

Student Council

Tuesday 7 March 2023 6.00pm to be held online via Zoom

Draft Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies

Members are reminded:

- *The meeting will be recorded and also live streamed.*
- *Please be respectful towards each other at all times.*
- *Please use the 'raise hand' function if you wish to speak during the meeting.*
- *Please remember to keep yourself muted during the meeting, unless asked to speak.*

2. Chair's Introduction

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Student Council are asked to note/approve the minutes of the last meeting of Student Council held on 7 February 2023. These will have been circulated in advance and will be taken as read.

4. Minutes from Sub-Committees *(appended at end)*

Minutes of the following Sub-Committee meetings have been added to the Council papers and will be taken as read. Members can then ask any questions to the relevant Chairs/members.

BLSA Board - 10 January 2023 and 9 February 2023

Club Sport Committee - none

HSS Board - none

Postgraduate Board - 13 February 2023

Science and Engineering Board - 26 January 2023

Societies Board - 8 February 2023

Sustainability Board - 23 January 2023

Volunteering Board - none

Welfare and Communities Board - 2 February 2023

5. Executive Officer Updates

As there was no February Scrutiny Panel meeting due to the exam period, the Executive Officers will be given the opportunity to give an extended verbal update on their work and take questions from members of Student Council and any other QMSU members present.

6. Bye-Law Changes

None at present

7. Motions

a) Should the Student Union become more sustainable by going 60% plant-based by 2024-25, with a 10% increase each year thereafter? (revised and re-presented after a non-quorate vote at the previous Council meeting)

Proposer: Keenal Shah

Seconder: Andrew Demetriou

What do you want?

Plant-Based Universities is a student-led campaign with over 40 active campaigns across the UK and international higher education institutes. Our goal at QMUL is to request the Student Union to act on the climate emergency by going 60% plant-based by the academic year 2024-25 at both the Mile End and Whitechapel campuses. We further propose a gradual increase of 10% in plant-based dishes annually, subject to financial feasibility determined by the Head of Commercial Operations at the Student Union.

This transition can be successfully implemented through small gradual changes. Some of the changes could include default plant-based milk used in barista-made drinks and replacing meat products with vegan meat alternatives and a greater variety of plant-based food options. Additionally, we could have slightly discounted prices for plant-based options, as this would incentivise students to make eco-conscious food purchases and help alleviate the cost-of-living situation affecting students. By making these gradual changes, we would be able to achieve our goal of having 60% plant-based food by the end of the academic year 2024-2025 and pave the way for a 10% incremental increase each year until financially feasible. This transition is viable with the support of Plant-Based Universities team and their partners, who would actively help the Student Union with many logistical aspects of the transition. This would include menu consultancy for budget-friendly food, menu carbon emissions counting and free training for chefs provided by the Forward Food program. Furthermore, the union could receive help from Plant-Based Health Professionals to ensure the food meets nutritional requirements and is allergy-friendly. There are many other organisations that would help with taste, affordability and nutrition. All these services would be offered free of cost. We are not demanding a ban on animal products from campus, but rather that our Student Union divests from these unsustainable industries.

Why do you want it?

We are dedicated to building a sustainable food system on campus to address the climate and nature emergency. As students of QMUL, we share the same values of dedication to environmental and social sustainability. It is there in the university's Environmental Sustainability Action Plan and in our commitment to improving access to fair food during this cost-of-living crisis. In the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan, Appendix 1, area 8 states that one of QMUL's long-term ambitions is to 'significantly increase our sustainable food and menu offerings'. This change is realistically achievable in the short term as seen by the University of Stirling. Given the urgency of the climate emergency, we should begin to implement these changes now rather than delaying them.

While we recognise this is a bold task, it is undeniably proportional to the severity of the climate and cost of living crises we are facing. We are asking our influential institutions to listen to the growing body of scientific research that highlights the necessity of transitioning towards a just and sustainable plant-based food system. Animal agriculture is currently second leading cause of all anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, and a plant-based food system can produce more food, with fewer emissions, whilst also increasing carbon drawdown. It can free up 76% of global farmland, much of which can be rewilded and restore our precious wildlife. It is inclusive of all faiths, beliefs and nutritional requirements. It helps tackle the climate crisis, the cost-of-living crisis, and it is truly sustainable for humans and the planet. Here are some examples of how the campaign is growing across the UK: The University of Stirling has agreed to become 50% plant-based by the end of the next academic year, and 100% plant-based by 2025. This February, the University of Cambridge's Student Union passed the motion to lobby and help food outlets in every college to go 100% plant based. King's College London has opened a plant-based café which has seen massive success in terms of profit. So has the University of West England, whose campus catering is already 51% plant based. London Metropolitan now has meat-free Mondays. The University of Exeter has removed red meat from all its campus outlets except one. Bournemouth University has lowered the prices of plant-based alternatives to meat and dairy. The list goes on, growing all the time.

This catering transition is an unprecedented opportunity for the Student Union to set an example of how to act on the climate and cost of living crisis. It will promote awareness around sustainability amongst all QMUL stakeholders and spark important discussions that we need to be having. Together, we can raise and spread awareness of climate change and the viable solutions that exist to tackle it. We can create an environment where students can actively engage in these important discussions and celebrate this beneficial shift.

What impact will this have?

A recent YouGov poll has shown that 55% of students in the UK would like to see more plant-based options in university outlets. This is no surprise considering that, in the UK, 2 million people now identify as vegan and seven million as vegetarian. Our goal is to shift the concept of a plant-based food system from something that was once considered unthinkable to something that is celebrated as a key solution to the climate and nature emergency.

The immediate impact on the student experience will be mixed, some will be very happy, and others will not be supportive of the change. However, the climate and cost of living crises are inextricably linked to a government that has failed to plan and mitigate disasters.

We have the opportunity to do better. This is a preventable problem, and the solution is one that has been massively stigmatised. But the hostility and resistance towards a plant-based food system is one that we can change and improve through collaborations with various organisations. For example, Plant-Based Universities work with ProVeg who can support menu design. Plant-Based Health Professionals ensure the nutritional adequacy of new menus. The Forward Food Program offers training to catering staff as well as climate footprint calculations and labelling for food items. Plant-Based Universities are also affiliated with cooking organisations such as BOSH!, Heura, and 'Made in Hackney', who provide cooking workshops/demonstrations on campus for students and staff, engaging them in the potential vibrancy, ease, and affordability of plant based cuisine.

While this may be a bold change at QMUL, we can draw from case studies across the UK which demonstrate the social and financial viability of such changes. For example, at University College London when transitioning to default plant milk, they used the classic 'Net Promoter Score' survey which found that more than 80% of responders were in favour of the change. Student activists also went around campus and conducted short interviews with students on their opinion of default plant milk and then created an Instagram reel as an accessible way to celebrate the change. Many other universities are receiving positive responses to making sustainable changes to their food and their students are learning about the importance.

