

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 2nd February 2024

Present

Aisha Qadi, Vice President Science & Engineering (AQ)
 Matthew Beach, Vice President Communities (MB)
 Amaan Abbas, Vice President Barts and The London (AA)
 Serena Jabbar, President (SJ)

In attendance:

Alvin Ramsamy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (AR)

Apologies

Jovani Palnoni, Vice President Humanities & Social Sciences (JP)
 Tahmid Khan, Vice President Welfare (TK)

Notes of the meeting

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	<p>Matt</p> <p>Liberation – Met with the Mile End BAME Rep, discussed an event they want to run, how to add Instagram handles to the PTO officer pages and potentially hand over the accounts similar to how it works with the Exec. Gathered their feedback to present to the central Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion team on running Race Equality Workshops. Chaired second Asian Heritage Month Organising Committee and fed back about my actions regarding finding Asian tea suppliers, used books, and working with societies to identify popular Asian tabletop games. Attended Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Steering Group.</p> <p>PGT – Hosted second Postgraduate Board and met with PGT students from the School of Physical and Chemical Sciences and School of Politics and International relations. Spoke about how to lobby the university for more PGT cohort days, and how to better the PGT experience for the next welcome period. Planned for Course Rep Conference with SU staff. Matt will be leading a session for PGT students to empower them to gather feedback in their Schools/Institute. Working on subsequent catchup with relevant QM leaders to identify key contacts for PGT experience. Also discussed with SU staff how to create an informal PGT experience working group.</p> <p>1 PGR – Hosted second Postgraduate Consultation group with PGRs from across Schools/Institutes and Faculties on the topic of teaching. Visited Blizzard Institute PGR cohort and spoke to them about their experiences and representation structure. Attended Doctoral College PGR Subject Rep forum and subsequently met with SU staff to scope remit of the SU for PGRs, subsequent plan to write 3-year PGR representation plan. Attended William Harvey Research Institute PGR symposium and spoke to PGRs about their experiences in the institute. Working with various internal representatives to draft feedback to present to the Director of Graduate Studies and work on getting them enmeshed in the wider PGR Subject Representative system. Presented first PGTips session in collaboration with the Doctoral College relaying information to PGRs about the representation system, what the SU is doing for them this year, ways they can get involved in the SU, and information about our upcoming elections. Presented to AI and Music PGRs in the School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science about the PGR Subject Representative structure and met with an internal rep about the experiences of the cohort.</p> <p>International – Met with Head of Disability and Dyslexia Service about a student issue regarding accessibility and housing, queried communication chain revisions between the service and the Residences teams. Spoke to President of the Mexican Society about drafting a document outlining their experiences as international students to potentially present to the university. Met with Aisha for our monthly international student experience catchup and spoke about the next International</p>	

	<p>Student Experience Working Group and request for it to be recorded due to concern with the accuracy of the minutes.</p> <p>Sustainability – Attended Sustainability Board and updated on his actions. Wrote blurb for Cabinet Cultures event and project for Climate Action Week. Wrote budget case for the Student Experience Directorate and confirmed funding for the materials. Met with SU staff to talk about the Sustainability in the Curriculum Network as well as access to allotments over terms 2 and 3. Began reviewing the sustainability Student Council policies assigned to me. Met with various stakeholders to talk about how to structure student feedback on sustainability matters and where the feedback should be directed across various university working groups.</p> <p>General – Attended January Welcome Fair and spoke to postgraduate students on the postgraduate stall. Started working with QMotion to plan concept of Execercise, getting active with the Executive Officers. Tentative plans to offer meditation and gardening sessions over terms 2 and 3. Attended dinner with Residential Services and spoke about various initiatives as well as gave them a tour of the renovated Garrod building on the Whitechapel campus. Fed back to IT services on their new website around design, navigation, and content flow.</p>	
2	<p>Serena</p> <p>Counselling - Working with the Director of Student Experience and Advice & Counselling on getting a counselling provision at our Bart's (Whitechapel) campus - to not only encourage but ensure students reach out and access support. Will be at the Garrod soon getting specific feedback from students to direct the directions we take when implementing.</p> <p>Student to Student Communication - Finalise the project planning of the “virtual influencer” with the University and will hopefully be piloting the initiative this month. It aims to create the platform for students to communicate to students - in a bid to break email fatigue and actually communicate to our students effectively.</p> <p>Ramadan - Meeting with different departments within the university to begin planning Ramadan provisions for Iftar and Eid – as we want to build a space to celebrate Ramadan on our campuses in the midst of studying.</p>	
3	<p>Aisha</p> <p>Course rep conference: Planning of the course rep conference this Saturday. Presenting on employability in the curriculum; and hoping to collect some qualitative data</p> <p>Degree apprentice PTO paper: Paper to propose adding a degree apprentice Part Time Officer has been finalised and sent to student council for 6th February</p> <p>ITL redesign meetings: Sat on several meetings of the ITL design stages. Action set by the board to include more school reps and course reps involved for the furniture picking</p>	
4	<p>Amaan</p> <p>Barts Health Trust – met with them to discuss pedestrianizing the road outside the Garrod</p> <p>BLSA Board – working with VPs to plan the annual events, e.g. doctors day, rites of passage etc.. Met with St Paul's to discuss Rites of Passage</p> <p>Barts Guild – met to discuss ways of working together for the rest of the year.</p>	

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