

# Executive Committee Notes

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

## Present

Shamima Akter, President (SA)  
 Mat Robathan, Vice President Barts and The London (MR)  
 Tiana Dinard-Samuel, Vice President Communities (TDS)  
 Jack Juckes, Vice President Welfare (JJ)  
 Aphrodite Liddington, Vice President Science & Engineering (AL)  
 Cameron Storey, Vice President Humanities & Social Sciences (CS)

## In attendance:

Alvin Ramsamy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (AR)  
 Annie Mitchell, Advocacy Manager (AM)

	Notes	Actions
1	<b>Aphrodite Update</b> <b>BHM</b> – this has started, students able to nominate Black Scientists, these will be showcased on her social and the S&E page. Did a blog for the University for People of Colour in leadership positions. Recorded videos with Tiana. <b>Course Rep</b> - inputted into the content for the training, what to have specific parts relevant to each faculty. <b>Open Day Presentation</b> – recorded this with all the Exec. <b>Welfare/ECs</b> – meeting University staff to talk about extenuating circumstances and welfare, as well as racist experiences in lectures	Initials
2	<b>Cameron Update</b> <b>School Rep Handbook</b> – this is being checked and should be ready to go out next week. <b>Employability Events</b> – discussed the range of events and workshops that will feature within this. <b>Project Doctorate</b> – discussed how to get societies more involved with the PG community, as well as inclusivity with sport. <b>VP HSS</b> - Had regular catch up with this staff member, discussed blended learning. <b>Race Equality Action Group</b> – sat on two of these, excited to see where these go next <b>Introductions</b> – ran two into meetings about the Students' Union.	
3	<b>Tiana Update</b> <b>Open Day</b> – recorded the video, which went well. <b>Project Doctorate</b> – was with Cameron in the meeting, has asked the Societies Team for more data on PG involvement in events. Have since met with staff to discuss the next steps of the project. <b>BHM</b> – recorded videos. Talked to students about their experiences. Will edit the videos herself. Met with staff to discuss marketing, finalizing designs and content. Helped put stickers and marketing around campus. <b>NUS</b> – met the VP HE with Aphrodite, discussed decolonizing the curriculum. <b>VP People, Culture &amp; Inclusion</b> – has a monthly meeting, discussed BHM, mentors for students, Senate and the definition of Antisemitism motion. <b>VP Research</b> – discussed pathways for BAME students. <b>Professional Capability Committee</b> - has her first hearing next week, so spending time preparing for it. <b>Islamophobia Awareness Month</b> – meeting societies to discuss the month <b>Developing Inclusive Curricula</b> – sat on the first working group for this	
4	<b>Jack Update</b> <b>SMD Student Support</b> – met them with the welfare rep, discussed team structure, capacity and linking up with welfare initiatives. Keen to support the substance abuse campaign Jack wants to run. <b>Financial Assistance Fund</b> – project going well	

	<p><b>Suicide Prevention</b> – discussed with DDS, Tower Hamlets running an initiative that we hopefully can get involved with and students can access.</p> <p><b>Student Support</b> – been supporting individual students with sensitive issues.</p> <p><b>November</b> – looking into getting this started.</p> <p><b>Student Staff</b> – wants to start a rewards scheme for them. Speaking to staff and the Commercial Services Officer.</p> <p><b>Consent Training</b> – working through the training on QM Plus as will provide feedback to the University. Jack will share with team in case anyone is able to review.</p>	
5	<p><b>Mat Update</b></p> <p><b>SMD EDI Steering Group</b> - discussed their work so far, looks like group is action orientated and are following up on that. These points were in the message they sent out after the murder of George Floyd.</p> <p><b>QMUL Reputational Group</b> – attended this.</p> <p><b>Report &amp; Support</b> – met and discussed about raising concerns about placements, will add a link to redirect where to raise these.</p> <p><b>Residences</b> - speaking with them on student safety concerns especially around Covid. Have raised with SMD.</p> <p><b>Blended Learning</b> – speaking with the SMD about this, SMD have adapted plans, which is more of challenge on the medical programme and number of students we have. Working on a survey about student experiences.</p> <p><b>Physician Association Students</b> - met with these students, it's a two year course and it has been extended to either February or March, but not confirmed. This is an issue for students e.g. housing. Also, the way the programme runs has changed.</p>	
6	<p><b>Shamima Update</b></p> <p><b>Teaching Rooms Working Group</b> - was at this with Aphrodite and Cameron, the chair is leaving.</p> <p><b>QMUL Reputational Group</b> – attended this which looks at Alumni engagement.</p> <p><b>Joint Unions</b> – attended this meeting with AR</p> <p><b>Disclosure Training</b> – attended this training run by staff.</p> <p><b>Covid Meeting</b> – new regular meeting with senior University staff</p> <p><b>Act Campaign</b> - unpicking barriers to it launching so it can be launched, discussing with staff to go over details.</p> <p><b>Exec 121</b> – found them helpful to understand what is happening, how people are feeling and how she can help.</p> <p><b>Student Enquires</b> – lots of enquires, things like international fees and them being reduced. Will feed into the University and Principal about communications to students on these issues.</p> <p><b>PHD Students</b> – did a presentation with other Exec to these students. Also working on the end of year celebrations likely to be in place for graduation.</p>	
7	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	

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