



STUDENT UNION ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

This document provides an overview of the work conducted by the Student Union team in the academic year 2021-2022.

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INTRODUCTION BY STINE KAUS

I am proud of the work that the Student Union team has done in the past year.

We have managed to build up the Student Union work after the Covid-19 lockdown and improved the communication and collaboration within the team and with the students at Regent's.

Our work environment has been defined by a friendly collegueship and mutual respect, which has been indescribably important to produce good teamwork. The team helped each other when needed, and we have managed to work closely during challenging periods.

We recognise that the post-pandemic challenges clearly influenced the student engagement in every aspect of the student life. We identified the need to create opportunities for students to build new relationships and enjoy a full student experience. We provided an exciting portfolio of events to allow our students to build new relationships and enjoy their return to London.

I would like to recognise the work of each member of my team, the SU Executives, for their time and collaboration not only in the creation of our successful events but also for their work on the ground to improve the student voice and representation, including the leading of Student Voice Meetings and NSS promotion.

When I started in the role as President in November last year, a re-structure was needed in the daily work of the Student Union. The team, previously based online, required additional support to gain the required experience so we could fulfil our mission. We are very thankful for all the support we have received during this transition.

Through our work with the "The Three C's -Communication, Collaboration and Community", we have built a solid foundation for the future of the SU team.

My expectations for the Regent's University's Student Union's work for 22/23 are ambitious, and I do not doubt that our work and the student experience in the coming year will reach new heights.

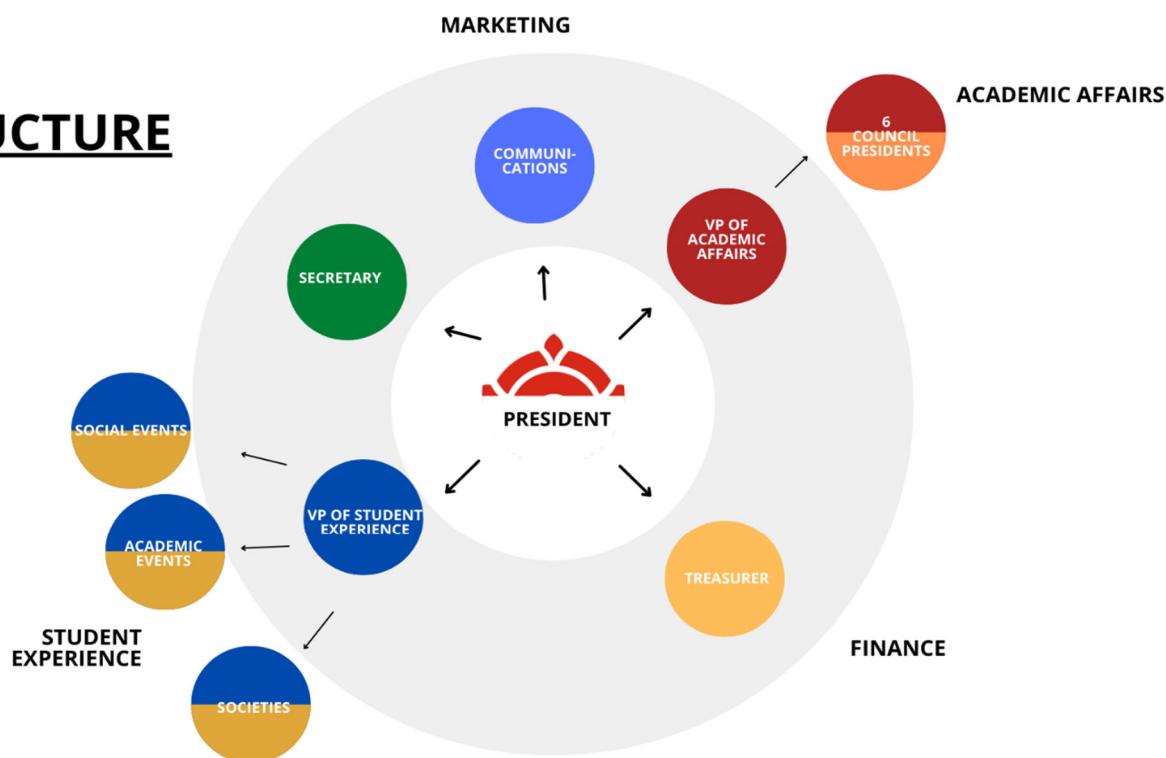
I look forward to the coming year.

