

# Student Council

**Additional Meeting - Monday 14 June 2021 6.00pm via Zoom**

## **Agenda**

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

### **2. Chair's Introduction**

### **3. QMSU Executive Officers' Update and Review of the Year**

1. Verbal updates on current issues and reflections on the past year from the Unions Executive Officers.

### **4. Ratification of Appointment of Additional External Trustees to the QMSU Board of Trustees**

1. The Union's Democracy Review completed last year, increased the number of External Trustee places on the QMSU Board of Trustees from four to six, to balance the increases in the number of Sabbatical and Student Trustee positions.

The Board of Trustees established an Appointments Committee to oversee the appointment of the two additional Trustees, together with a third to fill a vacancy resulting from a resignation.

The Appointments Committee was established according to the Union's Articles of Association and was made up of the following members:

- **External Trustee:** Chris Mitchell (Chair)
- **Sabbatical Officer:** Cameron Storey (VP HSS)
- **University Nominee:** Sarah Cowls (Director of Student and Academic Services)
- **Two members appointed by Student Council:** Joe Vinson (Student Council Chair), Beatrix Andrews (Disabled and Specific Learning Difference Representative (Mile End) - *Beatrix was substituted by Charlotte Edgar (Commercial Services Officer) for the interviews*)

Having advertised, shortlisted and interviewed candidates, the Committee has appointed two new External Trustees (applications will be re-opened to fill the remaining vacancy).

The Union's Articles of Association require that these appointments must be ratified by a simple majority at a quorate meeting of Student Council.

Student Council are now asked to approve the appointment of the following as External Trustees of the Students' Union. The appointments will be for a period of four years, with the option of re-appointment for one further term of office.

The Appointments to be ratified are as follows:

**Hugh Murdoch** - Hugh lives in Tower Hamlets, is an ex-President and Trustee of Edinburgh University Students' Union, Having studied politics at Edinburgh, Hugh is also an alumnus of QMUL, where he gained a PGC in Community Organising. Hugh currently works as civil servant in the Ministry of Justice. and has previously worked as a community organiser with Citizens UK.

**Beth Watton** - Beth is a former resident of Tower Hamlets, and is a drama and theatre arts graduate of both Goldsmiths (BA) and QMUL (MA). Beth is Artistic Director of Poplar Union Arts and Community space. Beth is also experienced in fundraising, management and HR, and has previously worked as an academic department administrator at Goldsmith's University.

## **5. Bye-Law Changes**

1. *Possible changes to the BLSA Bye-Law and others resulting from the BLSA review of effectiveness and representation (subject to completion in time for the meeting).*

## **6. AOB**

**Date of Next Meeting:** Dates of meetings for 2021-22 will be announced in the summer.