



**BIRKBECK
STUDENTS'
UNION**
HERE FOR YOU

MIRIAM SWAN

Woman's Liberation
Leader



About Miriam's Role:

Miriam is a **Woman's Liberation Leader**. The purpose of this role is to represent the needs and views of all women students at Birkbeck. You will work on behalf of Birkbeck students to improve the student experience; lobby the University to make positive change at Birkbeck, attend University committees and meet regularly with leadership and create a Birkbeck community.

Her main responsibilities include:

- Represent the views of students at Birkbeck.
 - As a representative of Birkbeck students, be the face of the Students' Union
 - Be a point of contact for Birkbeck students
 - To proactively collect feedback and input from students regularly to ensure work is representative.
 - Attend University meetings and committees, elevating the student voice at these levels
 - Sit on Academic Panels
 - Meet regularly with key leaders in the University
- **Work with Birkbeck University to ensure their work meets students' needs, and improve the student experience.**
 - Chair and organize the Women's Network
 - Create initiatives to improve the student experience for women students at Birkbeck
 - Lobby the University for change
 - Negotiate best outcomes for students
 - Run campaigns, events and activities to benefit and enhance the student experience
- **Develop a community for Birkbeck students.**
 - Create initiatives to improve the student experience
 - Create opportunities for students to network with other students, or to increase engagement with Union activity
- **Attend Student Union meetings.**

Miriam's Manifesto:

“My top 5 priorities for the year are:

1. Create a guidance pack that focusses on opportunities exclusively open to women.

Nowadays, there are several internships, scholarships, and graduate opportunities available to women specifically. These are incredibly helpful to progress to leadership positions. I want to create a guidance pack that contains access information, deadlines, and eligibility.

2. Create safe and inclusive spaces for women to connect.

Maintaining coffee afternoons and light activities that everyone can attend.

3. Improve communication and feedback channels.

Create feedback polls to be sent out every end of term with student feedback and ideas.

