign Officers and their Executive Committee members prior or during their meeting.*

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| **Areas Working Well** *(Written by Campaign Officers and their Executive Committee this section should detail areas the members think is working well and what they believe the Campaign Officer should keep doing)* |
| * VP International
* Language Cafes
* Helping international students moving into accommodations
* Teaming up with different societies
* Assisting during the holiday season

Nathan* Relationship with Give it a Go
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| **Areas For Improvement** *(Written by Campaign Officers and their Executive Committee this section should detail areas the members think could do with more focus)* |
| * Providing tuition support for international students
* More marketing so that many international students can join
* Improvement within the committee – not much knowledge about what is going on, what role on the committee is
* International students moving into accommodation – is this only for first year students? Could this be extended to other students?

Nathan* Tuition support – don’t think tuition fees are going to go down/disappear. Had discussions about improving scholarship access. Want to see scholarships that exist just for international students for the full three years. Upcoming campaigns – ability to learn in chosen language, tuition fees.
* Wants to get more people involved e.g. efforts at the Freshers Fair.
* Association committees – fairly new – working out how it works. Keen to get committee involved and representing international students at more events.
* Accommodation – moving into accommodation quite unique because not done through the SU. University provide buses from Heathrow. Involved bringing students from all years into private accommodation. However primarily first years because students in other years tend to be already fully moved in and therefore don’t have as much stuff.
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| **Student Engagement** *(Written by Campaign Officers and their Executive Committee this section should detail how the Campaign Officer is engaging students with their work – if an Executive Committee has not been elected this section should also include what work is being undertaken to gather feedback from students)* |
| * Engagement is quite good – reflected in membership of association – still scope for improvement
* Can committee members get involved and volunteer as well in the events? To get more engagement from students

Response from Nathan* 100% want committee members to be involved in events coming up – will be notified first.
* Always want more members – will be inviting committee to an upcoming event
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| **Does the accountability session / executive committee wish to consider any of the following notices?***If Yes, please provide details of the reasons for such motion or notice in the box provided.* *(Select N/A if no executive committee elected)* |
| **Motion of Censure** *Motions of Censure shall be considered when the committee believes the elected officer has committed a serious offence against their office or democratic responsibilities as outlined in the bye-law appendices. Note: When motions of Censure are considered the elected officer shall be provided with at least 48 hours-notice in order to be able to provide a fair and accurate response to the reasons for the censure.*  | Yes / No |
| **Notice of Requires Improvement** *Notices of Requires Improvement shall be considered when the committee is dissatisfied in an elected officers work or conduct in relation to their role, responsibilities and manifesto commitments. Note: When notices of Requires Improvement are considered the elected officer shall be provided with at least 48 hours-notice in order to be able to provide a fair and accurate response to the reasons for the notice.* | Yes / No |
| **Notice of Satisfaction** *Notices of Satisfaction shall be considered when the committee wishes to formally recognise an elected officer for outstanding work in relation to their role, responsibilities and manifesto committee. Note: Prior warning for a Notice of Satisfaction is not required.*  | Yes / No |

**Section 3: Accountability Session Outcomes**

*This section is to be completed by the accountability session members following their meeting.*

*(Leave blank if no executive committee elected)*

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| Is the session satisfied with the discussion held with the Campaign Officer? | Yes / No |
| If the answer to the above question is **no** please provide additional details below. |
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| Is there anything the session wishes to make Student Senate aware of as a result of the meeting? | Yes / No  |
| If the answer to the above question is **yes** please provide additional details below. |
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| **Following consideration did the accountability session apply any of the following motions or notices?** *If Yes, please provide details of the reasons for such motion or notice in the box provided.* |
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