Thank you.

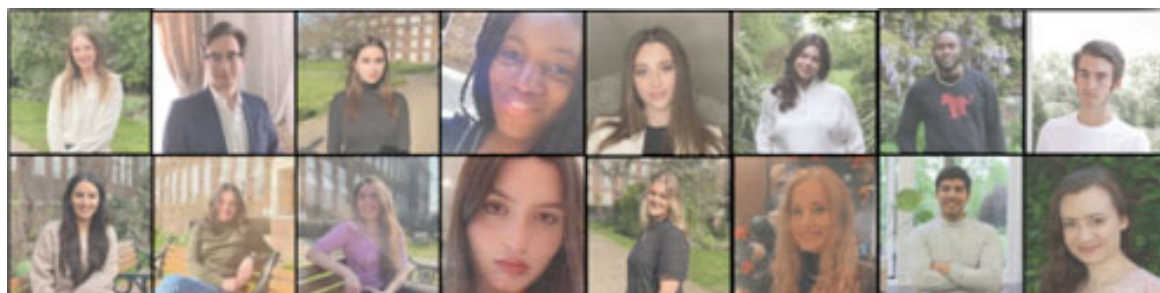
EXECUTIVE TEAM

The Executive Team is the official representative body for all students attending Regent's University London. 15 members of our student body are part of the Executive Team.

