

# Relating the principles...a quick case study of BCU



## We didn't have any principles!

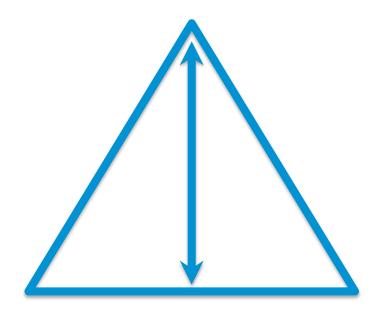
- NSS Feedback
- Fielding (2001) 'Students as radical agents of change'



### ...but if we were looking for some...

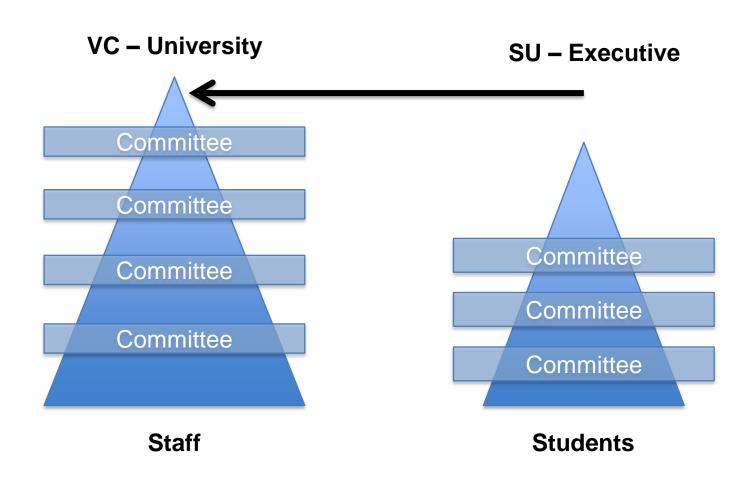
...these would be great!



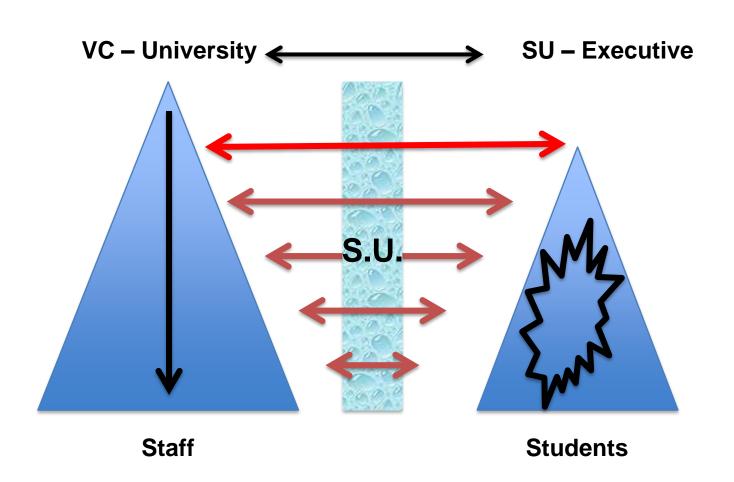


- 1 Strategic / Philosophical Alliances
   E.g.. Joint strategic plans / Shared
   Values / Ability to challenge
- 2 People / Operational Alliances
  E.g.. Shared roles / Co- Project
  Management and Ownership
- 3 Project / Front line Alliances E.g.. Joint projects









Birmingham City University Students' Union

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#### Learning & Teaching

- RoLEx working groups
- Student Academic Partners
- Student Academic Mentors
- Student Teaching Expectations
- HEA What Works?
- Extra Mile Awards



#### **QA & QE Processes**

- NSS Enhancement Teams
- SAP Projects
- Student Academic Leaders / Feedback Forums
- School Academic Board
- Student Success Advisors



### Decision Making, Governance & Strategy

- Strategic Vision 2020 'Partners for Success'
- Student Academic Leaders
- School Representatives
- Student / Graduate Interns
- Student Feedback Forums
- UK Student Engagement Survey



#### Students are more than students

- Mentor
  - Partner
    - Collaborator
      - Expert
        - Change Agent
          - Employee
            - Evaluator / Reviewer
              - Representative
                - Leader (Academic / non-Academic)

#### Student Engagement 2009-2014



Success

Years

932

Students

1170

Positions

557 Projects

~40

Hours claimed each

>37,000

Student employment hours funded

723%

Total growth in position numbers

~30

Additional positions for each year

~70

Positions staffed by International Students each year

Progression

Average grades of student on projects

Before 62.6 During

After

63.5

64.2

Average grade change +2.3% +1.3% Average

Average grade increase

9.5% 11.3%

Employment

Students held 1.3 positions on average

81.5% of students held only:

position

18.5%

collectively held more than: positions

Averaging 2.3 positions

Some even holding

positions over 3+ years

Demographics

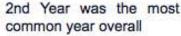
Over one third of all students were of ethnic origin

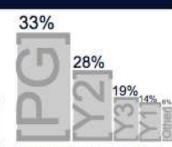
36%

Ethnic groups made up almost two thirds of the international students

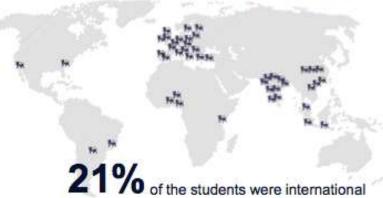
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Postgraduate was the most common year for International students





Society

**Local Community** 

University

School / Faculty

Course / Student Colleagues

Module

Your University Experience

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