

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 8th September 2023

Present

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

In attendance:

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

Apologies

Tahmid Khan, Vice President Welfare (TK)

Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Serena</p> <p>Residential Strategy Group – discussed potential of asbestos in buildings and if there would be safety concerns for students, was given assurance buildings are safe.</p> <p>J Soc – met with our Jewish Society and National Society (UJS) to discuss support for Jewish students on campus and their plans for the year. JSoc may focus on Jewish Engagement Week, a national campaign so will explore that further with them.</p> <p>Governance Training – attended with Amaan, is run by Advance HE with Wonkhe, was insightful. Helpful to discuss sector wide themes, and upcoming UCU industrial action.</p>	
2	<p>Matthew</p> <p>Black History Month – discussed a framework for events (one off talk, half-day workshop, full-day symposium) with 8 potential speakers with the Mile End BAME Rep. Progressing with planning some of these events and liaising with the organising committee. Reached out to the school of Drama about an Exhibition event that has been funded, and meeting with Students' Union staff about website content and redesign of the relevant pages.</p> <p>Nightline - Met with National org to ask for an extension of the provisional license, which should be ok. Will follow up with the QM Director of Student Experience to confirm their plans for support of this nature.</p> <p>Sustainability – Contacted Sustainable Darkroom about conducting a talk and/or workshop. Discussed funding this event with the HSS Environmental Futures Programme Director. Brainstormed ideas for longer term Students' Union/Queen Mary collaborative sustainability teaching and project space. Met with incoming student reps and discussed their projects and ideas for engaging students at the Welcome Fair.</p> <p>Postgraduates – Met with the Doctoral College, updated on BLSA representation on Postgraduate Board, PGR subject rep election timelines and communications, PGR consultation Group, PG engagement assistant recruitment and SYMPA mini project to list all PG listserv across schools/institutes. Also spoke about meeting functionality for PGR reps, the DC will contact incoming reps and Amaan for intros.</p>	

3	<p>Jovani</p> <p>EQSB – Attended with Amaan and Aisha. Updated on priorities for the year, all felt the meeting went well and Executive Officers were heavily involved in discussions.</p> <p>Careers – met with QM to discuss International Students Careers and support.</p> <p>Employability – met with QM, discussed involvement in their planning and strategy days. Will meet more of the team to help get his project started.</p> <p>Student Workers– looking at the data on students that work to help identify student support needs.</p>	
4	<p>Amaan</p> <p>Freshers Fortnight – Two successful events have taken place, ran by his VPs and staff. Tables also took place, however issues with the BLSA building have caused poor feedback. Amaan is following up.</p> <p>Garrod – updating students on progress of works, covering in welcome back talks. Discussing with the Students’ Union further social updates.</p> <p>Placements – working with the Vice Principal on some issues, including new uniform requirements.</p>	
5	<p>Aisha</p> <p>Assessment & feedback - Met with the faculty executives of S&E including the Dean of education to discuss the issues re: timeline and weightings, authentic assessments, EC, academic integrity, and how to improve performance monitoring between academic advisors and students due to poor engagement.</p> <p>Women’s welfare - First few drafts of the two project proposals on the women’s only space and Qmotion gym women’s section improvements has been done this week. The final draft will be ready next week to be sent for the first sticky campus meeting.</p> <p>Met with relevant QM team to discuss the content and details of starting the women’s safety survey by Students’ Union and what events/campaigns students would like to engage with when it comes to raising awareness. Will work with Students’ Union staff to collect enough data to send a report to QM. Also discussed speaking to security to be cautious about safety in welcome week with people re: people who are not QM students and entering during that week.</p> <p>Met with QM staff alongside Jovani on International & postgrad employability engagement, and how it can be improved. Will speak to Russell Group Students’ Unions regarding their strategies on employer engagement between international & postgraduate students and how QM can work on similar strategies.</p>	
6	<p>UCU</p> <p>Discussed the recent local and national announcements about industrial action and how to inform and support students. London Students’ Union’s have suggested a collaborative approach to data collection which Executive Officers will discuss further along with a potential student event about the strikes.</p>	