Essentially, a plant-based food system will produce more food, with fewer emissions, whilst also increasing carbon drawdown. It can free up 76% of global farmland, much of which can be rewilded and restore our precious wildlife. It is a key to protecting the future of this planet for the next generations, securing essential resources, and ensuring the health of students and the earth.

In a cliché yet concise summary, we can be the change we *need* to see in the world.

b) Free Legal Guidance on name change for Trans Students

Proposer: Lola Pony (LGBT+ REP ME)

Seconder: tba

What do you want?

Free Legal Guidance for Trans Students that want to change their name, so they can obtain their Certificate Degree correctly.

Why do you want it?

To stop Administrative Violence towards Trans Students.

What will it achieve?

It will allow Trans Students to have legal proof of Education and live a fulfilling life.

c) Talk about Discrimination and Harassment

Proposer: Lola Pony (LGBT+ REP ME)

Secunder: tba

What do you want?

Mandatory Talk about Discrimination and Harassment to Student's Aggressors.

Why do you want it?

To teach students Equality and Diversity and stop Violence on Campus.

What will it achieve?

It will allow the LGBT+ Students to feel safe during

8. Policy Renewal

Policy Renewal

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The following policies are now due for review and may be lapsed, renewed or embedded: These have been discussed by the Executive Officers, who have made recommendations for each - Adi can lead on this and the Executive Officers can take any questions.

The following policies were due for review in February, and have been carried over as the meeting had become inquorate by the time they were due to be considered:

Policy	Recommendation
The Union should introduce a 'Big Green Box' online 'suggestion box' /concern reporting form	Renew
The Union should introduce sustainability training for all SU staff	Renew
The Union should introduce a new 'sustainability role' within society committees on a voluntary basis	Renew
All Queen Mary Students' Union staff should undertake suicide awareness training	Embed
The Union should recommend all staff and student officers to include their name pronunciation in their email signature	Embed
The Union should lobby the University to implement a long-term scheme to provide and distribute free menstrual products on campus	Renew

The following policies are due for review at this meeting:

Policy	Recommendation
The Union Should Discourage Staff and Students From Flying on Trips Associated With the Student's Union	Renew
The Students' Union should develop and offer a sustainable menu in all of its eating outlets.	Embed
The Students' Union should lobby the university to make all welfare provisions, including Advice and Counselling and DDS services, more accessible to students regardless of which campus they are on or which course they study	Renew

<p>The Students' Union should lobby schools to consider length of teaching recordings so as to ensure they are suitable for student learning and allow for regular breaks. This could include splitting recordings into shorter clips or adding timestamps to videos so students can more easily navigate content. However, any approach should be faculty specific and appropriate to their own students.</p>	<p>Renew</p>
<p>Should the SU provide accessibility guidance on events, campaigns and social media?</p>	<p>Renew</p>
<p>Should the SU lobby the university to introduce mandatory accessibility training for all staff?</p>	<p>Renew</p>
<p>Malta vs London Tuition Fees Flexibility Differences The Students' Union should lobby the University to allow Malta Students who are self-funding their tuition fees to pay in multiple instalments as allowed for London based students.</p>	<p>Renew</p>
<p>The Students' Union should lobby the university to reevaluate and publish a process for the suspension or cancellation of active courses that recognises the need for student as well as staff consultation when making such decisions.</p>	<p>Renew</p>
<p>The Union Should Broadly Endorse the Aims of the Green Charter, and Facilitate a Method of Direct Democracy in Working Towards its Full Implementation</p>	<p>Renew</p>
<p>The Students' Union should provide recycling in its facilities on all campuses (UK and international) and lobby the university to so the same.</p>	<p>Renew</p>

9. AOB

Student Council

Minutes

Tuesday 6 December 2022, 6.00 pm - Held via Zoom and livestreamed

Present

Azzah Abubacar, Chair of Student Council

Executive Committee:

Jojo Croft	VP Welfare
Saynab Sharif	Vice President Humanities and Social Sciences
Charlie Sellar	Vice President Barts and The London
Radhika Thiagarajan	Vice President Communities

Student Representatives and Part-time Officers

Amelie	Barone	Sustainability Officer (ME)
Matthew	Beach	Postgraduate Research Representative (HSS)
Elena	Erescov	Postgraduate Taught Representative (BL)
Kayatre	Giritharadas	Womens Representative (BL)
Shivin	Hassan	LGBT+ Representative (BL)
Kareemah	Jaigirdar	Allied Courses Representative
Ivy	Lee Jia Jia	International Representative (BL)
Annie	Mae Wright	VP Barts
Aisha	Qadi	International Representative (S&E)
Jumainah	Rahman	SMD Pre-Clinical Representative
Faizan	Sheikh	Disabled and Specific Learning Difference Representative (Mile End)
James	Tavener	SMD Clinical Representative
Sofia	Valdivielso	Volunteering Officer (ME)
Melody	Zhao	School of Law Representative
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In attendance:

Brad Coales	Secretary and Governance Adviser
Marianne Melsen	Student Voice and Insights Manager
Jak Curtis Rendall	Head of Communications and Marketing

Apologies

No apologies were received.

1.0 Chairs Welcome and Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 Chair's Introduction

The Chair reminded Members that the meeting was being recorded and live-streamed.

The Chair, following the amalgamation of the online poll and the vote taken at the previous Council meeting, confirmed the appointment of two new Council members to fill the vacant positions of Sports Officer (ME), and School of Geography Representative as follows:

- Alix Werner - School of Geography Representative
- Amelia Kramer - Sports Officer (ME)

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Meeting of Student Council held on 6 December 2022. The minutes were duly approved.

4.0 Minutes from Sub-Committees

Minutes from the following Sub-Committees had been included in the Council papers and were to be taken as read.

BLSA Board - 6 October 2022, 1 November 2022, 13 December 2022

Club Sport Committee - none

HSS Board - 4 October 2022

Postgraduate Board - 25 October 2022, 12 December 2022

Science and Engineering Board - none

Societies Board - 15 September 2022, 26 October 2022

Sustainability Board - 11 December 2022

Volunteering Board - none

Welfare and Communities Board - 11 October 2022, 8 November 2022

Members were invited to put any questions to the Chair's of the committees concerned, but none were asked.

5.0 Report from the Scrutiny Panel and Executive Officer Updates

As there was no January Scrutiny Panel meeting due to the exam period, the Executive Officers were given the opportunity to give an extended verbal update on their work and take questions from members of Student Council and any other QMSU members present.

Motions and Amendments

6. Byelaw Changes

There were no Bye-Law changes to be considered at this meeting.

7. Motions

a) **Should Queen Mary University's Student Union become more sustainable by transitioning to a 100% plant-based food system?**

Proposer: Keenal Shah

Seconder: Krishan Shukla

Keenal and Krishan shared the speech in favour of the motion and highlighted the key points.

MB asked whether Plant Based Universities were linked to Animal Rebellion, and Keenal confirmed that AR had financed PBU.

Keenal explained that the motion was not about trying to force anyone to become vegan, but it provided QM students with a chance to address climate change.

