

# Executive Committee Notes

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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
	<p><b>Matt</b></p> <p>Postgraduates — Helped finalise and submit Centre for Public Engagement Large Grant for postgraduate bid-writing project. Met with Student Support Officer in Dentistry around postgraduate support, feedback, and engagement. Discussed plans for spring events for postgraduate taught and research students. Conducted introductory and project planning meeting with new Postgraduate Engagement Assistant and relayed plans for January postgraduate taught and research events in Dentistry as well as began planning around postgraduate communications.</p> <p>1 General — Attended residence tours of Floyer Hall and Dawson Hall and relayed feedback about aesthetics and student wellbeing as well as proposed ideas for hanging picture frames and changing paint. Will meet with ResLife in the next couple of weeks to discuss steps to take ideas forward. Attended away day meeting Westminster Students' Union all-day Thursday, with all our Executive Officers, and learned about their Student Unions' representation structures as well as how they're building postgraduate engagement. Revisited project plan to focus on identifying deliverables and timelines.</p> <p>Sustainability — Met with School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science Professor, his PhD student, and IHSS Environmental Futures Programme Director to discuss element of their curriculum around understanding moss on the ME campus.</p>	
	<p><b>Serena</b></p> <p>Queen Building – walked around the site with the University, discussed how to design/decorate student spaces, took some inspiration from Westminster Students' Union visit.</p> <p>2 QMSU Services Board – attended this week, discussed how our venues are performing and students experiences.</p> <p>Israel/Palestine – continued support meetings with relevant groups, supporting events to take place and raised specific issues about University staff with the Director of Student Services</p>	

3	<p><b>Jovani</b></p> <p>Islamophobia Awareness Month - Held meetings with Islamic Society (ISOC) on finalising the events that they want to do this month and how they could do so. Got feedback from students on IAM and how they'd like to change the branding and the messaging of the month.</p> <p>Sustainability - Will be a part of a Sustainability in the curriculum session with staff and have been working with them on his presentation on this.</p> <p>Prevent Policy - Conducted research on prevent policy/history of it at QMSU/Queen Mary Level and spoke to students/alumni about the problems students had with prevent.</p> <p>Complaints – supporting with a formal complaint related to Israel/Palestine, have finished and sending outcome today.</p>	
4	<p><b>Aisha</b></p> <p>Employability curriculum working group - Received approval and buy-in from relevant stakeholders to begin and initiate the employability curriculum working group, to work on the mapping process. Writing up the objectives of the meeting and membership to send to stakeholders before the pilot meeting starts</p> <p>Grammarly proposal - Working to propose an education subscription for Grammarly on campus. Discussed with IT team on how to take this forward and draft the proposal</p> <p>Fitness to practice hearing - Sat on a fitness to practice hearing, acting as the role of student representative within the panel</p>	
5	<p><b>Tahmid</b></p> <p>QMSU Services Board – attended with Serena</p> <p>Dawson and Floyer House – attended tour with Matthew and Amaan. Saw the kitchens but not the bedrooms which he needed to see.</p> <p>Expansion of the Food Pantry - worked with QMSU staff on the space, the design process for the new space can now start which QMUL are leading on. Discussions with Queen Mary on the design and the stocking of it next week</p> <p>Grad Funding – Reviewed the 522 applications for funding, most of the Executive Officers fed into the final decision. Due to the increase in demand and limited funding, have approached Queen Mary about increasing the funding. Also raised in the Cost of Living meetings with the Director of Student Services, and how this is likely to increase in the future.</p>	

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