Welfare and Communities Board

05.10.23 Online 5:30-7:00

Attendance

Present:

* Matthew Beach, VP Communities, MB
* Jules Buet, LGBT+ Rep (Mile End), LB
* Ishani Nanda, Welfare Officer (S and E), IN
* Henriana Kombo Ngulia Iyongo, Welfare Officer ( S and E), HKNI
* Krishan Shukla, Disabled and Specific Learning Difference Representative (Mile End), KS
* Oleg A Bogachek, International Rep (S and E), OB
* Taehyun Choi, International Rep (BL), TC
* Tia DSouza, Welfare Rep (BL) TD
* Naz Ismail, Womens Rep (BL), NI
* Aliya Garraway, BAME Rep (Mile End), AG
* Evie Russell, Welfare Rep (BL), ER

Apologies:

* Tahmid Khan, VP Welfare, (TK)

In attendance:

* Ruth Truscott, Welfare and Liberation Officer (RLT)

Introductions

* MB carries out introductions

Terms of Reference

* Terms of Reference (ToR) were read by the board
* RLT received no alternations beforehand
* OB: Asked for clarifications why Welfare and Communities board was not held in person.
* RLT: Clarified, have online meetings at the moment, such as student council can have Malta reps, and to keep these spaces as inclusive as possible (Cost of Living is expensive to come in, not everyone can attend in person evening meetings.) We currently don’t have the set up for hybrid meetings. There can be changes suggested if board wants.
* There were no changes presented.
* Vote was held and ToR were passed.

Motion One

* JB introduces the motion: Stonewall is an LGBT rights organisation, have already contacted JB, JB is already doing a project on LGBT workplaces, offering a non-compulsory donations.
* MB opened the floor to questions or opposing views
* AG- had a question, would this be held online or in-person
* JB- aiming to have a hybrid event. Stonewall joining online for their presentation
* RLT notes that QMSU is a Charity and we would need to check with our RAG/ Volunteering coordinator on fundraising and rules.
* Vote was held. Motion was passed.

Motion Two

* JB: introduces motion, notes importance of Cost of Living crisis and the effects on trans+ individuals. Proposes clothes/items swap to support these students. People would bring items they no longer use to swap.
* OB: Notes doesn’t want to vote, on something that he feels doesn’t have a clear plan. Is concerned there isn’t enough trans people to donate items or to collect these items.
* JB: Clarifies that the event is aiming to open to all to trans students. Will plan thinking about it more, happy to go into more details
* MB: notes that motions should be an accessible form and often they don’t need to be an idea in its entirety. There is also someone in the SU team who has helped done this
* AG: Notes JB should connect with LGBT+ society on this to get their support. Shouldn't just be SU who promotes this.
* JB: clarifies is able to speak to LGBT+ society.
* IN: is support of this, also environmentally and economically friendly
* MB: Notes even if we don’t know the number of our trans population, there are many who are not out and we could help them too. It would be a mistake to be speculate about this with the amount of knowledge we have on trans students on campus
* Votes was held. Motions passed.

Scrutiny

* JB asked if NI has thought about trans women, NI using trans inclusive language. Using terms such as ‘all students’
* HKNI: informed NI of women’s café where they talk about different issues.
* JB put forward AG for commendation. Vote was held.

**VP Updates**

* TK updated via written updates
* MB gave updates:
* Sustainability, growing this work, met with new sustainability team. Attended sustainability board, working on subcommittees and work from this. Starting to look at student assistant funding and starting green Mary fair too.
* Implement an Ensleigh, aiming to get nightline provisional licence extended.
* Working on decolonisation project in term two, but keeping it threading through in liberation months such as a film screening currently being planned for BHM.
* Strengthening post-graduate representation, interviewing for Postgraduate interns, organising a drop in event for ground for PGR students. Met with coms team for redeveloping the way we work with PG students, working with doctoral college.
* Liberation Months- organising BHM, IAM and DAF. Organised a zine workshop and Film screening for BHM
* JB has a point on decolonisation, can share contact with MB.
* JB on sustainability has compost to share. MB to check with SU on logistics of this.

AOB

* RLT mentioned it is BHM, and board to check [www.qmsu.org.uk/bhm](http://www.qmsu.org.uk/bhm) for all our events
* RLT encouraged PTOs who haven’t had their intro meeting to book in with RLT.

Voting record [delete if no votes were taken]

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| Officer | Vote 1 To accept the Terms of Reference | Vote 2 To pass Motion No.1 (Stonewall talk) | Vote 3To pass Motion No.2 (Clothes Swap) | Vote 4To give Aliya commendation | *Add more columns if necessary* |
| BAME Rep- Aliya Garraway  | For | For | For | Abstain |  |
| VP Communities Matthew Beach | For | For | For | For |  |
| Disabled and Specific Learning Difference Representative (Mile End)- Krishan Shukla  | For | For | For | For |  |
| International Representative (BL) Taehyun Choi and Amelia Qistina Binti Ainul Hasniz | For | For | For | For |  |
| International Representative (S&E) Oleg A Bogachek | For | For | Against | For |  |
| LGBT+ Representative (Mile End) Jules Buet | For | For | For | For |  |
| Welfare Officer (BL) Evie Russell Tia DSouza | For | For | For | For |  |
| Welfare Officer (S&E) Henriana Kombo Nguila Iyongo Ishani Nanda | For | For | For | For |  |
| Womens Representative (BL) Naz Ismail | Abstian | For | For | For |  |