

Postgraduate Students' Union

QIP Implementation Summary Report

Unit: Postgraduate Students' Union (PSU)

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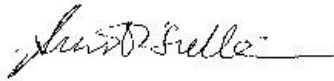
1. Date on which QIP received from QSU: 13 December 2018
2. Date on which unit met to discuss and ratify the QIP:
3. Date on which interim self-assessment of progress on level 1 recommendations (sections 5 and 6 in table) was returned to QSU: 20 June 2019
4. Date on which QIP progress was presented to VPAASE: 13 November 2019
5. Date on which implementation review meeting was held: 24 November 2021
6. Final summary report presented to Quality Committee: 9 March 2022

Summary status of recommendation implementation:

Rec no. (level)	Recommendation	Closed	Open	Commentary
1 (1)	Maintain UL Student Life and the PSU as separate unions.	√		
2 (1)	In conjunction with UL, and UL Student Life where appropriate, revisit the finance, funding, financial planning and reporting arrangements for the PSU, paying regard to the delivery of services that are unique to the postgraduate community and identifying those functions, activities or processes that could be supported through MoUs or partnership agreements with either UL Student Life, UL or both.	√		
3 (1)	Proceed with plans to review and draw up a new mission and constitution, developing and including both vision and organisational values in this process.	√		
4 (1)	Develop a PSU Advisory Board, structured to ensure that students comprise at least fifty percent of the group and that student advocacy and representation are not lost.	√		Policy and Procedures are complete. Advisory Board to be in situ end of Sem 2 2021/22
5 (1)	Proactively engage with the Dean of Graduate Studies and Assistant Deans for research in the faculties to foster an active partnership to support the advocacy work of the PSU.	√		

6 (1)	Recruit a dedicated staff support person, with the relevant advocacy, mediation and academic caseworker experience, who is independent from the university but can work closely with UL Graduate & Professional Studies and Assistant Deans for Research in order to ensure a student-centred approach.	Rejected		
7 (1)	Revisit governance of the PSU entity as it grows.	✓		
8 (1)	Enhance handover training for elected officers, extending the length of the training period and ensuring timely delivery and relevant reinforcement sessions.	✓		
9 (1)	In conjunction with UL, and UL Student Life where appropriate, review postgraduate spaces on campus to assess their current use and discuss future postgraduate requirements with UL.	✓		
10 (1)	Work with UL and UL Student Life to develop a data-sharing agreement post GDPR and undertake GDPR training to ensure that communication and data handling can be effective.	✓		GDPR training complete. As data is not being shared, a data sharing agreement is not currently required. Should this change, a data sharing agreement will be established
11 (1)	Increase efforts to collaborate with existing services in order to tackle postgraduate-specific issues.	✓		
12 (1)	Create a database on student casework.	✓		
13 (1)	Engage an external facilitator to engage with UL Student Life and the PSU to develop a new model of working (facilitated by a restorative ethos) that is empowering and fair to both, the outcome of which is protected by an MoU that addresses services duplication and financial fairness	✓		MOA has been set up to agree financial matters
14 (1)	Develop a media and communications strategy which is essential to raise awareness of the activities of the PSU and to create a forum to facilitate the building of relationships and wider engagement with the union.	✓		To be launched in AY 21/22.
15 (2)	Amend the constitution to combine the Executive and Council.	Rejected		It was decided that there is better governance with both an Executive and Council. The PSU has worked diligently for the past two academic years on the development of both our Executive and our Council. We will continue with this moving forward.

16 (2)	Work with the UL International Education Division to formalise and enhance the buddy scheme, especially for international postgraduate students, and run social events such as the speed-friending initiative to promote integration.	✓		
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Director of Quality

Date: 1st March 2022