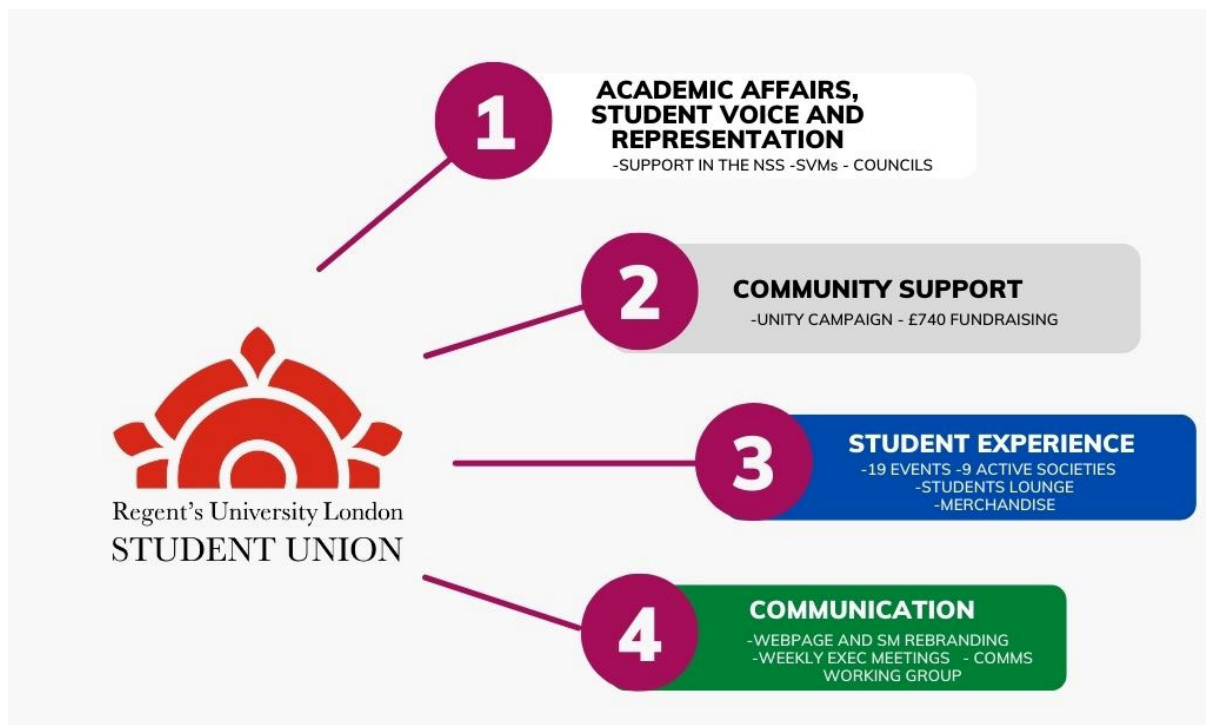
SU STRUCTURE



Position	Autumn 2021	Spring 2022
SU President	Stine Kaus	Stine Kaus
Vice President Academic Affairs	Tanyo Ibirogba Obiazi	Tanyo Ibirogba Obiazi
Vice President Student Experience	Kyla Maeve Watkins	Maxinne Huybreckx
Treasurer	Dion Zeka	Ashwin Jaipuria
Secretary	Hollis Johnson	Hollis Johnson
Marketing Officer	James Mooney	Erietta Katsou
Societies Officer	Maxinne Huybreckx	Moses Wedu
Social Events Officer	Sara Jerusalem Khan	Sara Jerusalem Khan
Academic Events Officer	Grace Churchill	Grace Churchill
Film, Media & Performance Council President	Ana Vallandro	Ana Vallandro
Psychology Council President	Sara Ninn Tillander	Sara Ninn Tillander
Liberal Arts Council President	Chaznane Fidahoussen	Chaznane Fidahoussen
UG Business & Management Council President	Reem Al Saud	Reem Al Saud



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



1. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, STUDENT VOICE AND REPRESENTATION

- **Student Voice Meetings restructuring:** The Council Presidents attained a higher level of responsibility in the organisation of the SVMs, including the collection of students' feedback and closer collaboration with the Directors of Content and the Academic Operations Team.
- **Support in the NSS:** The SU had an active involvement in promoting students' response rates including class visits and campaigning work.
- **Active Councils:** During this year we have 4 highly active Councils with an increase of students joining. Led by our Presidents, the Councils met weekly or bi-weekly to exchange concerns, opinions, and ideas.

2. COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- **UNITY Campaign:** Due to the conflict in Ukraine, we created a campaign focused on promoting unity and wellbeing in a world in crisis, which involved:
 - Active wellbeing content in our social media channels
 - Outdoor wellbeing activities such as a meditation session (QI-Gong)
 - Successful fundraising work to support "UK for UNHCR" with a total of £740.

3. STUDENTS EXPERIENCE

- As part of our back-on campus work, we successfully created **opportunities for our students to learn, have fun, and meet new friends:**
 - 7 Academic Events
 - 9 Active Societies
 - 4 Social Events outside campus + 2 Boat Parties
 - 8 Social Events on campus
- **Redesign of the Student Lounge:** The student lounge should be one of the most important rooms on campus. With the support of David Tudor-Morgan, we created a better space for students to spend their free time in a more relaxed and inclusive atmosphere.
- **New SU merchandise collection:** Due to the sales success of our hoodies (merchandise) we decided to create a new collection of white and black Varsity Jackets available for our students from March 2022

4. COMMUNICATION

- **Creation of a SU Communications Working Group:** this group worked to discuss students' participation in our communication channels by redesigning our [Website](#) and [Instagram](#) account.
- **High engagement in our Executive Team Meetings:** The SU Executive Team successfully met every week to share any required essential matters. The Executives also attended the required training and individual performance meetings.

**COMMUNICATION *and*
COLLABORATION *to build*
our COMMUNITY**

CHALLENGES

One challenge was that most of the executive members joined the team online during the lockdown, resulting in a lack of understanding of how the Student Union should work back on campus. However, the team managed to share each other's ideas and achievements to complete the required tasks during the semester successfully.

