Officer Report: Feisal Haji – President

Manifesto points

1: Union that represents every campus and student

* Ran the election registration and Get out the vote campaign – Including free donuts. **Paid for by the University**
* Hosted Election debates at three campuses
  + Kingston and Surbiton – Penrhyn Road
    - <https://kingston.box.com/v/KingstonPRDebate>
  + Richmond Park – Kingston Hill
    - <https://kingston.box.com/v/KHRParkDebate>
  + Putney – Roehampton Vale
* Did three videos.
  + Welcoming International Students to Kingston and giving them advice with International students
  + <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pwu_k-UMSq4>
  + Urging Students to vote in the elections
  + <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7BcyPWZokk>
  + One concerning International Students & Mental Health provisions for students
  + <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pwu_k-UMSq4> - International Students & Mental Health
* Discovered that the Union represents students all over the world. Pushing the University to clarify the full extent

2: Reform the Union to make it more accessible and Inclusive for everyone

* All full-time jobs in the union sponsor visas. International students won’t be frozen out anymore.
* Kept alive the provision to prioritise Kingston Students for any jobs.
* Linkedin scheme to have the Union’s CEO recommend any student staff who works hard
* Reformed Student Council to make it fit for purpose
* Changed a Trustee position to interview in order to allow more mature students to apply
* Helping Chinese Students to self-organise and find their own ways to fit into the Kingston Community
* Pushed and got a new Data sharing agreement with the University. The Union can now do more to help students by targeting those who need attention the most.
* Enforced Mental Health Procedure so that the University can’t abuse students with Mental Health problems facing disciplinary problems.

3: Improve the financial support available to students

* Working with Green Councillor Sharon Sumner to have student voices heard in Kingston Council.
* Working with the Council to provide Students advice on enforcing housing laws and having students give input into Kingston Boroughs housing strategy for the London Plan.
* Student Life centre that will provide more privacy for students seeking help and advice
* Working with the Council to provide Students advice on enforcing housing laws, house hunting and having students give input into Kingston Boroughs housing strategy for the London Plan.

4: Independent revenue stream for the Union

* Union expanding into Graduation merch
* Preparing a bid for ownership of the gym when it goes out to tender this year
* Bringing farmers market to Penrhyn Road and Kingston Hill
* Expanding into events such as laser tag and club nights that will earn money

5: More support for placements and work experience

* Created a full time student job paid for by the University to fix our website. Saved the Union £8-£10k
* Working with St George’s Student Union to insure Kingston students are able to access advice services and are being represented

6: Other Activities

* Changed accountants the Union uses to a better one that provides more services and is cheaper
* Was the first ever President to write the annual accounts report
* First ever officer to have a regular one to one meeting with the Vice Chancellor
* Getting students to participate in the Town House ceremonies
* Created a line management system so that Officers can be held to account from an employment perspective if they don’t do their jobs.
* Changed policy on timetabling so that Union events and private meetings with Students are not only protected but encouraged.