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 Standarization 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

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|  | 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 |