



Regent's University London
STUDENT UNION



Student Union

Quarterly Report 2019-2020

Review

This academic year, besides providing successful Freshers Weeks, in Autumn and Spring terms, and making sure that everyone (Freshers and current students) settled in well, the Student Union continuously focus on its declared, in the beginning of last semester, statements and promises.

The first point of this report will be dedicated to updates on the **Student Representation** on campus. It will show the challenges and successes our Council Presidents face, fulfilling their roles in the middle of the Academic year.

The regular **SU elections** proceeded well, new team was formed in the middle of December 2019, all positions were fulfilled, following with necessary training and handover.

The active preparation for the **SU President elections** is taking place. The application process was closed on the 16th of February 2020. **Three candidates** were successfully confirmed by the Election Committee. The schedule of the campaigning and voting process will be introduced in the following report.

Keeping up with the Social Events quality, Student Union has **dramatically increased the profile and numbers of Academic Events** on campus, including the introduction of the Debate Union on the 18th of February 2020 and the first ever collaboration with the Junior Enterprise Regent's.

This academic year, organising social events, Student Union is focusing on **the internal student's communication**. Introducing the Fresh Excuse to Meet (speed friending) for the first time in September with the extremely high level of engagement, SU organized it again for the January intake, following with the St. Valentines version on the 13th of February.

The Societies Officer is working on the policy update with the aim to **increase the quality of societies**, raising its responsibility and engagement. Meanwhile, few interesting groups were created such as Cheer & Dance, Chess and Books societies.

The SU and Regent's Model United Nations collaboration finally is in the spotlight. Despite the initial Regents University sponsorship, the delegation, which represents Ukraine this year, has got also external sponsors, interested to support the group. The trip to New York will be filmed and photographed by the university representatives.

The last part of the Quarterly Report is dedicated to the **Students' Wellbeing update**. Student Union worked closely with the Facilities team, developing the "Regent's is Going Greener" strategy, taking an active part in the upcoming Wellbeing Week, working on the Healthy Lifestyle promotion campaign, etc. It is the topic number one across the UK universities and we want to be sure we do all necessary steps to support our students.

As a part of the Annual Report 2020, the **SU movie** will be presented to the Senate members and Trustees in the end of the academic year.

Councils

In the end of the first semester, the regular **SU elections** has taken place. In results, two new Council Presidents, Psychotherapy & Psychology and Liberal Arts, were elected/re-elected in the fair election process, by the majority of votes.

The second semester 2020 has started with the Freshers Week. All Council Presidents, leaded by the VP of Academia, have taken an active part in its organisation. They gave tours for new students, engaged with them during the events, recruiting some of them to councils, and guided them to make sure they all settle well.

After the Induction Week, the VP Academia scheduled meetings with 6 Council Presidents which took place during weeks of 2 and 3. SU Newcomers have got the guidance about their duties and was helped to set up their first Council meetings, while experienced Council Presidents worked in their regular rhythm, managing their groups and fixing raising issues on the ground.

The VP of Academia has worked with Elias Boukrami and Karuna Gomanee, improving the BAM Global Management Finance pathway capstone module, to make it more coherent. **The dissertation requirements were changed.** It will be more connected with the finance pathway (it used to be only an adaptation of the other pathways requirements)

BAM Undergraduate Council

As the 1st semester evolve BAMUGC President took a decision to remove a big majority of the Council due to the low level of engagement. This decision was agreed with the SU President and VP of Academia. The reason for this decision is to have a smaller team, which works efficiently and hard, than to have many numbers that do not contribute to the work.

For 12 weeks (Autumn 2019 term) there were a plenty of negative feedback, which was passed down to the appropriate people and offered temporary solutions by the Council, to build the trust with students to make them feel comfortable, sharing issues with council members.

On the other hand, due to the high number of verbal complaints the BAMUC President has got, the Council decided to write a report just **for 2 changes / improvement**, which were brought up to the SU President:

1. A change in the **class cancellation policy**
2. Improvement on the overall **hygiene** of the university

The SU President **has made investigation** regarding the first issue and found out that there is no clear policy about the class cancellation an. It was **reported** to the Vice Chancellor and was noted by him.

Regarding the hygiene, it is still an ongoing issue.

