

# Executive Committee Notes

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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** *[use initials instead of names for attendees]*

	Notes	Actions
1	<b>Shamima Update</b> Remuneration Panel – sitting on this today and spoke to the Academic Registrar can support the Union. Board Of Trustees – took place last night, will work with the Secretary on another induction/welcome session for them before the first proper meeting. The Budget was approved. The Print – had to reschedule an interview with them, but have been through the questions. Welcome Market – this went well from the Exec point of view, spoke to lots of students NSS – went to the taskforce with University staff, discussed how the results will be looked at locally at a school level. Cameron and Aphrodite will be involved for their faculties. Space Management and Capacity Group – has a new chair and the meeting went well. Chari supported the need of student consultation. The group looks at medium to long projects, so not so much covid issues. Senior Executive Presentation (SET) – had this with Union staff yesterday, went well. Student Council Chair – have a one to one with them. Enabling Plan – went through this plan which is supposed to be published, some parts look good but is still quite confusing, so work to be done	Initials
2	<b>Tiana Update</b> J Soc – met with them to go over the Antisemitism position, went through the previous policy and they are happy to use it. Also spoke working with the Uni to adapt the definition about Jewish holidays coming up and promoting on social media. Welcome Market – also though it was good and all of Exec being on campus and together. PG Students – doing a behind the scenes of the SU for Postgrads. Diversifying the Curriculum – met with the co-chair about how to approach the group. Will co-chair after the first one.	
3	<b>Aphrodite Update</b> External Speaker – had this meeting and went well. 3.1 Working Group – raised concerns about how ready modules are at this point of the year. Welcome Market – enjoyed talking to students and being with all the Exec. Have been speaking to students on social following it. Sustainability - Met with a curator at the national history museum, have asked advice on the Sustainability initiative with other Universities. New Labs – a project to make new labs has been delayed, leaks and damage to buildings due to August rains. Engineering Building – has been some issues with security of the infrastructure of the building. SET – thought the team did well presenting to SET. MP Rushanara Ali – meeting the MP today to discuss relevant exec priorities.	

4	<p><b>Cameron Update</b></p> <p>3.1 Working Group – also raised concerns around blended learning being mostly online learning. Senior University staff were surprised and are looking into.</p> <p>Business School – met the Head of, they are keen to involve students as much as they can.</p> <p>VP Education – had a catch up with them, raised issues with blended learning. Afterwards she contacted all programme directors instructing them to offer some sort of face to face learning experience. Will keep an eye on how this progresses. Also raised about Strike Compensation, salary savings will be going to a bursary to improve student experience as previously agreed. Cameron noted that compensation wouldn't be offered by the Uni so students who want that would have to go through the OIA.</p> <p>Inductions – spoke at some school inductions, answered questions on sports clubs and societies.</p> <p>Social – asked a question on Wednesday and got a good response, so will try Q&amp;As on Wednesday afternoons.</p> <p>EDI HSS Committee – will follow up on a report and the recommendations that were made. Raised concerns about blended learning again. Staff spoke about returning to campus.</p>	
5	<p><b>Mat Update</b></p> <p>Mile End – visited for the first time in his new role, nice to see everyone.</p> <p>Induction – had one for 1<sup>st</sup> year medics. Had some technical issues University hadn't got a large enough platform for the digital meeting. Have now sorted this on MSTeams. Did one in person induction in a seminar.</p> <p>BL Masks – these have arrived and will work with the team to release them.</p> <p>Mock Lectures – ran an event with someone pretending they were strict etc. then told students it was a joke.</p> <p>BL Welcome Fair – ran a digital fair to promote student groups and the BLSA. Went well, minimal tech issues and great attendance. 400 engaged and 6000 views on the website. Feedback is positive.</p>	
6	<p><b>Jack Update</b></p> <p>DDS – productive into meeting. They are already working on a suicide prevention plan and keen to work together. Jack will follow up.</p> <p>Financial Assistance Fund – working on this project, meeting with the University next week. Also spoken to the Commercial Services Officer to get student staff experience following issues with the CJRS.</p> <p>EDISG – attended this with other exec and staff, will work with the chair on a couple of the projects.</p> <p>QM Wellbeing Comms – feedback on this, spoke with a student about their issues with report and support.</p>	
7	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Online Lectures – one lecture was interrupted with BLM pictures, also issues with inappropriate comments and the chat being disruptive.</p> <p>Library Guide – History rep suggested a guide for this for new students. HSS reps are getting generally involved which is great.</p>	
	<p><b>CEO Update</b></p> <p>Campus space – will be a student consultation</p> <p>Trade Unions – will be looking to develop a recognition agreement with them.</p>	