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- How can it be improved?

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- To organise a social programme of events with a less ‘Undergraduate’ focus
- To give a sense of community and identity to Postgraduates at UEA

What have we done so far?

- Talks at all PG induction events in October
- SportsMart event at the SportsPark
- SocMart and Ice-breaker event in the Grad Bar
- Spent some money on the Grad Bar
- Weekly bulletins to all Postgraduates
- Ale walks/free sports/karaoke events
- Rewritten GSA Constitution
- Raised general awareness of PG life

Is it effective?

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Yes. PRPPG, TPPG, LTC, SAG, SEC, Senate, Court, Library, ISD, PGR Executive and others

New GSA website (gsa.uea.ac.uk) has polls to glean feedback, plus weekly emails to PGs

Is it effective?

- To provide a social hub (The Grad Bar)

Yes, but not effective enough

Very useful, but needs a complementary non-alcohol-centric space

Not enough integration with JIC/IFR

Nothing at all during 'closed' seasons

Is it effective?

- To organise a social programme of events with a less 'Undergraduate' focus

Free sports activities well attended

Grad Bar events busy, sometimes at capacity

Coffee afternoons hotly anticipated

Acoustic music nights, jazz, comedy nights

At our budgetary limit

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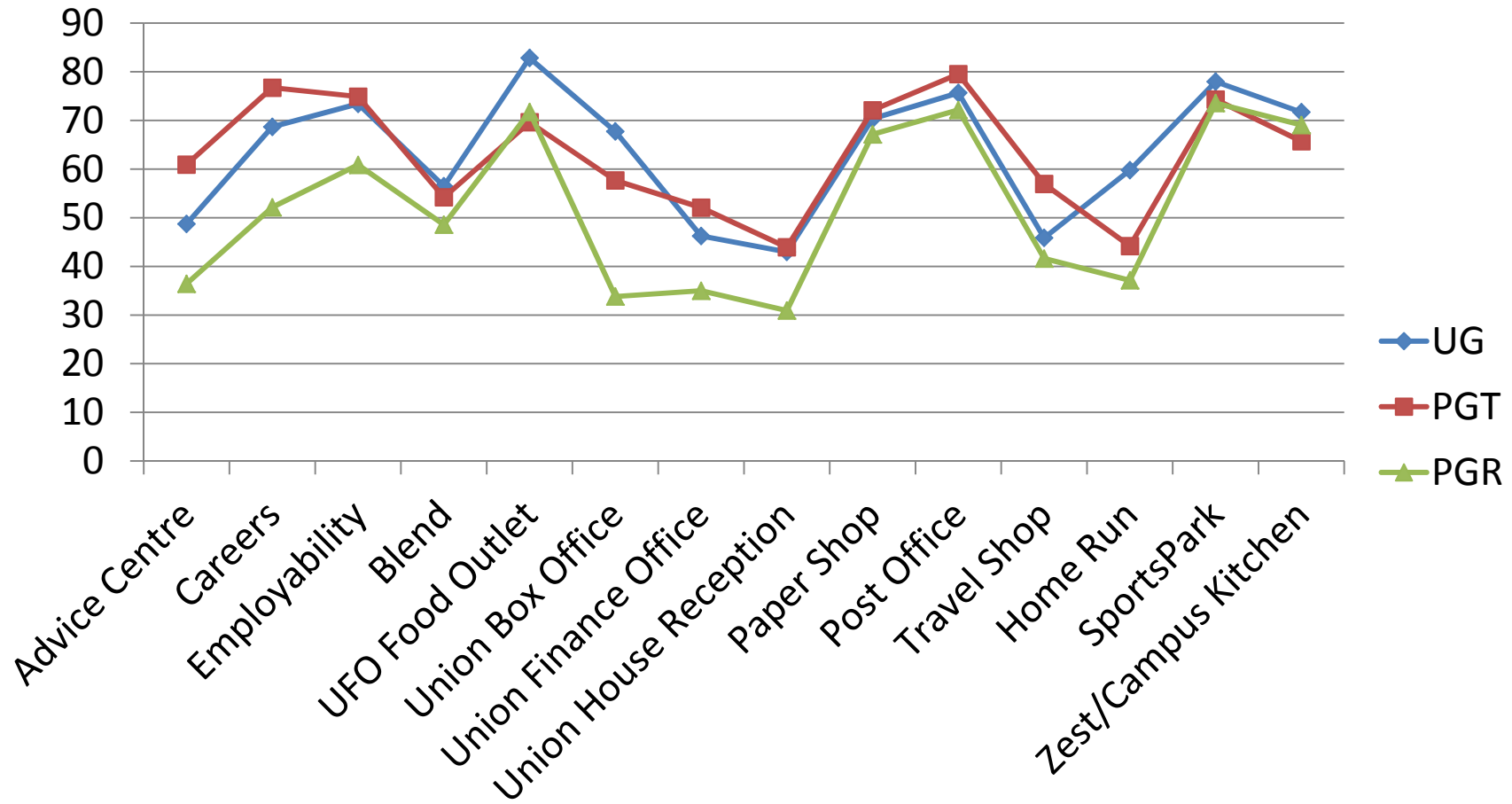
On track, but it's a 3 year process