In December 2019, the new BAMUC President was elected throughout the democratic elections. The new Executive is carefully guided by the SU President and VP of Academia to reach the success in the proper BAM UG student presentation.

BAM Postgraduate Council

The Postgraduate Council participated the Senate learning and teaching commuter and **raised the point about importance of analysing the correlation between teaching method and student absence**. Before the autumn term, BAMPCP took a part of the evaluation on the new simulation of the strategy module and the new programme change is successfully approved for this term.

This term Postgraduate Council focused on following events and projects:

1. Speed mentoring event (organised the event with external award - winning education organiser and build a future event at the university)
2. Stress free student project (event held across the Management, International business, Finance and Brand management programme)
3. Student experience survey project (Collaborate with Hive, ongoing process)
4. Build the strong relationship within the different student entity and organisations. (JER, HIVE, Student Career Service)

Film, Media & Performance Council

The main goal of the Film Media & Performance Council President in the Fall 2019 term was to try to **create a closer community within the FMP Program**. To achieve this goal, FMP President organized the Games Night as a Welcome event, which was attended by 20-25 people. Also, he created a WhatsApp group chat to **help others to communicate**, spread the word about events and crew shoots. In few weeks, 3-5 film shoots were cast using the group chat. Along with the group chat, the OneDrive to held documents used for filmmaking was created. It helps other filmmakers find scripts, documents and essays on filmmaking. Also, the FMPC President is working with Anna Sullivan to **create a Blackboard site** that will help crew and cast student film. It is still an ongoing project.

Aiming to **create a greater culture of film appreciation**, FMPC President helped to launch the Film Society and together with it ran weekly film screenings and discussions in collaboration with the variety of departments and societies. These events are regularly attending by 15-30 people and became well known relaxing social events on campus.

Fashion & Design Council

The first time ever, the FDC President became a student from the Interior design course. The level of fashion student's involvement is still remaining low. FDCP has 3-5 council members, regularly attending PCMs and solving all issues effectively.

The main project the FDCP is working on is to **include the Student Common Room interior design concept** development in the Interior Design program. The FDCP is aiming to complete this initiative by the end of the 2nd semester.

Liberal Arts Council

In terms of the changes that the Council has achieved this semester, all the **issues were very module specific** and the LAC President was working with subject leaders and the Head of Programme to resolve them, for example with the teacher of **International Politics and**

International Law (these have been resolved), as well as issues with **assignments for Writing for PR and media module** (which also has been resolved) and other module specific things. The Council has also heavily participated in **planning the programme re-validation** for this year – meeting with the Head of Programme have been held and the proposed changes have been discussed among the council members and academics.

The Art History Professor has connected LAC President with Tom Best (who was the **youngest Christies auctioneer** and was a visiting lecturer a couple of times at Regent’s). He kindly offered for the students to come in for the Private View of the gallery. He gave a talk on his career journey and his experience within the Liberal Arts field, following it up with a tour of the current exhibition on show. There were 8 students attending the event in total, which is a good turnout considering it was held at 4 pm on a Friday – they seem to have enjoyed themselves and found Tom’s lecture interesting.

The LAC President was re-elected for the new term throughout the democratic elections in December 2019

In the Spring term 2020, LAC continued to take part in the Liberal Arts Re-validation panel. **6 students were involved** with the panel brought up valid points. The validation document **was approved** by the panel with some minor changes.

The Liberal Arts Council is now preparing to help Maria Charolambous with **improving the “Academic Integrity” workshop** is meant to focus on **plagiarism** and other academic offences.

The Council is also preparing the event at the end of March. More information to follow on that is due course.

Psychotherapy & Psychology Council

PPC had a good representation across the course attaining students for each year and each program of their respective council - 4 representatives from first year, 2 from second year and 7 from third year for the Psychology program. Overall, 13 students, comparing to 6 last year. Currently, PPC has **14 Council members** on board.

The **communication with all psychology students was improved** through a group chat and the email chain. Also, certain Council members were allocated for certain tasks in order to help encourage more people to join the council as well as improve involvement of council members in various tasks.