Another challenge was the re-structure of the Student Voice Meetings. The Council Presidents had a higher level of responsibility in hosting the meetings. The required training and meetings were carried out, but some executives required more time to fully take on this new responsibility. Furthermore, it was challenging to collect student feedback because of the post-pandemic impact on student engagement.

As part of the team transition for the academic year 22/23, most executives will complete their roles by the end of May 2022. Therefore, additional attention was required for recruiting new and suitable members for the different roles.

OUTCOMES BY AREA

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

This year the Vice-President of Academic Affairs was Tanyo Ibirogba Obiazi. Tanyo has supported and advised the Council Presidents in their groundwork in recruiting council members, handling any key issues, and especially in the restructuring of the SVM's. Furthermore, Tanyo has worked closely with Associate Provosts in University led events.

BAM UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

The Business and Management Council, led by Reem Al Saud, have built a unique community with students from all BAM courses. She was confident in taking the initiative to improve student experience. She worked closely with professors to foster the community spirit and promote the resources that are available in the University.

OUTCOMES:

- Planning and implementation of the Global Entrepreneurship Week 2021 (autumn semester)
- Launch of the SU X TALKS (spring term)
- Strong student participation as part of the SVM's

LIBERAL ARTS COUNCIL

The Liberal Arts Council, led by Chaznane Fidahoussen, have implemented new initiatives to engage students. Chaz worked closely with Head of Programmes and lecturers to set up a café where students can socialise with peers and lecturers. Built a core of engaging and dedicated students attending the Council Meetings, which is fundamental to the further development of the Liberal Arts Council.

OUTCOMES:

- Launch of the Liberal Arts Café
- Strengthening the Council Meetings - core of regular attendees

FILM, MEDIA & PERFORMANCE COUNCIL

Ana Vallandro, the Film, Media & Performance Council President, has done a great job in organising activities for the students during the year. Ana had a strong insight of how to engage students alongside improving their academic knowledge and providing the opportunity to learn from one another.

OUTCOMES:

- Development of a community feeling for film, media, and performance students to relax, talk and share ideas
- Proposal of an inclusive lounge area in the Darwin Basement
- Implementation of creative student initiatives: short films showcase

PSYCHOLOGY & PSYCHOTHERAPY COUNCIL

Sara Ninn Tillander, the Psychology and Psychotherapy Council President, has exceedingly fulfilled her role. Sara has managed to significantly increase communication between the BSc and MSc psychology and Psychotherapy and Counselling students by creating a group chat with all students, where students can ask questions and immediately receive relevant information.

OUTCOMES:

- Exceptional support and guidance for the first-year students
- Broader collaboration across all courses - Improved communication with Psychotherapy and Counselling students and Directors of Content
- Great engagement and participation in the SVM's

FASHION & DESIGN COUNCIL

The Fashion & Design Council was partly led by the VP of Academic Affairs, the lockdown restrictions delayed initial interest from applicants.

OUTCOMES:

- Positive actions to student matters - Extending Adobe license and library hours were presented in the LTSEC
- New Fashion Council President recruiting strategy will be implemented by the Vice-President of Academic Affairs for the 22/23 academic year.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The Vice-President of Student Experience in the autumn semester was by Kyla Maeve Watkins. In the middle of the spring semester, Maxinne Huybreckx took over the role. Maxinne has already shown initiative and responsibility in her work with the Social Events Officer, the Academic Events Officer, and the Societies Officer. Maxinne managed to work with her team to provide a varied range of activities for students to engage not only socially but also to create opportunities for students to learn and share ideas through academic events and a wide range of societies including chess tournaments, small groups and 1 to 1 interactive sessions/conversations.

ACADEMIC EVENTS

Grace Churchill, the Academic Events Officer, has worked with current professors to create interesting academic events for our students. Furthermore, Grace supported the SU work in other recreational aspects.

