ABD for PostGrad

Covid-19 Update: This has affected many of our lives and how we function as a society. I am currently working hard to support Postgraduate students dealing with issues as a result of this virus and will continue working with the University on two major areas. First is making sure current Postgraduate students continue to be supported and heard. Many international and home students will need greater support now more than ever and it is my goal to make sure I can help every member in the best way I can

The second is to minimise the effect of Covid-19 to incoming new students as much as possible by making sure the University and the Students' Union places the appropriate resources to make sure they are fully supported whether it be on-campus or digital. Postgraduates pay a larger sum for tuition fees and therefore I will lobby the University to re-invest some of that finance back into initiatives which directly help the Postgraduate Community



GREATER INDUCTION FOR ALL POSTGRADUATE MEMBERS:

• Create a guiding document for Postgraduates which maintains important and relevant information they need. I will embed this information on the Moodle page so every Postgraduate can access this online and can update any changes if/when need be. This will be split between PGTs and PGRs as they need different information which is more relevant to them • Depending on government advice and University status on when services resume back to normal, there may be many students who will not be physically present at the induction period. We also have many part time and distant learners, therefore I endeavour to plan for both scenarios which includes not only providing events on campus, but also hosting digital events so any member can access this event, meet other people either in the same position as them or those in Nottingham to enhance Postgraduate digital community

DEVELOPMENT OF POSTGRADUATE INITIATIVES:

Create and implement a program called the Development of Postgraduate Initiatives. It is a joint service between the Students' Union, University and the Graduate school. The core aim for this program is to increase postgraduate engagement across both sectors through providing better quality events and form a community to collate issues Postgraduates face and feed this back to the relevant channels

• DPGI help co-ordinate events such as the LINK conference, Campaigns, Welcome Week, Welfare events and more. It will also allow Postgraduate students to get involved so it is a service which empowers them to be part of delivering not only events but also in on the discussions of Postgraduate matters across networks such as the Education or Postgraduate network

POSTGRADUATE IDENTITY, ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING:

- Embed Postgraduate specific training for Postgraduate academic representatives in the Education Network which is more relevant for them
- Develop specific training for Global Buddy mentors who have PG mentees so they are better equipped to support the mentees
- Establish a Postgraduate Hub on Jubilee Campus
- Run multiple Postgraduate Sports days and Society try-it events
- Deliver Engage sessions with waived fees for Postgraduates
- Launch monthly welfare and wellbeing events specific for Postgraduates

RE-ESTABLISH THE POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS' NETWORK AS A FULLY FUNCTIONING AND ENGAGING BODY:

• Constitutional reform – including adding a part time and distant learner rep on the PG network • Collaboration with PG societies, Graduate Centres, and other Networks for greater engagement • Deliver campaigns on issues relevant to you and empower/support members to deliver their own • Making sure events are run in the Christmas, Easter and Summer break as many Postgraduate members are still here during this time

