

# Executive Committee Notes

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## 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)  
 Mike Wojcik, Chief Executive Officer (MW)  
 Annie Mitchel, Advocacy Manager (AM)

## Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	<b>Mat Update</b> <b>Clinical Placements</b> - discussing issues on how these can go ahead for medical and dental students. Position ever changing with the NHS, wanting to ensure students have some sort of placement. Also chasing up vaccines and ensuring students going into these facilities are receiving them. <b>Work Opportunities</b> – Some hospitals, organisations such as 111 and vaccination centers, are keen to get medical students in for paid work. Also discussing with Barts Trust. Need to insure students are well informed and trained correctly. <b>Pre-Clinical Years</b> – some students concerned about coming into campus and doing face to face activities. Working with the medical schools about what can be done. <b>Testing</b> 123www- QMUL trying to move things around so that students can get tested when they are due in for their course, to avoid unnecessary travel. Students are also being advised to get tests local to them if possible. <b>Non-Clinical Courses</b> - looking how best to support them. Discussing library provision for those that need to come in. BLSA providing online and welfare services, such as Mummies and Daddies.	
2	<b>Aphrodite Update</b> <b>Online Exam Provider</b> – Had several meetings with potential suppliers in December, one more left. These are quite long as there are presentations and then Aphrodite has to submit a written evaluation. <b>Going for Gold</b> – Had introduction meetings about this with the Deputy Vice-Principal Education in December. <b>NSS</b> – several meetings regarding this in December across a few schools. Is aiming to meeting with each Head of School about this, so that her and school reps can a feedback the specific student feedback issues. <b>No Detriment</b> – a statement went out yesterday and meeting with VP Education later today. <b>Exam Policy</b> – EECS exam policy has been shortened to 3 hours which is inconsistent with other schools in S&E. So had to flag this and talk to students at quite short notice	
3	<b>Tiana Update</b> <b>Rent Strike</b> – Discussed the situation and strike itself and how we would move forward. Jack and Tiana are putting together a statement that will go out soon. The student campaign have been in touch and Shamima responded. Have arranged a meeting with the local MP Rushanara Ali. <b>Antisemitism Month</b> – Working with the Uni on Holocaust Remembrance Day. History society will be posting on Instagram for a takeover later this month. <b>LGBT+</b> - Planning for this continues. <b>REAG</b> – meeting to discuss the demands from the Diverselsh meeting.	

4	<p><b>Jack Update</b>  <b>Student Disciplinary</b> – attended quite a complex case. Hopefully will resolve the upset from students.  <b>New App</b> – met a founder of an app (UMii) which aims to help students connect. There is a free trial and if successful will see if the University will fund it.  <b>Rent Strike &amp; EC's</b> – working with Tiana and Aphrodite on these campaigns.  <b>BL Women's Rep</b> - met to discuss a project they want to work on, free menstrual products on campus. Doing some research then will take a proposal to the University.  <b>Talking Therapies</b> – met with Tower Hamlets about this project. Didn't have much uptake on the collaboration between Residences and TH on workshops, after lots of interest was shown. Will now open up to all students in QM who live in TH. Will embed some of the workshops into Study Well and Be Kind.</p>	
5	<p><b>Shamima Update</b>  <b>Student Issues</b> – been working on the key issues that are coming in from students No Detriment, Rent Strikes and Fees. Emailed Senior management about this and asking to ensure Exec are involved in decision making. A meeting has been put in for today, and regular drop ins with the Deans.  <b>No Detriment</b> – helped with the statement which has now been released.  <b>Rent Strike</b> - responded to the student campaign who emailed.  <b>National Letter</b> – worked on and signed a letter from Presidents across the country to the Education and Universities ministers about the dissatisfaction with the Governments approach to HE and students during Covid.</p>	

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