Last semester PPC introduced the **first ever Annual Psychology Conference** “The Future of psychology” on the 26th of November and invited 3 external speakers from various fields of Psychology. The event was attended **by 40 students** and staff and was filmed and photographed.



Also, PPC President has assisted the university with projects - Helped Mr. Boris and Dr. Rosamond Watling to promote the 'Grow Together' Mental health conference event.

Conducted a **small fundraiser** for a Down syndrome organization called 'Downright Excellent', organizing the Halloween pumpkin carving during the Global Buddies meeting on the 30th of October 2019, where £26 was raised and sent to the Charity.

On the 16th of October, PPC successfully help a movie night, showing "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" in collaboration with the Film society. The event involved psychological analysis and references made in movie.

The new PPC President was elected throughout the democratic elections in December 2019.

In the Spring Semester, PPC is organizing **2 events** during the Wellbeing Week:

1. The Wall of Kindness
2. Bingo and Pizza in collaboration with the Student Support

Student Engagement

Becoming Regent's

In the beginning of the academic year, the format of the Becoming Regent's was dramatically changed. It became more engaging and interactive. It was developed together with the **Student Services, particularly, with Cecilia Chavez.**

The first, experimental session was happened during the Autumn 2019 Freshers Fair, leading by Cecilia Chavez, Tatiana Doronina and Matthias Feist. I was perceived **very positively** by newcomers and got a great feedback from Directorate.

As the initial ownership of the event is the Student Union, in the Spring semester this successful program was run by the SU President, VP of Student Experience and VP of Academia. Due to the good level of promotion and communication between departments, the number of January intake student was high. The Tuke Hall was full, **the number of guests was around 150.**

Societies

The role of the new Society Officer during the 1st term has been tricky as he has had to confront multiple difficulties.

To begin with he helped start the Deutsche Kultur Gesellschaft (German Society), The Film Society, Chess Club and in addition to that SO restarted the Climbing society under the new name of RUL Climbing Society with the new President and new members.

The total of societies at that point were 21 but, sadly, due to the aim of **increasing the quality** of groups, SO had to close down 10 Societies: some for individual reasons and some - for similar reasons.

In the end of 1st term, **the number of Societies were 11.**

In the Spring Term, some of active previously societies were closed **due to graduation** of its Presidents, so the current list of main active groups (**8 societies**) is:

1. Cheer & Dance

We can proudly say, that this new society is the Star one. It is something Regent's was waiting for a long time. The exchange student, Donovan Donte Burney, the professional Cheer & Dance teacher has announced his classes and became popular very fast across the campus. Noticed this, the SU President invited Donovan to the office and offered the SU help to make it official society. Together, they created the schedule, new marketing tools and booked rooms and the number of students increased dramatically (**from 10 to 20 people** in one small room)

Donovan teaches **3 times per week**, including Sunday, in the Darving building. Recently, the Marylebone theatre was introduced Donny by the Societies Officer and it will also be used until the Marylebone will be disposed.

The aim of the Society is to select the group of the best student dancers and make a **Regent's Cheerleading team**.

2. Japanese Society

The new society was created aiming to **bring the Japanese culture** on campus, through lunch/dinner meetings, cooking Japanese food, celebrating holidays. The information will be provided via blog the Society is planning to create.

3. Music Society

With the leadership change in the 1st semester, the Music Society faced a slow decrease in the engagement. Despite this a little bit sad fact, the Society still provides the necessary number of events, including the variety music workshops, and participation in Fresher Weeks.

Currently, the President, Sofia Jauregui, **is running auditions** for students to take part in the **Spring Fling** event on the 26th of March. This event will be a celebration of the Annual SU and Sports Awards.

Also, they are offering 2 events such as **Song Writing workshop** and the Karaoke night.

4. Film Society

This Society show the **high level of engagement and stability**, continuously holding weekly movie screening with guest speakers and discussions. They have a very **loyal group** of supporters who always attend their events and do have a relatively high turn up. The Society is pleasantly open to **collaborations with different departments** and societies, that's why their movies selections are always very unique.

To supports such a great initiative, the SU has invested in the cinema assets such as a popcorn machine, hot chocolate maker etc.

5. Climbing Society

Quite independent group of people who are gathering **every Sunday** and climb. The Society is still being very active. They have a dynamic WhatsApp group, where they ask each other if anyone wants to go climbing on random days.

