

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 6th November 2020

Present

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

In attendance:

Alvin Ramsamy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (AR)
 Mike Wojcik, Chief Executive Officer (MW)

Apologies

Notes of the meeting

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1	Tiana Update Antisemitism Awareness Month – Met with Jsoc to discuss plan and get info to send to the Comms Teams. Uni of Sanctuary – went with Jack to meet to discuss the project to support asylum seeker studying. Has invited the VP People, Culture and inclusion Project Talk – went with Jack to this PG Celebration – with other Exec spoke at the graduation equivalent, did a live speech, some were well attended. ARCS – had the semester ARCS catch up with all of the Exec, discussed student feedback on appeals. Global Notice Board – met to discuss this project with Jack. MFC – met with other Exec and staff to discuss the closure of the HUB MFC due to behavioral issues and discuss a variety of ideas to open safely during lockdown. Unlikely to open during lockdown as ideas discussed not feasible and cannot ensure safety in the space. Unfortunately no other option. Exec discussed and agreed with approach, and said comms should be clear on when it will be open.	<i>Initials</i>
2	Cameron Update Employable Me – event went well. Learnt a lot from the first event, will make future ones more interactive and shorter. Caught up with alumni about lessons learnt from an event. PHD Campaign – met with organising group to discuss current situation Council – spoke to a research company working with the council on research of impact on Covid and areas for collaboration. PG Celebration – also attended and spoke to some of the celebrations, they went well. ARCS – asked if they'd had complaints about blending learning, but none had progressed to them yet. Schools – meeting with various schools and staff to go over new SSLC guidance and how to implement it. Want them to have some freedom in how they implement, which they were all receptive. Will raise with VP the need for more resource for schools to support SSLCs. Global Notice Board – safe space for life improvement, raise awareness about issues, outreach to donate. QM could have a page, including info on events and campaign. Thinking it would be good for Societies. Need to discuss practicalities and how it compliments website and not duplicates it. Will discuss with Communication team. Sustainability – met with SU staff and Law students about Invest for Change/Divestment. Went through the QMULs policy. Students will put forward a motion for the SU to actively campaign for this. May be beneficial to meet the new Finance Director when they start in December or January. Shamima can also raise at the Finance and Investment Committee.	

3	Aphrodite Update PG Campaign – Also attended with Cameron. Comments were sent on the DCGM paper. Complaint – Worked with University of complaint that had been raised Skills Module – the algorithm for peer reviewing wasn't working properly in SBCS so raised with IT and the head of the module to fix and looks like it has been sorted. Timetable – raised the issue on the short interval between end of semester and exams. PG Celebration – also went and spoke, some tech issues but went well. Operation Group – good to heard for student support officers in different schools. Discussed issued in certain schools, seemed to care about Student Voice. Online Exam Project – have this working group with Cameron.	
4	Jack Update Uni of Sanctuary – also attended, was promising to hear the different types of support that could be provided. Project Talk – also attended, productive will tie into the project about pairing students up. Advice and Counselling – met with senior staff there for a general catch up and raise specific feedback. E.g. issues EU students will face due to Brexit, and estranged students. Study Well – discussed plans for this with Union staff. Is on track for the soft launch on the 16 th . WONKHE – attended an event from the even on retention. Data has been shared and need to discuss what to do with it. ARCS – also attended Occupational Health – attended monthly review group meeting. Productive, they submit a quarterly report on all of their stats. Pushed them to respond to the negative feedback (red rating) and now they will respond to each of these in future reports. Movember – met with the student team and Uni staff to discuss what QMUL can do to support the campaign. Wellbeing Self-Referral – meeting with the sports staff about this.	
5	Mat Update BLSA Building – changing the one way system and looked at needs based on new collection service. Spaces – spent the week figuring out and communicating about spaces Consent Week – taking place Social Media – seen a bit of drop off, speaking to comms but may be a pattern across channels PG Virtual celebration – also attended and spoke, went well Rites of Passage – has been confirmed for the 19 th of July, need to speak with the University. Student Group – meeting with them to discuss activities over lockdown. Association Fund – setting dates, will do 4 funding rounds instead of 3 this year.	
6	Shamima Update AMM – met with Chair and Staff to discuss the date and a date has been set for the end of January. Catching Up – still catching up from AL, ACT – progress has been made, seen designs for the tool kit, will share with Exec. Hoping to launch soon NSS Taskforce – wants to take the survey that is being developed to the group. Director Of Student Service – had their regular catch up QMUL Commercial Strategy – fed into this with rest of the Exec	
7	Matters Arising Exec discussed position on face to face teaching and online resource, Exec decided to continue to support online and in person and lobby the Uni to provide adequate face to face provision and support for that provision.	

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