Krishan added that this was not a freedom of choice issue, as there would still be other outlets on campus which offered meat. If the motion was passed, QM would be the first union in London to do so. Financial concerns should not override the emergency. The policy could generate more customers as many students wanted to try a plant based diet, but were unsure where to start.

AQ spoke against the motion, saying that for it to apply to all outlets might be going too far; some students needed to include meat in the diet for medical reasons, and that Union outlets were a source of halal meat for meat eaters. Students who lived on campus might be more reluctant to change.

Keenal pointed out that not all meals were bought through Union outlets, and that many students who lived on campus used The Curve, which was a University outlet and it was only the Union that was being asked to transition at this time.

CS commented that the motion only mentioned Mile End, and asked whether it covered all campuses. Keenal explained that it focused on Mile End as a first step, as those associated with the campaign were largely based there.

CS said that whilst he understood the spirit of the motion, it did need to consider the financial implications as the profit from commercial services was a significant percentage of the Union's income. Therefore, if passed, the policy would have then to be considered by the Union's Board of Trustees.

JC commented that vegan and vegetarian products currently accounted for most of the leftovers from Union outlets.

Keenal explained that if students were educated about the issues, that could help. It was hard to predict how the policy might affect sales; they could increase in the longer term.

AS agreed that if passed, the policy would need to be considered by the Board of Trustees. The University's Zero Waste Shop was completely vegetarian/vegan but struggled with sales.

JT noted that the motion referenced the trial at Kings had involved a single venue, and also asked why push for 100% vegetarian/vegan outlets if less than 50% of students were vegetarian/vegan.

There was then some discussion concerning a possible amendment to the number of outlets and target dates. The Secretary stated that amendments made on the spur of the moment often made for bad policy, and that as no vote had yet been taken, the motion could be withdrawn and represented at the next meeting,

AS suggested that a review should be built into the time-scale.

AQ suggested that it should be piloted at one outlet first and the targets should be graduated.

AS added that he understood that around 50% of menu items were already vegetarian/vegan.

Keenal pointed out that the motion was asking for gradual change, but that the aim was to eventually reach 100%.

The Chair then called a break, whilst Keenal and Krishan decided whether they wanted to put the motion to a vote.

After the break, it was confirmed that the motion should be put to a vote as it stood.

Keenal summed-up by stating that the policy could be both incremental and profitable, and the target was to be 100% plant-based by 2025.

The matter was then put to a vote:

In Favour: 3

Against: 13

Abstain: 0

The motion was **not passed**.

There was then some confusion as to whether there were sufficient votes cast for the vote to be valid.

The Secretary would check the online voting record and confirm.

In the event, it turned out that at least two of the votes cast were invalid because the voter could not be properly identified and also the required threshold of 17 members (given the new appointments confirmed earlier) for the meeting to be quorate at the time of the vote had not been met.

The vote was therefore invalid, and the motion could be brought back to the next Student Council meeting (in amended form if desired).

8. Student Council Review

The purpose of this session was for Council Members to give their views on the effectiveness of Student Council, and to any make suggestions for changes or improvement. Members were asked to answer some online questions via Mentimeter, and to discuss some of their responses, with a view to considering how to improve the effectiveness of Student Council, and create greater engagement.

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As the meeting had now become inquorate, it was not possible to put the Executive Officers' recommendations on policy review to a vote, and so these would be carried over until the next meeting.

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There was no other business



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Minutes

BLSA Board Meeting 4

Date: 10/01/2023

Time: 18:30 – 20:30

Study Room

Meeting called by: Charlie Sellar

Scribe: Ali Rookes

1. Preliminary Items

Apologies

Rawand Shado (RS)
Ali Hammed (AH)
Kareemah Jaigirdir (KJ)
Amy Hickey (AmH)
Mohammed Zaid Jaweed (MZJ)
Amy Ng (AN)
Shivin Hassan (SH)

In Attendance

Charlie Sellar (CS), Ali Rookes (AR), Liam Nicholson (LN), Annie Mae Wright (AMW), Amelia Jones (AJ), Rahma Hegy (RH), Shirin Sadat Massroor (SSM), Jumainah Fardaus (JF), Sabir Saleh (SS), Kayatre Giritharadas (KG), Austin Iroegbu (AI), Ivy Lee Jia Jia (ILJJ), Kaye Tian Hoo (KTH), Eileen Lee Jia Huey (ELJH), Amaan Abbas (AA), Carl Evans (CE), Lauren Johnson (LJ), Rob Tucker (RT), Elena Erescov (EE), Eve Patrick-Troy (EPT), James Tavner (JT), Carl Evans (CE), Rahma Hegy (RH), Shirin Sadat Massroor (SSM), Christina Carrington (CC), Sarah Chan (SC), Janice Tan Sue Wei (JTSW), Elena Erescov (EE)

Did Not Respond



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Part One – Updates

1. President's Update

Met BMA Representative regarding Junior Doctor strike – no students will go on placement during strike.

We as BLSA support the strike and want the medical school to provide resources to assist students during the strike.

All other updates taken as read

2. Officer Updates

Taken as read

Reach up 5.9% on social media accounts

Part Two – Agenda

1. Discussion Point – BLSA Welfare returning to doing yearly SHAG calendars for charity with our sports clubs (AJ & RT)

Welfare is looking to bring back SHAG calendar – nearly nude calendar for charity. Has not happen for 3 years now. If anyone has issues, please email Welfare.

Will reach out to sports clubs in the coming future.

2. Volunteering Month in March (JTSW)

Volunteering month – March. Plan to organise volunteering activities, with different societies. Competition between groups for volunteering award. Working with Annie at QMSU.

Details being finalised, and then promotion.

Prize may be Association Funding, but still to be determined. Will be different from RAG Cup. Money to potentially enter societies account.

3. Griff Operations and Furniture (LN)

Bar Area

BLSA Garrod Presentation – progress of move to Garrod is going well. Furniture being sourced.

SILTA Table – concealed power is key benefit, in addition to being sturdy. High bar tables proposed.

PLAY Table – moveable, bar height, with stool.

KIN Bar Stool – SU bar area. 8x High Back Chairs and 34x Low Back Chairs.



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METER Bench – colour to be determined. Vinyl, and can be cleaned beneath.

CRATE DIVIDE – display area divider/shelving, fixed to the floor: trophies/memorabilia

Lounge Area – proposed sports area

SEDIR Modular Sofa – upholstered, spill-resistant, moveable, and comfortable: reconfiguring for
Tables

MAYZE MOTION sofa – not keen on these, too low to ground

CS: All furniture needs to be budget-friendly

Tables in this area are nothing special – more functional

Flip Top RCT Tables – moveable into storage area: dance floor

CS: These tables are sufficiently sturdy

THEO Chair – comfortable

AA: Where is storage?

CS: Corridor between Old Library and new Garrod Labs – part of corridor to be partitioned for storage
purposes.

AA: Trophy cabinet/display area?

CS: Likely acrylic, but still to be determined – cabinet is important in principle.

LJ: Low back stool safe in Tables?