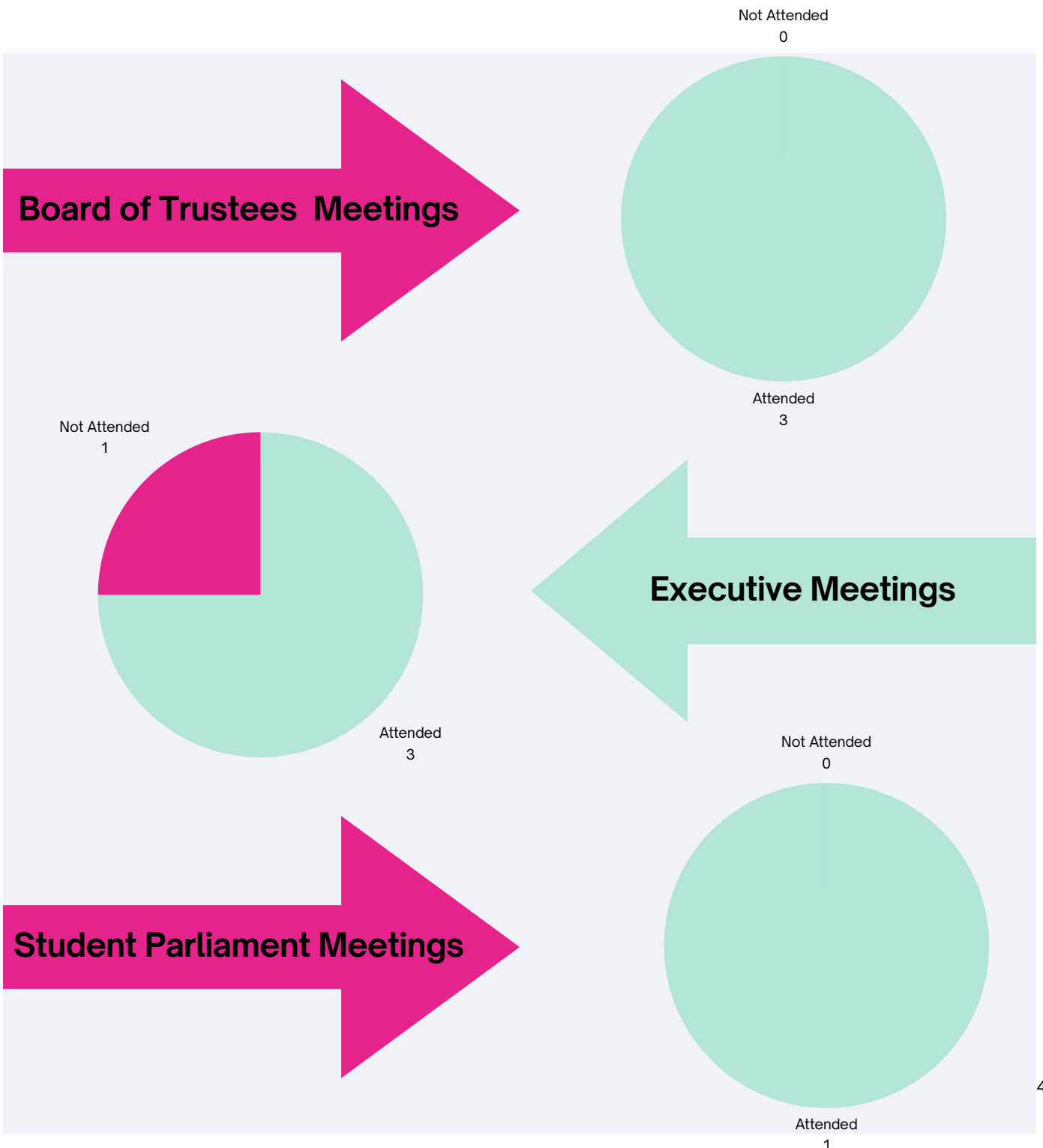
4. Fortify the Women's Network, making it more vibrant and interactive.

Measure signups, create regular email communication. Implement regular workshops around certain agenda points regularly (once a month or such)

5. Organise events focussed around strong female role models, sharing their experiences and advice.

Invite 2 guest speakers and interact with the University of London Women's network to collaborate on guest speaker events.”

Committee Attendance Stats:



Miriam report

NAME Miriam Swan
ROLE Women's Liberation Leader
TERM 1

INTRODUCTION:

In my role as Women's Liberation Leader, I have actively pursued initiatives to support and empower Birkbeck's female students, both through planned objectives and responsive actions detailed herein.

MANIFESTO OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES:

Create a Guidance Pack for Women's Opportunities:

The guidance pack is currently under development, with a strategic release scheduled ahead of the next summer recruitment cycle.

Create Safe and Inclusive Spaces for Connection:

The Women's Network channels have seen an influx of new members, and two events. Plans are in place to resume coffee afternoons.

Improve Communication and Feedback Channels:

With the term end approaching, there is an anticipation of valuable feedback from the network members.

Fortify the Women's Network:

The engagement within the Women's Network has significantly increased.

Organise Events with Strong Female Role Models:

Tentative agreement for speaker on International Women's Day. Collaboration is underway to provide a platform for BAME artists and media professionals to host events.

OTHER OUTCOMES:

Impact on Academic Policies: Crafted an open letter to Vice-Chancellor regarding the marking boycott.

Strengthening University Relations: Participated in a pivotal meeting with the vice chancellors,

Event Organisation and Community Engagement: Played a central role in organizing and running our welcome fair and freshers' events.

Advocacy for Privacy and Data Protection: Represented concerns regarding data privacy at the Hyfelx pre-rollout meeting.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Financial Stewardship: The campaign to exit NUS UK has redirected significant funds back to the SU, enabling more financial resources to be invested directly in student services.