They don't report about their activities to the Student Union often, but they **do it stable and engage students.**

6. Chess Society

Similar to the Climbing society in case of activity. The SU is trying to reach them, offering to help in the tournament organization with the final game at the Wellbeing Fair, but due to the time limitation, we are not sure if it will happen.

7. LGBT+ Society

Not that much active on campus, but **intensively socializing with other universities**, for example, attending talks at Westminster University, where they gather LGBT+ society Presidents across the UK as well as the **National Student Pride 2020**. They ask the permission to announce external events and engage student to attend it. SU is happy to support those initiatives.

8. Psychology society

Was very active last 2 years, but due to the fact that its President became a PPC President, they are struggling to find the replacement. But there is a high chance that they will be successful in the near future.

The main aim of the Societies Officer is **to improve the constitution**, making it stricter for societies to start and operate, as we have a large number of societies which are permanently inactive.

Academic Events

Aiming to increase the Academic Profile of the Student Union, Pascal Senn, the Academic Events Officer **was recruited by SU President** asking to consider his current position during the summer. He was officially onboarded by the Executive Team at the start of the semester in September.

Last semester academic events team, which is comprised of nine students, organised **four academic events:**

1. The Brexit Panel, 31 October 2019

The initial idea to debate the likely outcome of Brexit and its related negotiations which were at the time ongoing in the UK and EU Parliament was developed by the SU President, **Yossi Mekelberg** and Academic Events Officer. In the process of sourcing panellists, the AEO was consistently **aware of the controversial nature** of the topic and as such felt it would be best to have a **balanced panel of speakers** on both leave and remain sides of the Brexit debate.

Thus, AEO approached a large number of academics, think tank researchers, politicians, and private-sector experts to come to Regent's to speak on our panel. In the course of this time AEO received well over one hundred declined offers and eventually secured one of the most notable academics in the field of British constitutional law, **Professor Vernon Bogdanor** at the end of August. Unfortunately, Professor Bogdanor had to **cancel his participation** just three weeks before the event, in early October.

By this time AEO had already begun to meet with his academic events team and informed them of these developments. AEO encouraged the team to help sourcing potential speakers too whom he could reach out to for potential participation. Elisabetta Gallina from the team suggested **Peter Harris**, an academic from Oxford and a former senior civil servant, who accepted our offer. AEO was also put in touch with Vanessa Grey from the Brexit Party, who was the direct secretary to **Richard Tice MEP**, by Davis Goldenberg from the team. Richard Tice is a member of the European Parliament, representing the Brexit Party.

The Brexit Panel event was **in large part successful** due to the team's diligent work to organise every detail including the room booking to catering requests and coordinating communications to the University community. The panel event lasted one and half hours, followed by refreshments and was moderated by AEO himself. Attendees included a roughly 50/50 split between students and members of staff at Regent's. The event was also **filmed by collaborating with the Film Council** and can be viewed on the YouTube page of the Student Union today. In addition, the event was also professionally photographed and posted to various social media outlets of the Student Union.

2. The 4th Annual Wealth Management Forum, 21 November 2019

This event was a **collaboration** between the centre for **Applied Finance & Banking Research of Regent's University's BAM Faculty** and the Student Union. Together with **Dr Jacob Schmidt** we planned the fourth annual incarnation of this event to host **Professor Dr Yvonne Karimi** who is the Deputy Head of International Law at the University of Graz in Austria, **Alex Chartres, the Investment Director of Ruffer LLP** London and **Ian Morley**, the Chairman of the Wentworth Hall Family Office to discuss this year's theme: Lessons from the Past on the **90th Anniversary of the Great Crash of 1929**. This event was also successful as turnout was good and attendees included the Vice-Chancellor of the University. This event was filmed too, in collaborating with the Film Council and professionally photographed. As part of the collaboration with Dr Schmidt, The **SU VP of Academia, Alex moderated** the panel discussion at this event.