LN: Leaning forward is more common, think danger is unlikely.

LN: Storage under Milton LT is unfortunately not feasible.

CS: Larger space, same capacity, but also licensing for Old Library. Reception area to have a mobile
bar.

AA: Colour scheme?

LN: Unknown. Interior designer yet to decide.

CS: Colour scheme comes later.

LN: It will not be blue and yellow.

CS: Interior still quite modern, but we've managed to get some concessions in response to concern.

LN: It may look quite sterile but will change in time.



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CS: Floor to be wood vinyl, like Griff Inn currently

AMW: Memorabilia will help also.

LN: Tables are sufficiently large to accommodate enough people. More chairs are likely to be purchased, currently money is an issue. The building will not be totally complete for at least two years, it will take time to be complete.

LN: Potential for pool table to be bought downstairs.

CS: Unfortunately, our current BLSA furniture is not future proof

CS: There will be sufficient space for people to move around tables easily – no concerns there.

CS: Seating concerns – it is the same capacity, but over a larger space. It has the same number of booths and improved high tables compared to the Griff. There will be more space, although there will be teething issues.

LN: Only 1/3 number of beer lines compared to Griff Inn – jugs of beer are unlikely. Tables may not be the same as it is currently. Things will be changing. Previously there were 15 lines, now there will be 5.

CS: Griff staff looking at how to implement this beer issue. Space is the problem here. Portable beer lines/taps are a possible solution.

LJ: People do not want Tables to change.

AA: Bottles are expensive already; people will not be happy.

CE: People are already upset about how long the beer queue is.

CS: We do not want Tables to change, it makes a lot of money for QMSU. We will try our best to ensure Tables is as similar as possible.

EPT: If it is not more expensive – cans/bottles should be the same price as a jug.

CS: Deals on drinks other than beer may be an option, as we cannot carry that beer capacity. Spirit deals will match the offer.

LN: We need to maintain our good behaviour. Spirit deals have been an issue in the past in terms of behaviour. Drapers does not have them either.

CS: Many variables remain – BLSA support would be helpful. We may have to wait until September to fix issues.

LN: Back entrance will be used for larger events.

CS: Study part of Garrod will be divided from SU part of Garrod.



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Old Library Furniture

TIER Dining Table – power sockets

PULMAN High Back Chairs – swivel and moveable

PLENUM Chair possible

HUBERT Chair

TRIO Stool – all around room

TON Chairs

A90 A-Frame Tables – moveable, powered

FourSure90 Stool – stackable

LN: Everything other than external seating is moveable.

CS: Grand piano is not moveable and is not being sold – BL Music require it.

AA: A-frame will be good for winter.

CS: Floor will have outlets, hence movable furniture

LJ: The furniture mismatches – the room might look strange. (CS: Good feedback)

AMW: Colour and style should match.

LN: THEO Chairs are more likely to be used in Old Library

CS: Chandelier lighting staying, lamps around joinery, room will also need to be configured for exams, although these will be relatively rare – perhaps MedEd intercalation. Stair entrance will not be removed, although there will be disabled access.

Second Floor

LN: Societies storeroom is large – crucial storage space. CS and LN are trying to retain offices as storage space. Game room layout not finalised, but will have microwave, kettle, games (JT: hot water dispenser may be preferable). Music/drama storeroom cannot be performed in. BLSA and SU officers will be implemented.

CS: Students will have access to running water.

CS: Tea point remains – structural wall so could not have been added to BLSA offices. A good incentive for people to run for BLSA Board. Meeting room is small but is not designed for large meeting. This officer could also be used for staff-student meetings.



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CS: Unlikely we will be trained to access storerooms, and we will try to negotiate with QMSU regarding more storage space.

LN: Request for beds for clinical skills still ongoing – a clinical skills room in the Garrod would be useful. The lift will be repaired.

CE: This would be good for BL.

LN: Staff common room to information learning space – but not confirmed. If not possible, we will push for storage.

LN: Multi-faith room details to be released soon.

CS: This is still on track to be finished by September.

CS: Unisex toilet walls will be floor to ceiling – they will be self-contained rooms.

LJ: Safety concerns regarding this?

CS: We may still assign these toilets by sex, especially for larger events. The compromise is that there will still be female only spaces on the 1st and 2nd floor – but the ground floor toilets will be gender neutral.

CE: People do seem worried about that. Tables especially. It is not ideal.

LN: It is likely that at Tables there will be an operational split in the toilets. Daytime operation compromise could be that there is an additional door. Removing open door.

LJ: Why not move unisex toilets upstairs?

CS: Ground floor is gender neutral as we have control over this area

RT: Non-negotiable thing from the building project manager – we must do this. We also tried to consult students. But unfortunately, we cannot change this.

KG: Confirm separate sex toilets for large events?

LJ: A female only space is important for many reasons, not just using the toilet.

CE: It should be separated toilets.

LJ: It is not solely at Tables; it is the entire time.

CE: The project manager should tell students of this decision due to pushback

CS: Feedback taken on board. Project Manager is keen on this, however. We did want gender neutral facilities regardless.

CS: We have reached the stage where we cannot change the designs. Operational changes are all we can do – hence the Tables separation solution.



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CE: People raised it and it has not been changed – this may concern people

JT: Female-only space?

CS: The solution proposed is that the female-only space is provided at large events, and when not, the upstairs toilets are always available.

RT: Meeting with Estates regarding this? A conversation regarding this would be useful.

Action Point – CS to meet Mike

Inclusive Griff Inn during daytime – covering beer taps, spirits not on display etc.

CC: Not being able to drink before 5pm is not ideal

CS: It will not be the same Griff before 5pm – we want to follow the Ground Café model, as this makes significant money. It is not set in stone either, special events will change the alcohol serving time.

AA: SubTV?

CS: They bring in a lot of money

AA: Was it wording or videos that were offensive?

RH: Largely videos but also the music – this has been raised by students

AA: Specific playlists from SubTV could be used.

4. Appointments to Honours Committee (CS)

Honours Committee – sifting through 265 applications for Blues and Colours, and only 5 of us doing it. We need more members, as a voluntary process. There are good awards available, and members get to decide.

AMW: Previously it was at least 3 Saturdays – it was very bad. This year, you read the applications before the meetings and make a preliminary decision. If all agreed, progress, but if not, vote. The first meeting is tomorrow.

CS: Preferably looking for two members of the BLSA Board. 12-4 tomorrow.

KG: I will do it

CS: Let me know if you are interested in joining.

5. Election Etiquette (CS)

End of January, elections will open. People may approach BLSA Board members for advice. Members are allowed to give information, and it must be fair and equitable. The same advice must be given to all who ask.



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BLSA Board members are not allowed to endorse campaigns, especially not their own role.

CS: Use your best judgement – do not use your BLSA Board position to endorse candidates.

LN: CS is right to make these rules, but we do not usually run into these kinds of problems. Just do not overstep the mark. Just do not use group chats to promote yourself – it is not okay or allowed. Keeping election fair is very important.

