**Voice & Support Sub-Committee Report 30th April**

**Written by Gemma Bowen, President and Chair of the Sub Committee.**

**Access & Inclusion Officer**

* Navigating Newman for International Wheelchair Day was altered - a change of date was made to celebrate Disability Access Day on 20th March; highlighting good practice to be more inclusive to raise awareness of more disabilities; providing an opportunity to showcase the access the university provides as well as speaking to students about their lived experience, suggestions on how the institution can improve, offer support through external initiatives and hopefully working in collaboration with the SEND lead in Education. There will also be opportunities for campus tours, through the lens of students with disabilities. This event was well received with lots of feedback.
* The Officer is in talks with Oakfield House to do some outreach in conjunction with Autism West Midlands.
* The alterations have been made to Hilda and the Officer is chasing the work in the Julian building.
* The Officer is also chasing up the library about raising awareness for accessibility and the rest of the sub-committee are happy to help on whatever needs doing.

**Academic Affairs Officers**

* The Officer has put the survey to lecturers about promoting office hours is on hold but would like this to go out soon.
* The Officer has had no response yet about software being installed for students on certain programmes i.e Psychology and Computer Science but the Officer is also hoping IT will inform of any other courses that need this and having it installed on all university computers before the semester begins.

**Union Chair**

* The Officer has been supportive of the Sub-Committee, has attended Trustee Boards and is doing a good job of collating papers and Chairing Student Council.

**President Update**

* All student 'Town Hall' meetings for feedback.
* Time Management (Collaboration with Academic Affairs Officer) & Money Management Workshops.
* Collaborated with lectures in the Faculty of Education Department to organise a fundraising event for Cystic Fibrosis, raising £756.
* Dissertation Participation Fair.