3. The 1st Annual Psychology Conference, 26 November 2019

This event was an internal **collaboration between the Academic Events team and the Psychology Council**, led by Psychology Council President, at the Student Union. The event hosted a variety of different speakers from vastly different backgrounds in the domain of psychological work. This was be the first of an annual series of events and as such this year's theme was **'The Future of Psychology'**. We had a speaker who worked for the UK government doing psychoanalytical work alongside a clinical psychiatrist and a fashion marketing expert. Thus, the aim of the event was to highlight the spectrum of work which psychology impacts as an academic discipline and how the influence of psychological work has and continues to evolve into the future. **Tanisha Diggikar** did an excellent job of **sourcing these speakers and moderating** the panel. The academic events team assisted in

the marketing of this event via the University TV screen advertisements once again and ensured that the event would be filmed by the Film Council & professionally photographed too.

4. The Senior European Experts Seminar, 27 November 2019

This event was a **collaboration between Dr. Elias Boukrami** from the University faculty and the Student Union. Together with Dr. Boukrami, the academic events team worked diligently to ensure what was ultimately **the highest turnout academic event of the semester** by collaborating with the University's media and communications departments. The panel at this event was **moderated by Dr. Stephen Barber** who had previously been on the Brexit Panel. The panel itself consisted of **Lord David Hannay**, a crossbench member of the House of Lords and Chair of the Senior Experts Group. It also hosted **Dr. Rebecca Harding who is the CEO of Coriolis Technologies**, an economist and author, as well as Dr Boukrami himself. They spoke specifically on this year's theme which was entitled: **The World Economy in 2020, Heading for a Crash?** The event was a success and lots of students and faculty members stayed to speak with the guest speakers following the panel discussion. The academic events team worked together with the Film Council once again to film this event and the photographer came back too in our mission to share more content about the academic events on campus with the University community.

For the 2nd semester, in order to enhance the SU academic presence on campus, the AEO raised the initiative to launch the **Debate Union**. Its mission is to engage students and academics alike in debates relating to politics, culture & philosophy. It follows the format of the Oxford Union, whereby members debate a motion presented by the union, arguing either for or against it, ultimately determining in a general vote whether the motion is to be adopted.

The first event took place in Acland 201 on the 18 February 2020 and was launched with the topic of **"The Institution of Marriage remains integral to modern familial life"**. All participants were asked to come prepared with arguments to express your 'Aye' or 'Nay' stance to the motion above. Upon concluding the debate session, the final vote was determining whether the Union accepts the motion or whether it was rejected.

The next topic will be related to the **Ukrainian Crisis** and the **Debate Union** will become a training platform for **Regent's Model United Nations** delegates to discuss the issues of the country they going to represent this year in New York. To enhance debates, SU President will reach external Ukrainian Societies and invite its members to join the discussion.

Another initiative of the Student Union is to organise the first **HASS Conference** and bring internal Regent's experts in the fields of **Art History, Fashion, Film & Interior Design** to discuss how these fields are universal languages of expression to voice our collective contemporary culture.

The last, but not list Academic event in the Spring Semester 2020 is the **4th Annual Business Conference**, organizing in collaboration with **JER Regent's**. The team has weekly meetings, developing the topic of **Young Entrepreneurship** aiming to attract outstanding speakers, similar to the Forbes "30 under 30" and ask them to share their

journeys with students and externals. The event will be moderated by the Managing Director of JER, Tobias Splenger.

The SU President debates will take place in the Tuke Hall, on the 18th of March 2020, aiming to attract a good cohort of students, staff and Directorate. It will be organized as a panel discussion and will be **moderated by the current SU President, Tatiana Doronina**.

2nd Semester

18 February – Debate Union “The Institution of Marriage remains integral to modern familial life”

20 February 2020 – HASS Conference

5 March 2020 – Debate Union “Ukrainian Crisis” (Regent’s Model United Nations)

12 March 2020 – The 4th Annual Business Conference “Young Entrepreneurship”.
(Collaboration with JER)

17 March 2020 – Debate Union “Two state solution’

18 March 2020 – SU President debates

Social Events

Throughout the Autumn 2019 term formal Social Events officer have organized multiple events with the VPSE by her side. She had a strong team by week 2/3 consisting of 12 people similar to last semester. Towards roughly week 5 she had collected 3 more members. Consistent weekly meetings were held every Monday at 6pm, updating the Social events team with their duties, organizing events, and inquiring about any student issues.