CS: A small personal, private group chat is okay, but not society group chats. Posters are okay.

LN: Post about elections will be up soon, with members email addresses – all advice given must be given to all and be equitable.

CS: Slates are not the same as a joint ticket.

6. Role Packs (CS)

All have received Role Packs from CS – these are the restructure and handover papers. Please fill out the packs. They should be a guide on how to do the job.

Aim to have them ready for elections, but by handover, they will be useful and complete. SPC and specific roles are the only people that have access to packs currently.

Part Three – Any Other Business (AOB)

1. Board Resignation (CS) – AH has decided to step down from role as Societies Officer this year. Next steps are looking for a replacement – potentially on BLSA social media channels.
2. Election Videos (LN) – tradition for BLSA Board members to release video about them and their roles.
3. Junior Doctors Strike (AR) – Put junior doctor protest information on social media.

Action Point (CS) – Announce BLSA supporting BMA Junior Doctors strike

4. Speciality fair on 4th of March (JT) – A careers fair essentially, talks and speakers. In person on Whitechapel campus. Help will be required to organised speakers and facilitate the day.
5. BLSA Member of the Month – AMW

Date of Next Meeting

09/02/2023

End of Meeting



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Minutes

BLSA Board Meeting 5

Date: 09/02/2023

Time: 18:30 – 20:30

Study Room

Meeting called by: Charlie Sellar

Scribe: Ali Rookes

1. Preliminary Items

Apologies

Rawand Shado (RS)
Ali Hammed (AH)
Kareemah Jaigirdir (KJ)
Amy Hickey (AmH)
Mohammed Zaid Jaweed (MZJ)

In Attendance

Charlie Sellar (CS), Ali Rookes (AR), Liam Nicholson (LN), Annie Mae Wright (AMW), Amelia Jones (AJ), Rahma Hegy (RH), Shirin Sadat Massroor (SSM), Jumainah Fardaus (JF), Sabir Saleh (SS), Kayatre Giritharadas (KG), Austin Iroegbu (AI), Ivy Lee Jia Jia (ILJJ), Kaye Tian Hoo (KTH), Eileen Lee Jia Huey (ELJH), Amaan Abbas (AA), Carl Evans (CE), Lauren Johnson (LJ), Rob Tucker (RT), Elena Erescov (EE), Eve Patrick-Troy (EPT), James Tavner (JT), Carl Evans (CE), Rahma Hegy (RH), Shirin Sadat Massroor (SSM), Christina Carrington (CC), Janice Tan Sue Wei (JTSW), Elena Erescov (EE), Sarah Chan (SC), Shivin Hassan (SH), Amy Ng (AN)

Did Not Respond



Part One – Updates

1. President's Update

Included in correspondence

2. Officer Updates

Included in correspondence

Part Two – Agenda

1. Should the BLSA ECCP be extended to students with employment? (JT)

A course rep has requested the BLSA discuss the addition of work arrangements into ECCP. With the current cost of living crisis and the ever-decreasing amounts given by SFE and NHS, many students are turning to part-time work to fund to live in London and complete their studies. Having an out firm on this can be very difficult as students will not be able to work Monday to Friday evening and will have to constantly pay to travel back to London on weekends to be able to earn money.

CS: Small number of ECCP places – this should be a wider University issue. Will pick up with Eliot and continue to talk to the medical school about it.

2. BLSA Staff President (CS)

Prof. Nick Lemoine has been our staff president for approx. 8 years now, and it is probably time that we move on and select a new Staff President from the Medical School or Beyond. To discuss whether this is appropriate, and to select a replacement.

He is stepping down as director of Barts Cancer Institute. New Staff President should have a strong link to Barts. The role has largely been honorary as of recent. It cannot be the Warden or the Dean.

JT: Do they require a hands-on approach?

CS: Not necessarily

RT: They could be more hands-on and be helpful to us.

CS: They might say no, but we can ask. Parveen Kumar is an option. We would also like to name a room in the Garrod after her – the Kumar Lounge.

LN: I admire Prof. Kumar, but this role can be used to get people on side with us. We could use the opportunity to get someone new in. Lesley Robson or Jo Martin are options.

CS: Jo Martin is currently Mark Caulfield's deputy, BL graduate and famous pathologist. She is very experienced and well celebrated – this is a good option.

JT: Prof. Eastern or Prof. Ulstead



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RT: Jo Martin was previously head of the Blizzard Institute.

JT: Prof. Druce – Dean for postgraduate education

CS: Do we want someone within the medical school? Someone more faculty wide would be preferable. Jo Martin is faculty wide. Prof. Kumar remains very popular however, and she has put such time and effort into the BLSA. But she is retired, despite retaining political sway. Do we want someone who sits within the University?

CE: We should only consider B/L graduates.

CS: Most of them in the past have been BL graduates. So far, we have: Jo Martin, Lesley Robson, Parveen Kumar, Graham Eastern, Ulstead and Jeeves. Any other suggestions? Let us narrow this down to three. The three most mentioned were Jo Martin, Lesley Robson and Parveen Kumar – priority order?

SH: Who will have the most time for BLSA?

CS: BLSA Staff President is largely honourable role, we cannot expect them to give us significant amounts of time. There is currently no maximum term, three years is probably fair.

Action Point – Set up pack regarding candidates (CS) and voting system (AA)

3. Position on SJT and new FPAS Regulations starting 2024/5 (CS)

New proposed system – removal of SJT and EPM in FPO allocation: coming into effect in 2024. There is no way for students to influence their allocation. The currently system is inequitable, but what they are replacing it with has its own issues. Students still rank their preferred choices, and a computer algorithm allocates places. We need an official stance and have been asked by the GMC to do this.

LN: Worried about BLSA releasing an official stance to students.

AA: Can our official position be this change should start from next year's intake?

JT: New allocation process – claims that 90% of students get their first choice, whereas that is much lower in the current system.

CS: This information is biased, as it is reliant on people behaving the same in both systems, which will not be the case.

LJ: UKFPO reasoning is spurious already, it seems like it is simply easier for them.

CS: There is evidence that students from disadvantaged backgrounds do suffer under the current system.

LN: I have worked hard to do well to choose the places I want to go – now this is not possible, 12 months before I am due to graduate, and now it is a random number generator. It is not fair to the people who are due to graduate. This is not a good solution. The released statistics are a warped perception, behaviours will change – these statistics are misleading.



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AA: BLSA should put out a statement and we should show data to the GMC. Some students would be happy with this change, whereas others will not.

CS: UKFPO are taking feedback from individual students and organisations such as ours. They previously reached out over intercalated degrees, but it was ignored.

JT: BMA Representatives have offered to do a talk regarding this for BL students.

CE: Perhaps we should say that there is a better system to be found. Ranking people on academic performance does not necessarily indicate someone will be a good doctor.

LJ: Do we know decision date?

CS: This academic year, but their timeline remains vague.

LN: Allocation within Deanery?

CS: Currently believe it will remain the same system.

SH: Ideally it would be implemented from new intake next year. Why are they rushing now?

