

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 11th September 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)
 Cameron Storey, Vice President Humanities & Social Sciences (CS)
 Aphrodite Liddington, Vice President Science & Engineering (AL)

In attendance:

Alvin Ramsamy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (AR)
 Mike Wojcik, Chief Executive Officer (MW)
 Annie Mitchel, Advocacy Manager (AM)

Apologies

Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Mat Update</p> <p>Email and event ticket information went out to new students this week.</p> <p>Events have been reviewed against new Government guidance. One has been cancelled – Laser Tag.</p> <p>Mummies & Daddies – allocations going out today, some events at the weekend outside. They'll all be sent quiz's they can do as a family in their own time. Quiz designed so they get to know each other. On Sunday for those who want to can meet up to go for a mail, or there is an option to meet online.</p> <p>Breakfast Pots – These will be available in the Griff Inn next week.</p> <p>Fitness Room – meeting next week to discuss how to open that.</p> <p>Freshers Fair – planning a digital equivalent of the BLSA fair on Wednesday. Also looking how to have pop up stands within the guidance, starting at the week of the first.</p> <p>Residences – move in's have begun, have had stalls outside halls. It has been quiet so far Giving out the guides there.</p>	<p><i>Initials</i></p>
2	<p>Cameron Update</p> <p>Step Ahead – organized by School of Business Management gave a welcome talk to 30 students. Main concerns were around events on campus, timetabling and sports. Has another session with them today where he is going to discuss.</p> <p>Course Rep – discussed how to change awards to better reflect contributions, so will work on that for when they are elected.</p> <p>Part Time Officer Training – all exec involved, went well.</p> <p>Alumni – Met with the HSS officer and the Employability project. Drafted 15 events for the year, they will help with speakers and promotion.</p> <p>SSLC – discussed how to make them more transparent. E.g. publicizing minutes.</p> <p>Volunteering Board – attended this.</p> <p>School Rep Handbook – nearly finished. School reps are asking for it, should be finished next week.</p> <p>PHD Extension Campaign – points were raised at the meeting; Uni have said they will cover the cost of VISA extensions for International Students other issues will be looked at on case by case basis.</p> <p>Societies Sustainability Training – sat in on this, thought it was good and could be re-worked for other groups/officers.</p> <p>Dean for International – Courses in Athens have been cancelled due to lack of students and resource.</p> <p>EDI – invited to the faculty meeting on this next week and are keen to work with the Union.</p> <p>Library Refurbishment – work delayed until Easter.</p>	

	<p>Blended Learning – received emails from students that they are getting mixed messages e.g. been told it's mixed, but their timetables are all digital. Will raise this next week in the meeting with SET.</p> <p>Strike Compensation – meeting with the University on how to distribute the funds.</p>	
3	<p>Aphrodite Update</p> <p>Safer Campuses Project – met with Mat and staff about this project. Will meet with security and raise issues formally. Will collect feedback from students on experiences on different campuses.</p> <p>PTO Training – time spent preparing for this and supporting deliver, enjoyed meeting everyone.</p> <p>Faculty Meeting – spoke about her priorities with relevant University staff. Interest from them on SSLCs, widening participation, sustainability and decolonizing the curriculum. Agreed to that the four of them would meet regularly.</p> <p>Appeals and EC Project – met with staff to go through. Went through three case studies. Will be reviewing QMUL policies and looking at policies in the sector to see if there is anything, we could do better. Specifically want to look at those with caring responsibilities, lack of equipment and impact of Covid. Will follow up with ARCs and Director Of Student Services.</p> <p>Online Exam Project – meeting to discuss this today.</p> <p>Study Well – meeting to discuss logistics for the anima encounters event. Budget is still unconfirmed for Study Well.</p>	
4	<p>Tiana Update</p> <p>Library Services – discussed Black History month, they are keen to collaborate and put them in touch with some Societies.</p> <p>Diverse-Ish – met with Decolonise Soc about their takeover of this campaign.</p> <p>Societies Board – sat on this board, had to leave before funding was discussed due to another meeting. Went well, board are engaged.</p> <p>Student Governors Training – All exec attended this on Wednesday,</p> <p>Disabled & SLD Rep – Meeting with the BL rep to discuss their ideas.</p> <p>Antisemitism – meeting with Jsoc to discuss the motion.</p> <p>Islamophobia Awareness Month – reached out to the Isocs to discuss this.</p> <p>Black History Month – had sign-ups for the video, reviewing this against new Government Covid guidance.</p> <p>University Sanctuary – Jack and Tiana discussed an initiative to make QMUL welcome to asylum seekers. Next meeting will go over actions on how to take this forward.</p>	
5	<p>Jack Update</p> <p>Enrollment – after raising with the University they are now opening re-enrollment for students doing late summer exams. Issues around the data and how that worked with student finance dates and the impact of that.</p> <p>Vice Principal – Had an introductory meeting with Phillipa Lloyd. Will look into potential partnerships with apps like Calm and Headspace.</p> <p>Student Bereavement Group – when a student dies these confidential meetings take place. Jack attends with a member of Union Senior Management.</p> <p>Venues Training – met with staff about training student staff on disclosures of sexual assault and harassment. Will sit in on the training.</p> <p>Accessibility Working Group – Disappointed on the amount of actions that have been carried forward, not sure it has the emphasis it needs. Positives that came from it were subtitling should be available for recorded lectures, but they have to be uploaded in a certain way. Issues were raised with issues on QM plus.</p> <p>Residences – had an introductory meeting with them. Talked about what covid measures in place, was re-assured that they have put a lot of work in it.</p> <p>Student Life Team – met with them to discuss the Buddy Scheme and report and support.</p> <p>Re-use Fair – taking place on Saturday and will be helping with that.</p> <p>BL Welfare Rep – meeting with them this afternoon.</p>	
6	<p>Shamima Update</p> <p>Intro To Finance – had this with the auditors, which was useful.</p> <p>Meta Compliance – attended a trial of this with other exec and staff.</p> <p>Joint Unions meeting – Return to campus was the main theme</p> <p>CEO Catch ups – CEO meets weekly to keep her up to date on the origination.</p> <p>Attended the same meetings and training the other Exec were at..</p>	
	<p>CEO Update</p> <p>Residences Strategy Group – no Union presence at the last meeting so need to meet before the next one.</p>	

	<p>Welcome and Covid –set up a regularly 30 min briefing meeting through welcome, in case issues arise or Government advice changes.</p> <p>Senior Executive Team – Orientation meeting taking place on Thursday, team working on some content for the slides.</p> <p>Library Vending – doesn't look like there will be a vending service the next few weeks. Working with the University as they want to change the length of the contract which causes complications. Keen to get this sorted so students have a service in there as the Learning Café is closed</p>	
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