12 social events (excluding 10 movie nights) were organized and successfully ran during the 1st semester. The half of it were described in the previous SU quarterly report, but it is worth to stress a point about the Halloween Night event, which was highly popular and engaging among students.

In the quarterly report, the formal Societies Officer noted: *“I am proud to say that I have been part of the Student Union in one way or another since the first semester that I joined Regent’s University London, it has been an incredibly fulfilling experience, in which I was able to provide my opinion regarding how the university could be improved, and create some exciting events for the students”*

In December 2019 the new Societies Officer was appointed by the SU Executive majority.

The Spring semester 2020 has started with the usual Fresher’s Week. The SU ran **3 events during the week**, preparing by the SU President and embodied by the new team. The new initiative, Fresh Excuse to Meet was the most attended event with the queues. SU ran 6 rounds in Bedford’s bar the with **overall participation of 120 people**.

The Welcome event was hosted by our external partner, the most wanted by our student's night club, Cirque le Soir. SU have signed a contract to meet a minimum spend and reached the double of it in the end of the event. **The total number of students attended is 260.**

The next big challenge for the new Social Events team was to create and **engaging experience** for the **St. Valentine's Day**. It was a full day experience, starting with the special SU delivery which consist of the **rose and the bear**. The SU had a promotion table in the reception area and in the end of working day the merchandising was almost sold out. The celebration continued with the Speed Dating event in the Bedford's bar (**6 rounds**), following with the afterparty in one of the favourite students club the Toy Room.

Overall, there are **more than 19 social events** is in agenda for the 2nd semester, including the **Annual SU awards**, which will include **Sports Awards** this year. The event will be held in collaboration with the Music Society, the President of which is currently running auditions for the **Spring Fling** events, which will follow the SU/ Sports awards.

The main and the last event of this academic year will be the **Annual Grand Ball**. The **Black-Tie event**, which will be held in the Tramp Private Members Club on the 23rd of April.

2nd Semester

- 21 January 2020 – Fresh Excuse to Meet vol.2
- 22 January 2020 – The Inner Circle (Music Society vs. Film Society)
- 23 January 2020 – Becoming Regent's
- 28 January 2020 – Movie screening “North by Northwest” (Film Society)
- 28 January – Welcome Freshers 2020, Cirque le Soir (external)
- 5 February 2020 – Movie Screening “The Princess Bride” (Film Society)
- 12 February 2020 – Movie Screening “Blue Collar” (Film Society)
- 13 February 2020 – Excuse to Meet, speed dating
- 13 February 2020 – Freaky Valentines hangout, Toy Room (external)
- 19 February 2020 – Movie screening “Black Orpheus” (Film Society vs. Music Society)
- 27 February 2020 – Song Writing Workshop (Music Society)
- 27 February 2020 – Karaoke Night (Music Society)
- 11 March 2020 – Wall of Kindness, Wellbeing Week
- 18 March 2020 – Pizza and Bingo, Wellbeing Week
- 19 March 2020 – Magic Show by performance by Jaime Custer

26 March 2020 – SU Awards + Annual Sports Awards

26 March 2020 – Spring Fling (Music Society)

23 April 2020 – Grand Ball, Black Tie Event

Regent's Model United Nations 2020, New York

Regent's Model United Nations, leaded by **Yossi Mekelberg**, exists 16 years and it was always the part of the International Relations program. But this year, with the strong support of the SU President, the opportunity to represent Regent's University London to New York, was open to every student on campus by creating the **RMUN Club**.

More than **30 applications** were received from students with variety of backgrounds, the best **16 were selected** by the committee. In total, 22 students are going to New York this April, representing **Ukraine**, with the SU President as the head of delegation, which was elected by the majority of the group.

The delegation is meeting every week, learning about the United Nations, working on the position papers and debating about the nominated country from different angle.

The group was attracted by **sponsors, such as the Daniel's Contractors**, the London based construction company, the owner of which has Ukrainian routes. They were kindly offering **£5000** to support the team. Also, there are negotiations going on with the **American Express** to sponsor the MUN merchandising. Hopefully, on the Senate day, the results of those negotiations will come out.

To raise the awareness of this occasion, university has kindly agreed to send 2 people in NY **to film and photograph the delegation**.