CS: Consensus seems that it is not our place to have an opinion for/against this, but we should ask why this is being implemented so fast. Issues remain with the SJT.

Action Point – Form to give anonymous opinions on the matter (CS)

4. Support removal of less-used social media accounts (AA)

There are lots of Barts/BL/BLSA branded accounts on Instagram and other social media platforms. Many of these split a following base and make stuff hard to find. Would like to have a conversation with each account holder and see if it's needed/can be run consistently.

Many accounts share followers, and all these accounts potentially dilute our reach. Consolidating these accounts may be beneficial for us, particularly under our primary account. Election accounts should also be removed.

CS: Best practice from other universities – one main social media account. Individual representatives take over the main account, which increases engagement and is less confusing. I am for this change.

Action Point – Assess post engagement on different accounts (AA)

AMW: I agree that there are too many, and reach would improve if consolidated under one main account. But a post timetable may be necessary, as posting too much may cause important things to be missed. I also do not think RAG should be taken down. RAG is a society. Volunteering account is not strictly necessary.

CS: This could improve engagement in our Bulletins as well.

SH: LGBT+ account is catered towards specific people – these posts do not need to go to everyone necessarily.



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JT: There is a large amount of posting on the official BLSA page already. The next people in the posting roles may not be as organised as the current people and may be overloaded. Organisation is important.

LN: Take down the majority. Rename BLSA Sport to BLSA Activities – it has the highest reach of all the non-major accounts.

CS: This occurs across other universities.

CE: BLSA Sport has good engagement because everyone who does sport engages with it.

AA: Our QMSU equivalent accounts are run by full-time staff members. We should use QMSU staff more. Doing shared posts between accounts may be a good option. Having fewer accounts would streamline the posting process. Using QMSU-designed templates may be an option.

5. Support introduction of a social media officer (AA)

Make engagement officer role work closer with QMSU, deal more with branding issues (can be BLSA link to WeAreBL maybe). Social media officer helps with more day-to-day graphics, works closer with Faye, and can create templates for BLSA/student groups to use?

Moved to AOB

6. Approval of Scrutiny Panel (CS)

Approval of recommendations from Scrutiny Panel, and scrutiny of SPC members.

Approval passes unanimously.

SPC Scrutiny – refer to Officer Updates

LN – Commendation

RT and AJ – Commendation

RS – Informal warning

All others – satisfactory

7. Hustings Structure (CS)

Engagement of BLSA Hustings has always struggled, and QMSU are proposing a new structure. To discuss and approve the new structure for BLSA's Hustings, to take place in March.

BLSA election event has struggled with engagement in recent years. QMSU want our feedback on their proposed new structure – open evening-type event. Each role will have their own table, especially part-time roles. Senior position will also have a structured debate later in the evening.

LN: Unsure about engagement but cannot be worse than under the current system. Conversational atmosphere would be conducive to effective conversation.



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Action Point – Anonymous feedback form (CS)

Part Three – Any Other Business (AOB)

Elections (CS) – nominations are currently open, get in touch if thinking of running for a senior position

Whitechapel Library Hours

Event Sponsorship (CE) – form to be sent out to request sponsorship

Lanyards (CE) – talking to the medical schools about it. Likely to be enforced by Trusts – current best practice for different clinical year students to get different coloured lanyards. Shows different levels of clinical competency. Branding is the issue currently.

Medical Student ID (AA) – we should still push for this. Welfare risk for patients on the ward.

Date of Next Meeting

09/03/2023

End of Meeting

Postgraduate Board Meeting

13/02/23, 17:00 - 19:30, online (MS Teams)

Attendance

Present:

Radhika Thiagarajan (RT) - President Communities – Chair

Elena Erescov (EE) - Postgraduate Taught Representative (Barts and The London, BL)

Rawad Yehia (RY) - Postgraduate Taught Representative (Humanities and Social Sciences)

Eszter Zsisku (EZ) - Postgraduate Engagement Assistant

Apologies:

Matthew Beach (MB) - Postgraduate Research Representative (HSS)

Did not attend:

Gargeya "Grey" Sharma (GS) - Postgraduate Taught Representative (Science and Engineering)

Israfil Soyler (IS) - Postgraduate Research Representative (Science and Engineering)

Agenda item 1

- *Officer's Updates: Officers share what projects/ meetings they have been involved in since the last PG Board (12/12/22)*
- RT introduced options for new scrutiny (commendation / satisfaction/ censure/ no confidence) process and invited Reps to give their updates
- EE - Helped to organise social for BL new starters with EZ, unfortunately did not have attendees. Is planning a social for Barts Cancer Institute towards the summer. Has spoken to Course Reps already about this who are excited. Recently joined Teaching and Learning Committee, met professors for the institutes. Is eager to help with PGCG meetings and decisions going forward
- RY - Has been relaying comments of students to professors both in meetings and individually. At the beginning of this semester, received complaints from students re: scheduling and has spoken to professors about this. Some students voiced they did not feel understood by Advice and Counselling Service so has spoken to staff about this. Would like to plan a social event for students this term
- EZ provides MB's progress on his behalf :
 - Working on an event planned with RT for PGRs (Jack the Ripper Tour) and liaising re: possibility of childcare provision from the university for student parents.

- Also met with Jonathan Otter (Education Co-Ordinator) re: project updating the Education Manual for PGR-specific Student-Staff Liaison Committees. Will prepare this with Jonathan ahead of the spring board meetings within the Doctoral College and subsequently Education Quality and Standards Board.
 - Met with the Geography subject rep today for a catchup and will be sending subsequent emails to the other three HSS subject reps for a larger catchup to understand what is happening in their Schools/Institutes,
 - Is supporting the motion that he seconded for a stipend uplift for underfunded and unfunded PGRs. He has learned of additional issues with international students not being paid on time from international funders and is waiting on a survey to be sent from the Human Geography Subject Rep created by one of the Subject Reps in S&E to send to the entirety of the faculty to attempt to gather data on other students affected for RT's meeting later this month with Colin Grant.
- Officers vote on Commendation/ No confidence/ censure recommendation (see voting form below)
 - RT invites suggestions for the scrutiny panel from officers.
 - All officers voted satisfactory for present members
 - RT invites discussion on IS who has not yet attended any meetings. RT is concerned about the representation for S&E students. IS has not responded to emails from RT for updates, a welfare check has already been performed. EE suggests censure with a formal warning for IS to respond to RT regarding meetings. RT agrees on censure for IS. RY agrees also.
 - RT invites discussion on GS who attended the first board meeting (25/10/22) but has since disengaged. No welfare check has yet been performed, RT suggests this as the first step. EE and RY agree.
 - RY suggested recommendation for MB. RT agrees, as does EE.