Small communities building, starting to overlap

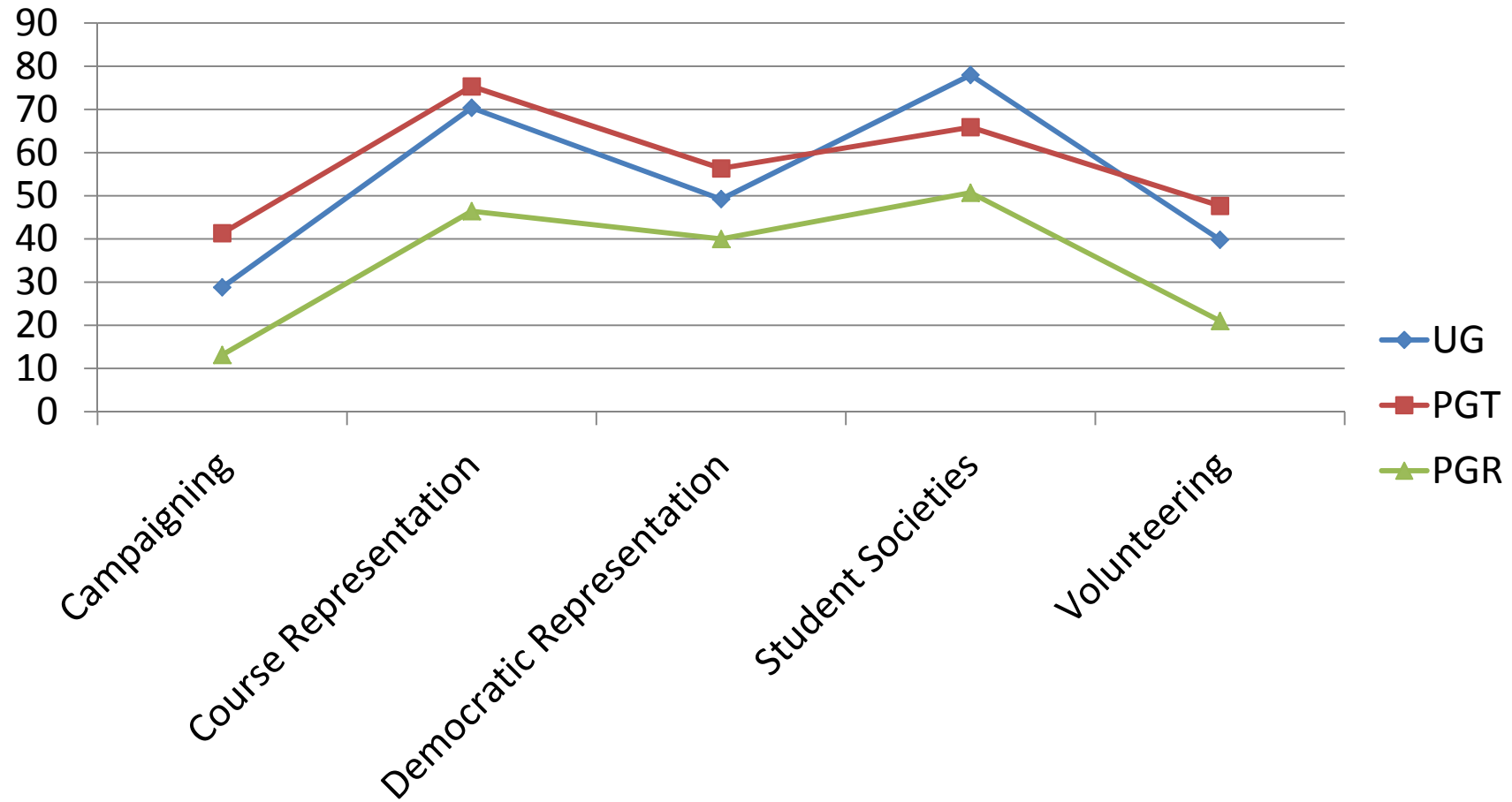
GSA is now known to PGs

Engagement is increasing, reaching new groups of Postgraduates

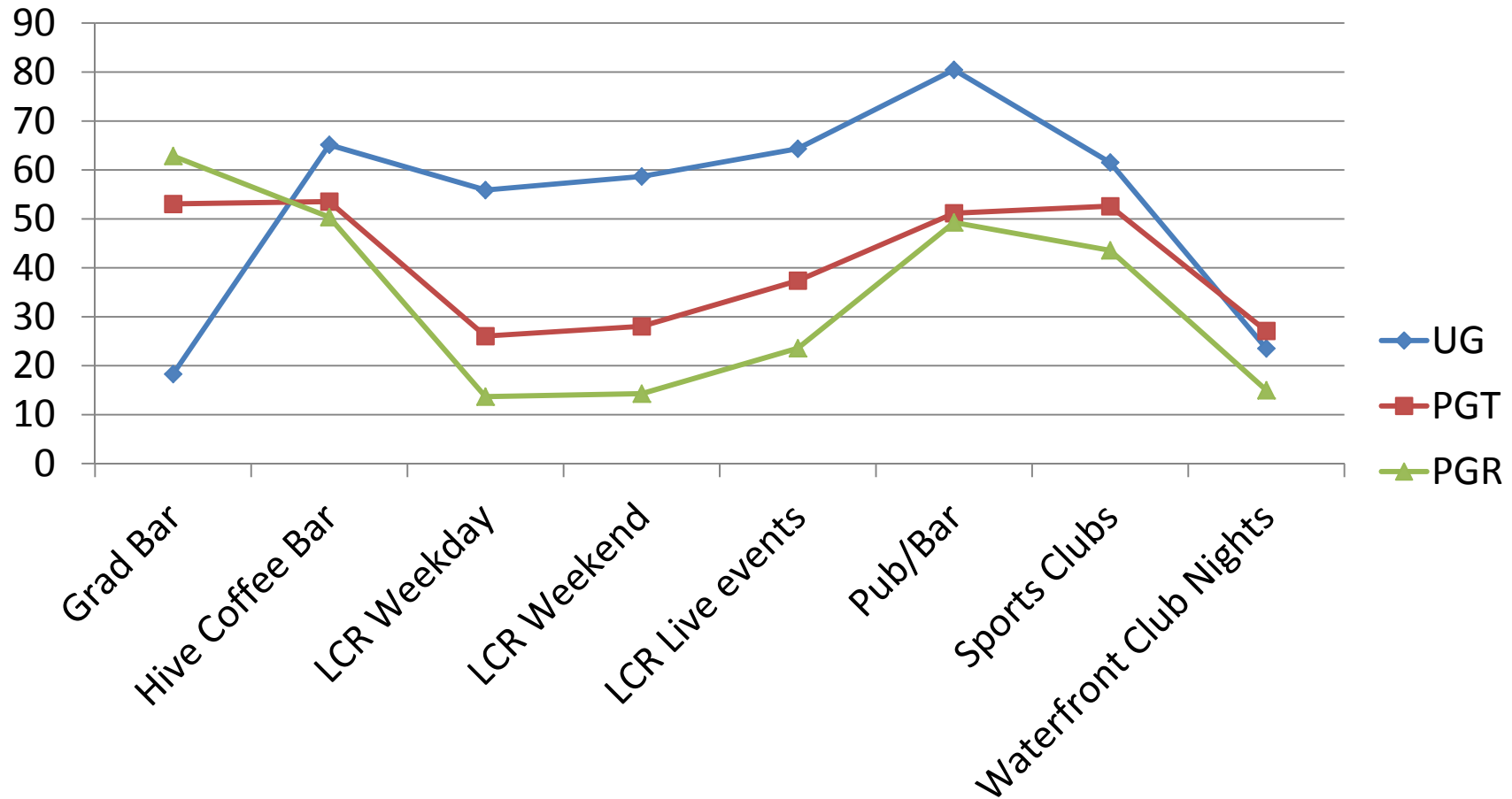
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What are Masters Students?

“3+1”: Doing a Masters to top-up their Bachelor’s degree, no plans for academia

“1+3”: Academic ambition, looking to progress to PhD after Masters

More international than UG or PGR

Difficult to engage with – only here for a year

UUEAS structure currently doesn’t serve Masters students well

Ideas for how to take the GSA forward

- CUBS bid for a part-time staff member based in UUEAS for PG representation and activities administration
- Masters representative on GSA committee
- JIC/IFR representative on GSA committee
- Continue hunting for more suitable space
- Improve website and communication channels

Is it worth it?

- Useful tool for the University
- Needs to be visible and vibrant online
- Many PGs won't engage with it
- Those that do find it valuable for many reasons
- It addresses some of the social welfare issues raised in 2011 PRES
- It's good value for the University's money