

# Annual Student Meeting 2022

Monday 28 November 2022, 6:00pm,

Meeting to be held online

## Agenda

1. Chairs' Welcome and Introductions
2. Ratification of minutes of the previous Annual Members' Meeting (held on 23 November 2022)
3. Verbal updates from the Executive Committee
4. Questions to the Executive Officers and Part Time Officers
5. Accounts of the Students' Union for the previous financial year Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the previous academic year 2021-22 - *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.*
6. Approval of the list of affiliations of the Students' Union  
*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.*  
Should Queen Mary Students' Union disaffiliate from the National Union of Students (NUS)?
7. Motions for debate:
  - a) Should the Union create a Give Blood UK Event?
  - b) Should QMSU and BLSA boycott sporting or other entertainment events in their venues when there are human rights violations involved in the organisation or country hosting the event?  
Should the Students' Union lobby the University to decolonise the curriculum?
  - c) 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
  - d) Should QMSU publicly support QMUCU in the current industrial dispute?
  - e) Should QMSU support QM UNISON's campaigns on pay?
  - f) Should Queen Mary University of London support the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement?
  - g) 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?
  - h) Should the university look into reducing the financial burden on international students?
  - i) Should the Union lobby the University to enable undergraduate International Students studying Law to access Vacation Schemes?
  - j) Can the Union Shop allow students to heat their own food in the microwave?

- k) Should the Union organise an annual 'Idea for Humanity' summit?
- l) Should QMSU be more generous in using its Liberation funds, society funds and other funds to allow students to spend on food (and not just cultural food) when QMSU events are organised? QMSU reps and reps that sit on boards to make financial decisions should also do the same.

### Queen Mary Students' Union Code of Conduct

All participants in the QMSU Annual Student Meeting are reminded of the following:

1.1 The Students' Union strives to create a culture in which equality, diversity, inclusion and liberation are respected and championed, and where bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence are not tolerated, whether in physical or online spaces, and including the use of social media.

1.2 Members of QMSU, students of QMUL and others participating in Union activities, or using Union premises or facilities, are expected to comply with the following Code of Conduct:

i) To treat all Members of QMSU, QMSU staff members, QMUL students and staff members, and any other person participating in Union activities, or using Union premises or facilities, with courtesy, consideration and respect at all times.

ii) To uphold the Students' Union's values of being supportive, inclusive and accessible and to respect the rights of those with the protected characteristics of age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation (as defined in the Equality Act 2010 and any subsequent revisions).

iii) To respect the lawful rights of others to freedom of belief, freedom of speech or expression.

If anybody present at the meeting causes a disturbance, or acts in contravention of the Bye-Laws, the Chair may admonish the offender and expel them from the meeting. Action may also be taken against them under the Students' Union's or the University's disciplinary processes.

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