AUTUMN 2021

- **Financial Innovation** - with Dr Elias Boukrami, Kariam Henide, & Marcel Ricau
- **Networking for Entrepreneurship** as a part of GEW (Global Entrepreneurship Week)
- **Global Entrepreneurial Week -BAM Council-**
 - Movie night
 - Brainstorming workshop with the Climate society
 - Dragons' Den + Networking event for entrepreneurship

SPRING 2022

- **Financial Innovation 2.0** - with Dr Elias Boukrami, Karim Henide, & Desiree Fixler
- **Art, Racism, Arts and Politics** with Julia Weiner & Dr Mirelle Hebing

OTHER:

- **Academic Event + Society Fair**
- **Extracurricular activity** - Wales Trip in collaboration with Preseli Venture



SOCIETIES

This year the role of Societies Officer was led by Maxinne Huybreckx, who did an admirable job of supporting the societies.

Maxinne constantly contacted the Presidents of the Societies to support their work.

To inform students about societies, Maxinne organised “Societies Fair” in collaboration with the Academic Events Officer in Spring 2022.

AUTUMN 2021

- Business
- Music
- Climate
- Volunteering
- Women Empowerment
- French
- Chess
- Crypto

SPRING 2022

- Business
- Music
- Pakistan
- Women Empowerment
- French
- Chess
- Crypto



SOCIAL EVENTS

Sara Kahn has developed and grown in her role. Her decisions about events, venues, and decorations etc. were well thought through to meet students' wishes and desires and provide different opportunities for students to engage.

Sara managed to recruit a reliable team of eight other students who supported her and assisted when help was needed.

AUTUMN 2021

- **UG Freshers Week:** Speed Friending, Bingo Night, We Are International Party
- **Autumn Boat Party**
- **Halloween Club Night** - Kadies
- **Halloween Party** - Bedford's Bar
- **Christmas Event** – Students Lounge
- **December Party** - Maddox

SPRING 2022

- **Freshers Week:** Speed Friending, We Are International Party
- **Winter Boat Party**
- **Wyld Club Night**
- **Valentines Love Shop**
- **Valentines Party** - Bedford's Bar
- **St. Patrick's Day** - Bedford's Bar
- **Club Night** - Cirque Lé Soir



FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Academic Year 2021/22 we had a very cautious expenditure strategy with ambitious income goals.

Main expenditure:

- SU Bursaries
- Events – in and out campus - decorations and deposits for the boat parties
- SU Equipment
- SU President salary – part-time role
- Purchase of merchandise
- Financial support to the Football Team for their registration in the Royals Cup

Main income:

- Merchandise sales
- Club nights (entry tickets)
- Boat parties (entry tickets)
- St Valentine's gifts

Donations:

In April 2022 we donated 10% of our social events income for the month of March 2022 to the **UK for UNHCR** (UN Refugee Agency's national partner for the United Kingdom) with a total of **£640**

Results:

- ✓ **Expenditure <50%** of the amount budgeted for this academic year
- ✓ **Income > 200%** of the amount budgeted for this academic year

For the next year we also have ambitious goals. We are aiming to build a more solid portfolio of opportunities for our students to engage. We will work towards a more aligned expenditure in line with our budget.

A big thank you to the University for their financial and advisory support and to all the students that participated in our activities this year.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- A recognition to the Secretary, Hollis Johnson, and the two treasurers, Dion Zeka (autumn semester) and Ashwin Jaipuria (spring semester) for their support and engagement in events and bringing in their creativity. Their work has been important for the success of the SU.
- A special thank you to Moses Wedu, Damon Mosby, and Dragan Milanovic for their never-ending engagement and commitment in our Social Events – we deeply appreciate your support.
- Cecilia Chavez has been an inspiring and irreplaceable mentor and support for me and the team this year. Cecilia has advised me and the Executive Team when needed and beyond.
- A big thank you to the staff from different departments around campus, for their support and understanding about the challenge of having a part-time president – and a full-time student at the same time-.
- Lastly, a big thank you note to all Regent’s students for their support, participation, inspiration, and encouragement for this year. It has been a pleasure to represent you.

