

# Presidents' Update

Friday 29 May 2020

Dear Students,

We hope you are all doing well at this time and are enjoying the fabulous weather in the UK - and we hope those who are spread across the rest of the world are getting good weather too. We are aware that soon we will no longer formally represent graduating students when they lose their student status, however we understand that with graduations postponed and Falmouth students wanting to return to campus to clear their studios, as well as complete work, there will still be unfinished business that requires representation. We want to reassure you that we will continue to represent you. With your student status ending, this will also mean that you will no longer receive updates from the union. Please sign up to our mailing list of graduating students so we can send you occasional updates to keep you in the loop.

## Update From President Welfare & Inclusivity

### Student Equality Feedback

My focus at the moment is finding out how students of minority groups and those with protected characteristics might be affected by the proposed teaching methods for the coming academic year, and the necessary changes that will have to be put in place because of Covid-19. If you think you fit into either of these groups and would like to have your say, please get in touch with me and we'll arrange a time to chat. It is so important that we get as much feedback as possible, so that we can make sure the universities are best prepared for September.

## Update From President Falmouth

### September

Falmouth have now announced their intentions for September, with the promise of further information next week. I hope to soon be included in conversations to help represent you, as students, in their considerations for the start of the academic year. To do this your Reps should be approaching you to find out your thoughts and feelings on the start of the new academic year and how you have found online delivery. This will help inform the Union and the university on the considerations you want to ensure are being made with your best interests at heart.

### Graduation

With our Reps collecting feedback on graduation, there has been some confusion and miscommunications. I want to assure students that no decision has been made on graduation and will not be made until there is clear government guidance on events.

### Showcase

Don't forget that the deadline to add your work to Falmouth's online Showcase has been extended to 7 June 2020. Click [here](#) to fill out the form and read the guidelines for supporting your submission [here](#). While I know this isn't a substitute for a physical show, I am excited to get the opportunity to see your work when the showcase is live online.

## Update From President Exeter

### September

An email was sent to you all on Wednesday from myself and Tim Quine (DVC Education) stating what the provisions will be for the next academic year. The intentions are to provide a blended learning experience, which will include online teaching as well as face-to-face. This is to ensure the university has flexibility and the capacity to handle the possibility of another peak, whilst maintaining a high level of teaching. Undergraduates are to start from 21st September with Postgraduate taught programmes beginning on the 12th October.

### Job Opportunities

With the huge investment in online learning Exeter are making, many positions have been created aimed at recent graduates, so look here and apply if the roles are something you are interested in. There are positions across all campuses, so what better excuse to stay in Cornwall another year?

## FAQs & Information

Our team has been working hard to answer all of your questions and we've compiled them on our FAQs page. Please check [here](#) to see if your question has already been answered. There are also links to all reports, Presidents' letters and other useful resources.

### Join the online Corona Community

Our [Corona Community](#) is live on Facebook and we're happy to say that the pet pictures are a hit. Please join us to share happy things, memes, and support each other.

### Is there something more we can be doing?

We're exploring developments and opportunities to enhance your student experience, i.e. web developments, online opportunities. Please share your ideas on how we can best support you going forwards.

Our [Advice Service](#) is still running if you need independent, professional advice on university matters.

As always, we are all here for you and want you to know that you can reach out to us to talk about your concerns on anything in this uncertain time. We are available on nearly all platforms (Facebook, Skype, Teams, phones, etc) so please do not hesitate if you would like reassurance or a direct conversation on your concerns/situation, or even if you are feeling isolated and just want a chat.

All the best and stay safe,

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