Executive Committee Notes

Friday 16th December 2022

Present

Radhika Thiagarajan, Vice President Communities (RT) Muneer Hussain, Vice President Science & Engineering (MH) Jojo Croft, Vice President Welfare (JH) Charlie Sellar, Vice President Barts and The London (CS) Adi Sawalha, President (AS)

In attendance:

Alvin Ramsamy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (AR) Charlotte Kendrick, Deputy Managing Director (CK)

Apologies

Saynab Shariff, Vice President Humanities & Social Sciences (SS)

Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
	Saynab	
1	(Sent updates in advance due to meeting clash)	
	Disability Awareness Fortnight - ran a stall over 2 days in Mile End Library Square and BLSA speaking to students about their experience on accessibility in teaching and learning and looking at where the gaps are to support students. Also, giving away study related giveaways and promoting awareness of the DDS and how they can help with study support and exams.	
	Assessment and Feedback Development Group - develop the A&F practice further and how to effectively liaise this with the Assessment Sub-board of EQSB and providing recommendations.	
	Academic Misconduct Lobbying - mapping out the academic misconduct issues and how to start lobbying the university to support the backlog of cases and how students can be supported better in specific cases.	
	IT Services Demand Planning - looking at what IT is planning for the new year, and what input and student feedback there are around IT services.	
2	Charlie	
	BLSA Board - Chaired final BLSA Board of the term, where the board passed a vote for restructure, as well as official stances on BMA Strikes.	
	Education Awards - This week alongside the Faculty Execs and QMSU staff we began the organising of the Education Awards to be held in April.	
	Rare Diseases Day - Started organising, alongside SMD Staff, for a promotional filming day with students in January, for Rare Diseases Day, alongside the Medics4RareDiseases organisation.	
3	Jojo	
	Cost Of Living - Visited Co-op to collect some food to create a food pantry and to form a relationship and plans of how this can work moving forward.	
	Residential Strategy – Attended with Radhika, Adi and discussed plans to accommodate for the increased intake of students next year, family housing and how inflation will affect rent prices. The Students' Union objected to increasing the cost of rent.	

	Study Well - Held a stall for Study Well with different freebies to help with studying or to get a break from revision. Had lots of engagement from students.
	Muneer
4	Senate - Attended with Charlie and spoke for the Students' Union report agenda item. Appeals - Raised concerns around student appeals in the monthly Senior Executive Team meeting Queen Mary Academy - Met with Head of Education Programmes to discuss projects. Exams - Met with SPCS rep to advise on January exams for Physics and providing ongoing support. QM Plus - Raised student feedback points on QMPlus with IT.
	Radhika
	International Students - Met with the Director of Finance and the finance team to discuss the ways in which international students from countries with crisis can be supported. This included discussing, tuition fee support, bursaries, loans, instalments, emergency loans etc.
	Nightline - Met with Nightline Association to understand next steps of setting up the nightline.
5	Postgraduate Board - Attended postgraduate board where establishing a consultation group was discussed. The consultation group would be made of PGR and PGT elected reps and would provide recommendations to the executive officers. The idea of a Postgraduate executive officer was also discussed.
	Jewish Heritage Fortnight - Planned events and communications for ahead of January.
	Adi
6	SET - The exec had our monthly meeting with Senior members of the university, in which we discussed: International students' issues and concerns; student appeals and waiting times; and student spaces.
	Services Board – With Charlie attended the QMSU Services Board, which included receiving the annual audit report.
	Cost of Living – Had fortnightly catch-up with Jojo regards to the Students' Union's proactive organisation for Cost of Living, in which we reviewed our progress so far and planned our next steps.
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