**Officer Report**

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| **Role:** | Vice-President Postgraduate Education and Access |
| **Council meeting:** | 31 January 2024 |

# Section One | Manifesto Updates

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| **My Pledges** | **Progress** |
| Increase Graduate Student Representation | Regarding my primary pledge to enhance postgraduate student representation, progress has been made through active participation in the SU Review working group. This committee is dedicated to formulating recommendations for the future direction of the Student Union. During recent meetings, various potential union structures were deliberated upon, with a focus on models that could better represent postgraduate students. Proposed structures included a more federal model, a committee-focused approach, and the possibility of establishing a separate graduate student union. These models remain under discussion within the Student Union review process, reflecting ongoing efforts to enhance postgraduate representation and engagement within the university community. |

# Section Two | Projects

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| **My Projects** | **Progress** |
| Graduate Accommodation Board | The Graduate Accommodation Board has completed its final report, outlining a proposed model for consideration by the University's council. The model aims to address graduate accommodation needs effectively, reflecting comprehensive research, stakeholder input, and strategic planning. It presents recommendations regarding infrastructure, allocation processes, and sustainability measures to enhance the overall graduate housing experience. |

# Section Three | Events

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| **Events/Media** | **Date** | **Outcomes / Impact** |
| Hilary Happy Hour | 18 January | The Hilary Term Happy Hour, hosted at the University Club within the University of Oxford, attracted approximately 60 postgraduate students. The event served as a platform to acquaint attendees with the array of student union services available while also disseminating information about standing in elections. It provided a convivial atmosphere for engagement and networking among the postgraduate student community, fostering a sense of camaraderie and informed participation in university affairs. |
| Course Representative Forum | 26 January | The Course Representative Forum, hosted at the Oxford SU, provided an invaluable platform for course representatives to interact with Sabbatical Officers and Divisional Representatives. The event witnessed a good turnout, enabling meaningful exchanges, collaborative discussions, and the alignment of student representation efforts with broader university initiatives. |

# Section Four | Committee meetings

Please give a summary of your committee meeting attendance and detail key outcomes/impacts.

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| Application Fee Working Group (January 29):  Engaged in discussions regarding the previous removing of Oxford’s application fees, exploring potential revisions or adjustments to existing policies to enhance accessibility and fairness in the admissions process.  Taught Degrees Panel (January 30, with a pre-meet on the 29th):  Participated in deliberations concerning taught degrees, addressing curriculum, assessment methods, and academic standards. The pre-meeting likely involved preliminary discussions and agenda setting for the main panel session.  SU Review Working Group (January 22):  Contributed to discussions within the SU Review Working Group, focusing on the evaluation and potential restructuring of the Student Union. Explored various models and strategies aimed at improving representation and effectiveness.  Oxford SU Trustee Board (January 17):  Attended the Oxford SU Trustee Board meeting, governance matters, and strategic planning to ensure the effective operation and stewardship of the Student Union.  Divisional Representative Interviews (January 18th and 19th):  Participated in interviews for divisional representatives, assessing candidates' suitability, skills, and commitment to represent their respective divisions within the university community effectively. Evaluated candidates' qualifications and alignment with the goals of the Student Union. |

# Section Four | Future Plans

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| **Event/Project** | **Date** | **Anticipated outcomes / impact** |
| Hustings | 31 January | Hustings for the SU elections candidates are scheduled to be hosted on January 31. This event provides an important platform for candidates to present their manifestos, engage with the student body, and address pertinent issues facing the university community. It offers students an opportunity to hear from aspiring representatives and evaluate their suitability for various roles within the Student Union. Hustings serve as a cornerstone of the democratic process, fostering transparency, dialogue, and informed decision-making among voters. |