Student Union would like to express a deep gratitude for such as trust and recognition from university side.

Students Wellbeing

Student Union continuously supports the Students Wellbeing on campus, developing several projects solely and in collaboration with different departments. Besides the number of internal projects, SU members assisted the university with other projects, for example helped Mr. Boris and Dr. Rosamond Watling to promote the 'Grow Together' Mental health conference event, including the SU President participation in its panel.

Regent's is Going Greener

SU President had several meetings with the Facility Department, discussing the way we can improve the sustainability on campus. Together with the Sustainability working group and the marketing team, we developed the **new Sustainable Regent's logo** and the slogan 'We're going greener'.

The first big step we've done in the Autumn semester was the **plastic cups usage refusal**, which came in line with the **high students' demand**. As the part of educational process in sustainability, the new attractive **biodegradable water bottle**, designed by the SU Communicational Officer, with both, SU and Sustainable Regent's logos, was introduced by the Student Union and currently available for purchase in the SU office. This product is promoting by the SU executives and meet the high demand from the student cohort. Little by little it is becoming the fashionable item on campus.

Global Buddies

Starting with the Autumn Semester 2019, the VP Student Experience, Tanisha Diggikar, the 3rd year Psychology student is working closely with the Student Support department, particularly with Mia McLaughlin, supporting her in the Global Buddies initiative. In the Autumn semester, Tanisha enhanced the meeting with the **fundraising Pumpkin carving** activity, supporting "Downright Excellent, the Down syndrome organization.

The next event will be organized in the Spring semester 2020 during the **Wellbeing Week**. It's a **Pizza Bingo** event, which dedicated to students who are not that active in socializing and aiming to give the relaxation for students in the middle of semester.

The Healthy Lifestyle Campaign

Due to several minor accidents on campus related to smoking, SU agreed to develop the Healthy Lifestyle Campaign, aiming to promote benefits of **staying sober**. The prevention group has recommended to join the existing National Union of Student, if there is any relevant one. SU President is currently doing the research and will represent the new campaign during the Wellbeing Week.

The Wall of Kindness

To **enchant the Creativity and Mindfulness** of Regent's Students, VP of Student Experience, Psychotherapy & Psychology Council President and Postgraduate Council President will organize the Wall of Kindness campaign during the Wellbeing Week 2020. The stand will be placed in the entrance to the Wellbeing Fair where student and staff will be engaged to write kind words or expressions. As the VP Student Experience stressed: "*When you even just think about something positive – it is more likely happens*"

Fresh Excuse to meet

According to the Social Psychology, the **idea of Conformity** it is when people around are doing an activity and you want to take part in it too, because you feel left out.

Fresh Excuse to Meet (**speed friending**) was the experimental initiative of the SU President, which was implemented by the SU team during the Autumn Fresher's Week. It was **extremely successful**, so we organized it again for the Spring Intake and event converted it to the Speed Dating on the St. Valentine's Day. The initial idea of this event is to engage students with each other in real time, help them to go out from their comfort zones and communicate not via social media or messengers, but offline.

Going back to the statement regarding the Conformity, mentioned above: when students saw how excited students were doing the Round – they wanted to join them, so we always ended up with the **queue**.

SU Movie

During last 2 years, Student Union have done an **enormous number of projects**, engaging hundreds of students from different years and courses across the campus, with the variety of interests and characters. It is difficult to describe vibes we had and the hard work the Student Union does to bring Regent's People together.

All of those were definitely worth to share with everyone who **consider him/herself as Regent's**: students, staff, academics and, of course, Directorate. The SU President has decided to **film some events** in the beginning of the Autumn term 2019 and capture students, guests and their emotions. Starting with music events, the boat party and ending with Halloween and conferences – everything was carefully filmed. Currently, the SU has a lot of different and very important content.

It might be too ambitious, but SU President has decided to use this content **to create the SU Movie**. For this purpose, the additional filming will be made, capturing other important occasions this semester, including interviews and stories. **Prof. Jonathan A.J. Wilson** kindly agreed **to be a host** in the movie and help us out.

The shortcut will be represented at the Senate and the Trustee Board this Spring and the full version will be officially represented in September during the Freshers Week.