Agenda item 2

- *Postgraduate Consultation Group (PGCG) Discussion: reviewing decisions made so far re: PGCG and deciding recruitment process*
- RT suggests postponing this due to MB absence, who has so far been very active in the decision making process. RY and EE agree
- **Action:** EE and RY to send availabilities to EZ for another meeting re: PGCG to be booked
- RY is available at any time for another PGCG meeting

AOB

- EZ shared message from Marianne Melsen re: officers booking 1-1 meeting with MM if they have anything they would like to discuss
- RY would like an update regarding QMUL SU disaffiliating from National Union of Students (NUS). RT confirmed QMUL SU has disaffiliated with them from political elements e.g. campaigns within NUS, but are still involved in things like staff training. RY wonders if other universities have also disaffiliated, RT confirmed and gave example of Warwick university
- RT mentioned election nominations and encouraged members to discuss any questions with her if they are thinking of running
- RY queried re: recommendation for VP Communities and details about this position. RY explained they are a PG student and would only complete their course in August/ September, when the VP role

is due to commence. RT explained that the role is flexible and there is a possibility for a late start for PG students to complete their dissertations before formally beginning in August/ September.

Actions

- **EE to collect availabilities from board members and book another meeting for PGCG discussion (Part 3)**

Scrutiny monitoring form

[Postgraduate Board; 13/02/2023]

Officer	Gave verbal update at meeting	Submitted written report	Action recommended	Agreed summary (only applicable for commendations, censures and no confidences)
Elena Erescov	Y	N	Satisfaction	
Rawad Yehia	Y	N	Satisfaction	
Matthew Beach	N	Y	Commendation	Commendation recommended due to MB's high level of engagement with Subject Reps, collaboration on Jack the Ripper social event for PGs and work on PG specific policies for Student-Staff Liaison Committees.
Gargeya "Grey" Sharma	N	N	Satisfaction *Request for welfare check	Request for welfare check based on GS's initial engagement with PG Board but subsequent lack of attendance/ sending written updates to boards 2 and 3.
Israfil Soyler	N	N	Censure	Censure for IS recommended based on their lack of attendance to any PG Board meetings this academic year and a welfare check already being performed. Board members were concerned about the lack of representation for S&E students.

Voting record [delete if no votes were taken]

	Vote 1 [Censure for IS]	Vote 2 [Welfare check for GS]	Vote 3 - commenda tion for MB		<i>Add more columns if necessary</i>
RT	Yes	Yes	Yes		
EE	Yes	Yes	Yes		
RY	Yes	Yes	Yes		
<i>Add more rows if necessary</i>					

S&E Board

26th Jan 2023, 17:30, MS Teams

Attendance

Present:

- Muneer Hussain, VP SE, (MH)
- Jais Dargan, EECS Rep
- Israfil Soyler, PGR Rep (S&E)
- Al-Habib Mraish, SPCS Rep
- Aisha Qadi, International Rep (S&E)
- Yugesh Sundharam, SEMS Rep

Apologies:

- None provided due to short notice.

Office Reports

MH:

- Working on wellbeing for life module, establishing staff to write up the content.
- PGR Pathway project, data appears to be supporting Muneer's work.
- Jan exams, a recent issue that MH has been working on.

AQ:

- Having a meeting with Academic Skills about supporting students with Y1-2 transition.
- Working on other projects for international S&E students.

AHM:

- Working on module issues, and has been gathering feedback via short surveys, and taking feedback to the School and SSO.
- Planning to gather feedback this week about Jan examinations.
- Planning to run a school forum, but is struggling with responses and timetable clashes.

IS:

- Not many issues have been brought up.
- Some issues relating to the PhD Hub in SEMS.

JD:

- Working with the careers consultant, looking to run a careers event for international students. In the coming months will be running an event.

January Assessments

- MH outlines the need for quantitative feedback on assessments and asks PTOs for support in promoting of data collection and their feedback.
- AQ raises concerns from prior role experience, including 'inclusive by design'.
- AHM, offers to include a question about 'inclusive by design' in upcoming data collection.
- Lots of students changing their module choice based on assessments style, board discusses.

AOB

- None raised.

Voting record [delete if no votes were taken]

	Vote 1 [specify the motion that was voted on]	Vote 2 [specify the motion that was voted on]			<i>Add more columns if necessary</i>
Rep name 1, Rep position 1	For/Against/Ab stain [delete as appropriate]	For/Against/Ab stain [delete as appropriate]			
Rep name 2, Rep position 2	For/Against/Ab stain [delete as appropriate]	For/Against/Ab stain [delete as appropriate]			
<i>Add more rows if necessary</i>					

**Scrutiny monitoring form
Science and Engineering Board**

Officer	Gave verbal update at meeting	Submitted written report	Action recommended	Agreed summary (only applicable for commendations, censures and no confidences)
Aisha Qadi	Yes	No	Nil	
Muneer Hussain	Yes	No	Nil	
Jais Dargan	Yes	No	Nil	
Israfil Soyler	Yes	No	Nil	
Al-Habib Mraish	Yes	No	Nil	
Lahmia Hoque	No	No	Nil	
Yunus Khan	No	No	Nil	
Gargeya (Grey) Sharma	No	No	Nil	
Roulian Zelo	No	No	Nil	

Societies Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday 8th February 2023, Microsoft Teams, 17:30 – 20:30

Agenda

Welcome and Apologies
SU- Elections
Societies Officers Updates
New Society Applications
Societies Development Fund Applications
Any Other Business

Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present:

2. SU – Elections (Amie)

3. Societies Officers Updates

4. New Society Applications

Please see separate document for new society applications.

5. Societies Development Fund Applications

Please see separate document for grant funding applications.

6. Any Other Business

Round four opens Friday 11th February, and closes 12pm, Friday 25th March. The next Society Board meeting is set to happen 8th April.

Sustainability Board

Monday 23rd January 2023, 6:00-7:00pm, MS Teams

Attendance

Present:

- Amelie Anh Barone (Mile End) – [AB] **Chair**
- Leilani Van Someren, Mile End Sustainability Representative – LS

Apologies:

- N/A

In attendance:

- Zoe Sturgess – Sustainability Coordinator – ZS
- Joanna Croft - JC
- Adrien Dulac - AD
- Adi Sawalha - AS

Agenda item 1 – Welcome and introductions

- AB opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.
- Introduced everyone to new attendees

Agenda item 2 – Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

- AB gave a brief overview of the minutes from the previous meeting
- AB - Ran through minutes from the last meeting to update everyone – FFF, projects and Green Week
- AB explained proposal to invest in Re-usable cups
- AB proposal from last meeting – new website

Agenda item 3 - Updates from sustainability officers

- AB ran through updates – including FFF workshops – informed everyone that this will be postponed for a later date – but clothes swap will hopefully go through
- AB – started canal clean-ups again – going well so far – will happen once every 2 weeks
- AB – updates on Leilani's poster for recycling

Agenda item 4 – FFF workshop

- AB – has been cancelled due to no response – but will be rescheduled

Agenda item 5 – Green Week and SU updates

- ZS ran through the outline for Green Week – events planned for most dates
- Prompted submissions to the Vegan Recipe book
- Updated on the recycling initiatives on campus – will discuss LS poster with them and see how it may be able to fit in there
- Updated on Canal clean-ups – will be looking into doing some canoeing canal clean-ups in the spring

