

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 18th August 2023

Present

Serena Jabbar, President (SJ)
 Jovani Palnoni, Vice President Humanities & Social Sciences (JP)
 Tahmid Khan, Vice President Welfare (TK)
 Aisha Qadi, Vice President Science & Engineering (AQ)
 Matthew Beach, Vice President Communities (MB)

In attendance:

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

Apologies

Amaan Abbas, Vice President Barts and The London (AA)

Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Aisha</p> <p>Deans – Meeting faculty deans and education staff next week, will discuss marking and assessment.</p> <p>Qmotion – met with Students' Union staff about the campaign to expand the women's space. Looking at how to take to Estates as part of the 'sticky campus' project.</p> <p>Safety – met with relevant QM teams about women's safety on campus, discussing work around sexual violence and a survey on safety due to lack of data.</p>	
2	<p>Matthew</p> <p>Comms – had a few meetings about this and how best to communicate to students and communicate projects through Students' Union outlets and own social media. Discussed Postgraduate comms, what capacity the Students' Union had for this, what was already planned and milestones for Postgraduates that the Students' Union should note.</p> <p>Sustainability – looking at developing this area of work, funding opportunities, resource and reducing push back when discussing this theme.</p> <p>Black History Month – beginning to work on this and engaging the organising the committee. Looking at some event themes that came from feedback from committee and looking at a symposium Matt wants to organise if there is funding.</p>	
3	<p>Jovani</p> <p>Employability – been working with Aisha on this, planning on speaking to senior staff and have spoken with Careers who have given helpful feedback, will work with Students' Union staff on this.</p> <p>School Contacts – building relationships with school staff, will discuss this such as assessment and feedback.</p> <p>Induction Talk – did an intro to the Students' Union for a specific cohort of apprentice students.</p>	
4	<p>Serena</p> <p>NSS – was on the National Student Survey task force this week look at the results and how to make improvements. Also spoke about the Teaching Excellence Framework. Specific groups will be set up in each faculty to look at relevant results and any concerning results. Serena suggested faculty sab should be invited to those.</p> <p>UCU – met with other sabs from Sus to talk about this and impact on students.</p> <p>Cost of Living – looking at what other Universities are doing and starting to work on a comparison that demonstrates the good work other places are carrying out.</p>	

	Exec Catch Up – have finished first round of those with the team, great to hear about each other's projects.	
5	<p>UCU</p> <p>SJ and MB meeting with UCU next week, will discuss upcoming industrial action. Discussed collaborative work with Russell Group Sus, group supportive of drafting a statement on the issues and impact on student.</p>	SJ add exec to the google doc
6	<p>Muccis</p> <p>Have been asked to promote the new/refurbed space, and support the opening of it. CK updated on history of Commercial Service meeting between QMUL and the Students' Union, which hasn't taken place in over 9 months, and how the group was meant to be the forum for new developments to be proposed with transparent business cases and considering student feedback. Group discussed being involved at the development stage to ensure student needs and feedback are being considered. Will respond to discuss the space.</p>	
7	<p>Godward Square/Qmotion</p> <p>CK and other Students' Union staff met with heads of Estates, overall was a positive meeting focused around student experience. Did discuss the impact of work on Godward square and learns from previous work, estates are aiming to minimise impact of the works. Discussed the Qmotion expansion project that began before Covid, and how to begin to take this forward due to the positive impact of sport on fitness on student wellbeing. Follow up meetings will be arranged.</p>	

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