

## Officer Report

### Introduction

In May 2022, Postgraduate Research Officer Adetunji, has recently prioritize his focus on meeting PGR students face-to-face which has proven effective in order to understand their needs and how the PRO office can help.

### The feedbacks from PGR community

**Meeting:** I attended various meetups organized by different schools for the PGR community. I was able to use the avenue to share feedbacks received from the students. Few of these events are virtual while others were held face-to-face.

**Events:** The SU held a PG Post Exam Event at the SU Bar. Although it was busy period for PGR students due to the upcoming boards meeting, few of us dropped by for some minutes.

The Essex Business School also held face to face meet up where students and lecturers had the opportunity to meet.

**Prospective Students:** I have had a few prospective students reached out to me complaining about delay in receiving CAS. I have passed this to the relevant bodies.

**Financial difficulty:** In the previous report, I share the issues regarding tuition payment delay being experienced currently by the Nigerian students because of the current FOREX policy in the country. I have escalated this to the highest relevant authorities. I had a meeting with Jake Christopher and the Manager of Student advice at Student Union.

Also, I met with a few heads of various faculty heads.

**1<sup>st</sup> Year PhD students:** It is the time of the year when 1<sup>st</sup> year PhD students must present their research (what they have done so far in form of proposals) to the boards and a lot of the students are still not fully aware of what is expected of them. I have been able to persuade few administrators of department to organize drop-in session for the 1<sup>st</sup> year PhD students.

### Goals Achieved for This Term

- Created more study groups for the PGRcommunity.
- Escalated the complaints of the PGR students to the relevant authorities.
- Received feedbacks from the community.

### Goals For the New Term

- Create more support groups to support students with their dissertations in form of sharing experience and materials.
- Creating more awareness on Plagiarism,

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