

**QMSU Annual Members Meeting - Monday 28 November 2022 - Record of Outcomes**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>1. Chairs' Welcome and Introductions</b>	180 members present and meeting quorate.
<b>2. Ratification of minutes of the previous Annual Members' Meeting (held on 23 November 2022)</b>	Approved.
<b>3. Verbal updates from the Executive Committee</b>	-
<b>4. Questions to the Executive Officers and Part Time Officers</b>	There were no questions to the Executive Officers, or Part-Time Officers.
<b>5. Accounts of the Students' Union for the previous financial year Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the previous academic year 2021-22 –</b> <i>These are not yet available, as they are still in draft format following recent completion of the annual audit. The signed accounts will be made available on the Union's website in early 2023.</i>	-
<b>6. Approval of the list of affiliations of the Students' Union</b>	Central affiliations approved apart from NUS. Affiliations by Student Groups approved.
<i>It is a legal obligation under 1994 Education Act, and a requirement under the QMUL Code of Practice (fulfilling QMUL's legal obligation under the 1994 Education Act) that all SU affiliations should be presented to the members for approval each year. Therefore, this is a standing item on the AMM agenda. A motion was submitted asking whether QMSU should disaffiliate from NUS and this will be taken under this agenda item. Therefore, this is not a standard motion, but a pre-registered objection to affiliation, so no amendments will be accepted. As affiliations are reviewed annually, if passed, this motion would not set Union policy for two years, but would be subject to annual review.</i>	
<b>Should Queen Mary Students' Union disaffiliate from the National Union of Students (NUS)?</b>	<p>Procedural Motion - To take the motion in parts: <b>Not Passed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For: 65</li> <li>• Against: 108</li> <li>• Abstain: 47</li> </ul> <p>Procedural Motion to take the matter to a Referendum: <b>Not Passed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For: 83</li> <li>• Against: 147</li> <li>• Abstain: 18</li> </ul> <p>Procedural Motion to move straight to a vote: <b>Passed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For: 171</li> <li>• Against: 58</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abstain: 16</li> </ul> <p>Vote on the Motion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For: 167</li> <li>• Against: 70</li> <li>• Abstain: 19</li> </ul> <p>The Motion was <b>Passed*</b></p>
<p>*At its meeting on 8 December 2022, the Students' Union's Board of Trustees reviewed the following decision taken at the Annual Members Meeting held on 24 November 2022, as part of its duties and obligations as a Board.</p> <p>The Board considered that the decision taken at the AMM to disaffiliate from NUS was validly taken in accordance with the Union's obligation to put affiliations to its members for approval on an annual basis.</p> <p>Under its powers and responsibilities, the options which were available to the Board were as follows:</p> <p>To allow the decision to stand in its entirety;</p> <p>To override the decision to withdraw from either the NUS national organisation, or the NUS Charity;</p> <p>To override the decision in its entirety;</p> <p>Having considered the implications of each option in the context of the Trustees' responsibilities to the Union and its members and considering in particular the Trustees' duty to safeguard the interests of the Union and its members, the Board voted to allow the decision to disaffiliate from the NUS national organisation and to override the decision to disaffiliate from the NUS Charity.</p> <p>This decision means that the Union will cease to engage with NUS's political activities and representative processes with immediate effect.</p> <p>The Union will continue as a member of the NUS Charity.</p> <p>By acting in this way, the Board believes that the Union will be fulfilling the mandate to disengage with the political aspect of NUS, whilst preserving access to the training and other support services offered by the NUS Charity, which materially benefit the Union and its members [and to which the Union is separately subscribed].</p> <p>The Board notes that the affiliation to NUS Services Limited was not part of the vote. The Union retains the benefit of the collective purchasing agreements of NUS Services Limited, to the benefit of its members, particularly at a time of rising costs and inflation.</p>	
<p><b>a) Should the Union create a Give Blood UK Event?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For: 167</li> <li>• Against: 3</li> <li>• Abstain: 35</li> </ul> <p>The Motion was <b>Passed</b></p>
<p><b>b) Should QMSU and BLSA boycott sporting or other entertainment events in their venues</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For: 50</li> </ul>

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<p><b>when there are human rights violations involved in the organisation or country hosting the event?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Against: 164</li> <li>• Abstain: 22</li> </ul> <p>The Motion was <b>Not Passed</b></p>
<p><b>c) Should the Students' Union lobby the University to decolonise the curriculum?</b></p>	<p><i>Agenda was scrambled and this motion was missed and then taken at a later point*</i></p>
<p><b>d) Queen Mary Students' Union opposes the change in internal naming from 'Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry' to 'Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry', and will prevent any efforts to further this change in University Structure and Governance</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For: 170</li> <li>• Against: 14</li> <li>• Abstain: 33</li> </ul> <p>The Motion was <b>Passed</b></p>
<p><b>e) Should QMSU publicly support QMUCU in the current industrial dispute?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For: 77</li> <li>• Against: 54</li> <li>• Abstain: 37</li> </ul> <p>The Motion was <b>Passed</b></p>
<p><b>f) Should QMSU support QM UNISON's campaigns on pay?</b></p>	<p>For: 96 Against: 13 Abstain: 43</p> <p>The Motion was <b>Passed</b></p>
<p>Motion not taken at c) <b>c) Should the Students' Union lobby the University to decolonise the curriculum?</b></p>	<p>Procedural Motion to take the matter to a Referendum: <b>Not Passed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For: 46</li> <li>• Against: 74</li> <li>• Abstain: 37</li> </ul> <p>Vote on the Motion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For: 90</li> <li>• Against: 35</li> <li>• Abstain: 27</li> </ul> <p>The Motion was <b>Passed</b></p>
<p><b>g) Should Queen Mary University of London support the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For: 150</li> <li>• Against: 38</li> <li>• Abstain: 17</li> </ul> <p>The Motion was <b>Passed*</b></p>
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<p>Under its Articles of Association, the Board of Trustees has the responsibility of considering whether any policy passed at an Annual Members Meeting ‘is or may be in breach of, contrary to or otherwise inconsistent with charity or education law or any other legal requirements (including ultra vires)’. Having considered the possible implications of this policy, the Board voted to take professional legal advice on the matter, before making any decision. This will be sought as soon as possible, and the matter will be brought back to the Board at its next meeting in February 2023. In the meantime the policy remains inactive.</p>	
<p><b>h) Should the Union Lobby the University to support and invest in a Queen Mary Nightline service and to more broadly improve the Mental Health service offered to students?</b></p>	<p>The meeting ran past 9.00pm deadline and ended at 9.10pm. This motion and those below will automatically be taken to the Student Council Meeting on Tuesday 6 December.</p>
<p><b>i) Should the university look into reducing the financial burden on international students?</b></p>	<p>To Student Council</p>
<p><b>j) Should the Union lobby the University to enable undergraduate International Students studying Law to access Vacation Schemes?</b></p>	<p>To Student Council</p>
<p><b>k) Can the Union Shop allow students to heat their own food in the microwave?</b></p>	<p>To Student Council</p>