

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 25th 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)
 Aphrodite Liddington, Vice President Science & Engineering (AL)

In attendance:

Alvin Ramsamy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (AR)
 Mike Wojcik, Chief Executive Officer (MW) (For first 30 minutes)
 Annie Mitchel, Advocacy Manager (AM)

Apologies

Cameron Storey, Vice President Humanities & Social Sciences (CS)

Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
	<p>Cameron Update (Sent in advance as on AL)</p> <p>3.1 – Will be involved in discussion about allowing students access to unused teaching rooms for study spaces.</p> <p>School Forums - Met with Union staff and Aphrodite to discuss how School Forums will function. Will add comments to the School Handbook.</p> <p>Student Enhanced Engagement Development project – attended first meeting of this and will look to involve students in development of educational programmes and pedagogical approaches. Cameron noted the importance about this piece of work being recognised on the HEAR transcript and that any interns need to be paid the London Living Wage.</p> <p>SSLC – presented support documents to EQSB and they were approved.</p> <p>1 SU Behind The Scenes - Recorded executive officer and postgraduate welcome content for this</p> <p>Academic Research - Met with the University and will work collaboratively with the IHSS in Semester B in holding and open event for students looking to get into academic research. Also, have been invited along with Tiana and Aphrodite to the HSS Faculty Forum later in the semester to discuss decolonizing the curriculum.</p> <p>Employability Project - Met with Union Comms team to discuss branding for this.</p> <p>Reports – Wrote updates for the Senate and Council Report.</p> <p>Q&A Wednesday - was popular this week.</p> <p>Lanyards - Spoke with Director of Student Services about the university proving the SU more lanyards due to increased demand.</p>	<p><i>Initials</i></p>
2	<p>Aphrodite Update</p> <p>Safety ON Campus – met to discuss this project and getting in contact with other campuses</p> <p>School Forum – attended this with Cameron</p> <p>Professional Capability Committee – attended training so that can cover these panels when needed.</p> <p>NSS – attended a meeting with the University on this, S&E schools have dropped places.</p> <p>Vice Principal Education - will arrange a meeting with the new VP about the threshold for research dissertations and either lowering it or abolishing it.</p> <p>Feedback - will be asking for students for feedback on blended learning with Cam, likely to be using our own comms channels e.g. social.</p> <p>PGR Campaign – met to discuss this with Cameron, will collect feedback on the lack of funding for PHD students in S&E, and expectations around teaching whilst studying. Will be launching an online campaign about the treatment of these students.</p>	

	<p>Zoom Behavior – met with the Uni to discuss how to tackle online behavior, like in the chat function, being distracting and inappropriate.</p> <p>Online Project Exam Board – this is taking place, still need students to be involved in this.</p>	
3	<p>Mat Update</p> <p>Global Health – looking at how the Union can support. The course needs to make a case why it should be re-instated and this needs to happen before November. A case has been put together, including an info on student experience. Also, will state how the NSS data should not be used to make this decision to stop the course. Whilst existing students will be able to finish there is concern about the effect of the course being disestablished. Would like a petition on the Union website which the exec agrees with.</p> <p>Estates Strategy Board – Attended this, discussed meeting with project leads so that he and Exec can understand them.</p> <p>Course Rep Training – attended this.</p> <p>Charterhouse/Griffin – met to discuss improving the spaces for students.</p> <p>EQSB – also attended this, group mostly discussed student behavior.</p> <p>SMD Exec Board – met with them. Discussed blended learning, believe expectations have been managed well within SMD, they've always known there would be issues with placements and space management, so communications have reflected the situation and intention. There was an issue though as this was not consistent with the central University communications.</p>	
4	<p>Tiana Update</p> <p>Commercial – went to the internal SU meeting to discuss Black History Month and how they can support or promote within.</p> <p>Welfare – Met with the Societies Officer to discuss welfare reps and student groups.</p> <p>BHM – met to discuss black owned business fair and that is being organized. Going through previous material and will speak to Comms about what needs to be ordered. Filming a video next week, still waiting for some students to get back about their availability.</p> <p>PPC – also attended this training and will be on a panel soon.</p> <p>SU Behind the Scenes – also filmed this with Cameron and spoke about Project Doctorate.</p> <p>Social – filmed some short clips promoting Union services, including the gym, Exec office which will go on social. Had positive feedback from students on these.</p> <p>Reports – writing updates for the University Council and Senate meetings.</p>	
5	<p>Jack Update</p> <p>Sexual Violence – had feedback from a student on what the University and Union are doing e.g. consent training, report and support, promo Will feed that to the University</p> <p>Commercial – attended this meeting, will compile the Exec thoughts and feedback on how to improve services.</p> <p>Welfare – attended this with Tiana, and discussed relevant projects such as improving the Financial Assistance Fund, which was useful as go their feedback.</p> <p>ULIP – met with the welfare rep from Paris. Discussed what they are both working on and how ULIP works. Some questions came up e.g. would they access Report and Support in the same way.</p> <p>3.7 – Attended the last meeting of this on student welcome.</p> <p>Student Workshops – supporting session on micro aggressions and racing concerns about placements. These are running throughout the year, think they are useful, had useful discussion and glad to be involved.</p> <p>Director of HR – met with them about the new Occupational Health provider. Wanted to know more about it due to issues last year. Wants to be more involved in the monitoring of the new service now that it is a contractor, HR will get back to him about this.</p> <p>Financial Assistance Fund – met with the University on this, they are keen to work with the Union on this, will now attend Monday meetings to review no standard application, to have student voice input. Raised the issues that students raised to him, such as no feedback process. Jack will work on this process this year.</p> <p>Student Services – Have an intro meeting with the Director and Head of DDS.</p>	
6	<p>Shamima Update</p> <p>Head of ACS – Did second round of interviews, and offer has been made, happy with the choice. Will confirm once able.</p> <p>VPs 121 – meeting with Exec every month to reflect on the month and look ahead.</p>	

	<p>Education Enabling Plan – been involved in the planning and scoping of that, a draft document had already been prepared, liaising with University on this.</p> <p>Finance and Investment – sat on this committee, raised the blended learning issue as a financial and reputational risk. Useful to come from this angle as student experience is being raised in other forums. Also raised about disproportionate international student experience.</p> <p>Director of Student Services- met with them, discussed Residences and University Council.</p> <p>WONKE – had the monthly catch up with the SU contact, was useful in gaining sector knowledge and outside perspective.</p> <p>PGR – writing a speech for the equivalent graduation celebration,</p>	
7	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Residences – discussed rumors of students leaving halls, will ask for an update and to check if students are being treated fairly in the process (e.g. refunds), as well as raise with University about improving the student experience.</p>	

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