Executive Committee Notes

Friday 6th October 2023

Present

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

Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	Matt Liberation – worked on room bookings, event information, and Liberation Fund applications for two Black History Month events: zine workshop and film screening. Chaired first Disability Awareness Fortnight and identified 3 clusters of planning activities: panel discussions, social activities, and web content. Chaired first Welfare and Communities board, which was well attended. Postgraduates – Spent much of the week on Postgraduate Research Student theme. Sent update/introductory message to incoming Postgraduate Research Student Faculty Representatives, conducted intro meeting, and accompanied them to in-person Part-Time Officer Training. Met with Doctoral College for the Representatives/VP Communities catch-up and discussed election engagement, School/Institute meetings with Reps, SYMPA email list servers, pastoral care for PGR Students, and raised issue about tech provisions in School of Engineering and Materials Science. The PGR drop-in event at Ground Café commenced and was well attended. Also sat on interviews for Postgraduate Engagement Assistant and presented to incoming PGR Students about the Students' Union. Sustainability – Met with Sustainability Officers for Mile End and Barts alongside Sustainability Coordinator, Head of Sustainability, and Director of Sustainability to discuss officer projects and planning for various sustainability working groups. Met with Students' Union staff to discuss plans for a Centre for Public Engagement Grant to fund student assistant role either for social media or a sustainability fair. Subsequently met with Centre for Public Engagement in an advice surgery to discuss how to approach the application. Also discussed with Students' Union staff upcoming student sustainability conference and attended a Sustainability in the Curriculum meeting with	
	interested academics and professional service staff across the university to speak about existing projects and begin brainstorming events for Sustainability Week. Serena University Council – attended the first one of the year with Tahmid. Introduced the Exec projects	
2	and priorities to members. Wellbeing & Mental Health Steering Group – the new 24/7 phone line for students was discussed,	
3	and Serena will be following up about more out of hours wellbeing provision for students. Tahmid	



Multi Faith Centre – continued working on the report that calls for more faith and contemplation space on campuses. Paper is near it's final stage.	
Financial Assistant Fund – continuing discussions on how to improve the process for students.	

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