AOB

- JC – vote for an answer to a question with their cigarette butts – something to put into place next to the canal? - sent link in the chat
- AB – Re-use fair – collaborate with SCAPE – to see if they can give their stuff away or even food and clothes that were usable – has seen these kinds of items
- ZS- food banks can be an option to tackle this – definitely an option
- AD – discussed stationary donations – not aware of Re-use scheme
- ZS – Updated everyone on Re-use scheme – how this is going to work this year
- AB – wants more updates to students about the options available e.g., foodbanks and social media posts - need to make more visible
- AS – Updated on page going out about cost of living

Next meeting – ZS confirmed for 8th March 6-7pm, all happy with timings

Welfare and Communities Board

2/02/23 Online

Attendance

Elieen Lee Jia Huey: Disabled and SLD Representative (BL): ELJH

Austin Iroegbu: Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic Representative (BL): AI

Shivin Hassan LGBT+ Representative (BL): SH

Faizan Sheikh: Disabled and SLD Representative (ME): FS

Robert Tucker: Welfare Officer (BL): RT

Kayatre Giritharadas: Womens Officer (BL): KG

Jojo Croft: VP Welfare (Co-chair): JC

Radhika Thiagarajan: VP Communities (Co-Chair): RadT

Apologies:

- Aisha Qadi: International Rep (S and E)

In attendance:

- Ruth Truscott Welfare and Liberation Coordinator (RLT)

General Liberation Fund

Request from Jewish and Israel Society.

See vote record below, approved.

Welfare and Communities Updates

- Austin BL BAME: Obtained disposable hijabs. Drafted BAME motion to present at BAME conference. Policy on Standardization of hijabs. Working with REAG on curriculum changes.
- Elieen BL SLD and Disabled: Organised deaf awareness training for DAF and organised another event for DAF as well as gave out free coloured overlays. Supported members of community. Working on a talk which will be on women's disability. Planning to design a planner for SLD students
- Faizan ME SLD and Disabled: Working on improving lecture recordings currently aiming to adapt current used software GLEAM. Working with director of education to make software more available. Also working to gather feedback in a more expansive capacity.
- Ivy, BL International Rep: Organised an international tour. Collaborated on a motion on international fees for AMM, passed by Student Council. Organised an international week with giveaways. Working on a info pack for international students.

- Robert, BL Welfare Officer: Started BL LGBTQ+ staff group. Working to organise SHAG and Consent week. Have been inputting in COL bursary. Have got a fund for widening participation project and research. BL families at the start of the year.
- Shivin BL LGBT+ Rep: Freedom charter has been signed by medical school. From talk organised about Queer Muslims there is now a queer Muslim community. Organised Red Run. Organising a Rethink mental illness are giving a talk for LGBTQ+ History Month.
- Kay BL Women+ Rep: Finalised women's week in Barts: 1st-5th May. Currently looking into a speaker, brainstormed IWD with BLSA president.
- Those present have been put forward to receive commendations by Student Council

Exec Updates

- JC Updates: Has been working on food pantry which is in a cupboard to the right of reception. Promoting Russel Group UCL survey on Cost-of-Living aiming to create a report from this. Study Well project has been completed. Reform faith forum, survey on faith spaces.
- RadT: Hosted a clothes and books giveaway on 2/2/23 which 140 students attended. Working on setting up a QMSU nightline. Working with international reps and students on finances and fees etc. Lobby university to provide financial support. Trying to get an emergency cash pot set up.

AOB

- RLT reminded reps of elections

Voting record

	Fund Jsoc Liberation Fund Request
AI: BAME Rep (BL)	For
ELJH: Disabled and SLD Rep (BL)	For
FS: Disabled and SLD Rep (ME)	For
SH: LGBT+ Rep (BL)	For
RT: Welfare Officer (BL)	For
KG: Womens Rep (BL)	For
JC: VP Welfare	For
RadT: VP Comunities	For

Scrutiny monitoring form

Welfare and Communities Board 2/2/23

Officer	Gave verbal update at meeting	Submitted written report	Action recommended	Agreed summary (only applicable for commendations, censures and no confidences)
BAME Representative (BL) Austin Iroegbu	Y	N	Commendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtained disposable hijabs • Drafted BAME motion to present at BAME conference • Policy on Standardization of hijabs. • Working with REAG on curriculum changes.
BAME Representative (ME) Taiye Ajao	N	N	Satisfaction	
Disabled and Specific Learning Difference Representative (BL) Eileen Jia Huey Lee	Y	N	Commendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organised deaf awareness training for DAF and organised another event for DAF as well as gave out free coloured overlays. • Supported members of community. • Working on a talk which will be on women's disability, • Planning to design a planner for SLD students

Disabled and Specific Learning Difference Representative (Mile End) Faizan Sheikh	Y	N	Commendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on improving lecture recordings currently aiming to adapt current used software GLEAM. Working with director of education to make software more available. Also working to gather feedback in a more expansive capacity.
International Representative (BL) Ivy Lee Jia Jia Kaye Tian Hoo	Y	N]	Commendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organised an international tour. Collaborated on a motion on international fees for AMM, passed by Student Council. Organised an international week with giveaways. Working on an info pack for international students.
International Representative (HSS) Amir Khalid Qazi	N	N	Satisfaction	
International Representative (S&E) Aisha Qadi	N	Y	Satisfaction	<p>Been working with Academic skills on a podcast project for DDS student</p> <p>Resources page for both DDS and international students have also been in discussion and is in the planning process</p> <p>I have been discussing with academic skills as well to implement a workshop for first year students that are transitioning and progressing onto second year.</p> <p>Working with international careers on their "international week" happening this month in February</p> <p>Working creating videos as well as content (Asian snacks taste test) for Asian Heritage Month</p>

				Working on a project regarding Sem A exam and feedback by distributing a form, and getting more school reps and course reps to collect as much data as they can from students.
LGBT+ Representative (BL) Syeda Hassan	Y	N	Commendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freedom charter has been signed by medical school. From talk organised about Queer Muslims there is now a queer Muslim community. Organised Red Run. Organising a Rethink mental illness are giving a talk for LGBTQ+ History Month.
LGBT+ Representative (Mile End) Lola Pony	N	N	Satisfaction	
Welfare Officer (BL) Robert Tucker Amelia Jones	Y	N	Commendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Started BL LGBTQ+ staff group. Working to organise SHAG and Consent week. Have been inputting in COL bursary. Have got a fund for widening participation project and research. BL families at the start of the year.
Welfare Officer (HSS) Mikolaj Kowalewski	N	N	Satisfaction	
Welfare Officer (S&E) Yunus Khan	N	N	Satisfaction	
Womens Representative (BL) Kayatre Girtharadas	Y	N	Commendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalised women's week in Barts: 1st-5th May. Currently looking into a speaker,

				brainstormed IWD with BLSA president.
Womens Representative (Mile End) Aparna George	N	N	Satisfaction	