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Hi all, hope you've had a lovely break and exams/assessments are going okay!

Written Statement Aim #1	
Change In Mind - Campaign for a university-wide mental health policy	
Context:	Working with the FTOs to UoB campaign for a university-wide mental health strategy.
Progress:	<p>About thirty volunteers have been trained to gather data from students on potential improvements to mental health at UoB.</p> <p>We've gathered about 150 conversations out of a total 1000, so we're going to be ramping up getting our volunteers out there talking to people. I'm arranging stalls at the One World Fair and Give It a Go fair during UoBe Festival to gather conversations and sign up new volunteers.</p> <p>The intention is to put together a negotiating team during the semester, analyse our data to determine key policy focuses and start building relationships within Wellbeing Services. I'm also currently working on infographics with info on where students can access different mental health services.</p>

Written Statement Aim #2	
Activist Network – Improving Guild transparency through events and social media	
Context:	Creating networking events to help campaigners
Progress:	<p><b>Activist Network</b></p> <p>Following the very low turnout of the previous session, we've decided to make the next Activist Network a bit of a relaunch (15<sup>th</sup> Feb). The current plan is to get Beorma Bar open to provide</p>

	<p>drinks, co-create workshops with various campaigning groups and invite Redbrick and the Tab to help campaigners make connections.</p> <p>The Activist Network social media needs to be updated more regularly, so I'll be making a series of Reels called 'Campaigning 101' where I'll do bite-sized tutorials on campaigning. I'm also planning to let campaigning groups do takeovers of the Instagram, which should help us share audiences.</p> <p><b>Website Changes</b> I've talked with website, comms and campaigns about how we could update the campaigns section Guild website and we've agreed on three new pages: one on Change In Mind, one on the other issues we're Vocal and Visible about and a rewrite of the funding and support page.</p>
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### Role and responsibilities

*This section is for you to write about any projects you have been working on or meetings you have been to that you think are of particular importance to your remit.*

Meeting / project	Outcome for students
<p><b>Guild Statement on Adam Tickell supporting Kathleen Stock</b> Worked with Robin to ask the Guild to put out a statement in solidarity with Trans activists and activist allies, asking Tickell not to denounce peaceful protesters like he did during the whole debacle in Sussex.</p>	<p>We are awaiting legal advice, so our hands are currently, annoyingly tied.</p>
<p><b>Lobbying for Mandatory Consent Training</b> Been attending meetings with Jules and Reclaim Campus to help lobby UoB for mandatory consent education.</p> <p>Beginning conversations with Not On to make their workshops available for courses to offer to their students, rather than just student groups.</p>	<p>UoB have put together a Canvas course but pressure is required to make it mandatory. (Though there are concerns as to whether consent training may be triggering for survivors, and if we made it easy for those students to opt-out, how would we enforce that others complete the training?)</p>
<p><b>Climate Action</b> I'll be working with the climate action group this semester pushing for UoB to declare a climate emergency and divest from fossil</p>	<p>N/A</p>

fuels – we’re meeting on Friday so I’ll update you with actions from that when we meet.	
<b>LGBTQ+ History Month</b> I’ll be working with Aaliyah, Robin, Danielle and Mikey to put a couple of events together for LGBTQ+ History Month	N/A

## Ideas and policy

*This section is for you to report on progress made to ideas and Guild policy that you have been mandated to work on. You only need to update your actions taken. You can also add ideas or policy as they are passed through the year.*

Idea / policy	Action taken since last Panel
<b>Uyghur Solidarity</b> Promote Uyghur Solidarity campaign on campus	Reached out to idea submitter to discuss how best to get in contact with the campaign.

## Other student issues, meetings or projects to note:

- **Ensuring election candidates submit manifestos** – Rozena has let me know this is a democracy issue rather than a campaigning issue, so falls outside of my remit and into Mikey’s. They’re looking into it – apparently the Guild by-laws currently state we have to show all candidates even if they haven’t submitted anything, so even if we changed this at the next All Student Meeting, this might not come into effect before the next elections.

That’s all from me – hope you enjoy the rest of your break before teaching starts up!