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FXU Distance Learning Officer REPORT

November/December 2017

What I've done

- Introduced myself and my role to the elected Student Reps;
- Optimised my collaboration with Student Advisors to manage those activities related to their roles at Falmouth Flex;
- Monitored and discussed with Falmouth President the situation related to MA Photography not listed as one of the credited courses at AOP (Association of Photographers). Request currently under examination;
- Sent a list of three questions to the elected Reps that will submit them to all Distant Learners in order to understand the current situation and what ameliorations are necessary/desired to improve students' experience at Falmouth Flex:
 1. What works well? (Things we should protect, do more of, must not change)
 2. What doesn't work well? (needs to change, needs communicating, needs attention) And how could we improve this?
 3. Do you have any new ideas? (Innovation, experience).
- Agreed the following strategy to submit these questions to MA Writing for Script & Screen and MA Advertising's students who don't have a Rep: published a Discussion thread on Canvas (Student Hub area) and encouraged Student Advisors to sponsor the post with students so to obtain their feedback;
- Collected answers from MA Photography and MA Creative App Development's Student Reps and provided a full list to the Leadership Team (Chris Slessor, Ben Rowswell, Hannah Partington): all sent indications are currently under examination;
- Planned a series of webinars with the Leadership Team on Big Blue Button in order to release punctual updates and receive information being more involved as Distant Learners Officer in Falmouth Activity;
- Agreed a participation of Distant Learners in May's Workshop Festival: waiting for a definitive confirmation before sharing this information with students;
- Agreed with Student Advisor Audrey Bauerschmidt the creation of a video to better explain how Lynda.com works and its contents (in accordance with students' request);
- Agreed with Student Advisor Audrey Bauerschmidt to provide more information and guidelines related to Critical Research Journals' creation (in accordance with students' request);

Leadership Team

- Discussed with the Leadership Team a way to improve communications between Falmouth and Distant Learners to avoid confusion and to receive e-mails related to in campus activities only;
- Discussed the possibility to deeper involve Students Advisors in the Leadership Team Activities;
- Discussed with the Leadership Team the importance of solving those Canvas' technical problems and limits to facilitate students' educational activities;
- Participated to Leadership team meeting (live stream event) and submitted the following points to their attention:
 - The necessity to provide mental-health support to Distant Learners alongside to in campus students;
 - Provide more facilities to Distant Learners and involve them more in Falmouth's activities (like the Workshop Festival) to improve the sense of "belonging".
- Provided the "Leadership Team Action Plan 2017" in its first version to the Leadership Teams and waiting for information about what kind of information to share into 2018 plan;
- Wrote an e-mail to Society Forum Officer in order to start a collaboration with her: waiting for an answer.

What I'm doing

- Collecting the missing answers to the three questions from the following MAs' students:
 - Creative Events Management
 - Advertising
 - Writing for Script and Screen
- Preparing a full documentation for Student Advisors related to those activities that should be faced in collaboration with them;
- Waiting for Leadership Team's feedbacks related to the submitted information so to provide information to Distant Learners and make them understand that Falmouth is working for them, too;
- Waiting for feedbacks related to those points highlighted in October:
 - The necessity of a Career Advisor for Second Year MA Students;
 - The necessity to have access to activities like Portfolio reviews.

Other

I am currently waiting for a transcription of the official Leadership Team Meeting in order to provide a feedback in accordance with Distant Learners' perspective and necessities.

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Leadership Team

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