

# Executive Committee Notes

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Present

Adi Sawalha, President (AS)  
 Robert Leo Tucker, Vice President Barts and The London (RLT)  
 Radhika Thiagarajan, Vice President Communities (RT)  
 Muneer Hussain, Vice President Welfare (MH)  
 Bilge Kacmaz, Vice President Science & Engineering (BK)  
 Saynab Shariff, Vice President Humanities & Social Sciences (SS)

## In attendance:

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

## Apologies

## Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	<p><b>Muneer</b>                      Grad Fund – working on securing more funding so it can run in April and future years.                      Exams &amp; Assessments – looking at getting feedback on the January set from a welfare perspective                      James Place – met this charity that Advice and Counselling have partnered with to discuss how to promote their services to students.                      Gender Equality Action Group – attended this and discussed the Queen Mary Values.</p>	
2	<p><b>Adi</b>                      Reputation Steering Group – This University meeting took place and discussed risks across the faculties and plans to improve.                      Russell Group – met with other SUs, discussed strikes and funding.                      360s – All the Exec had their 360 feedback meetings                      Council - attended the Uni Council dinner.</p>	
3	<p><b>Rob</b>                      VP Health – met with this new SET memoir, discussed student engagement, branding and facilities.                      Election Debates – met with Union staff to discuss plan and format for election debates.                      Education Awards – Faculty VP’s finished categories, added PG positions and incorporating sustainability award into the event.                      Life Sciences – discussed the building and what students would need.                      United Hospitals MedGroup - working on the national conference this week for all five of our student union board members. Working toward creating a UH charity allowing for bigger things we can do in the future for our collective students</p>	
4	<p><b>Bilge</b>                      Festival of Education – planning meeting, went through agenda                      Student Issues – often asked for student opinions on very niche issues so suggested way to collect quick feedback from a variety of students e.g. joining 5 minutes before the start of lectures.                      360 Feedback – appreciated the process and feedback.</p>	
5	<p><b>Radhika</b>                      I.T. – asked about the Name Change policy and what is being done. They have a manual system in place available to Trans Students. Not available for other reasons.                      Residential Services Meeting – took place, feedback student concerns.                      Values Based engagement - attended this workstream with some Exec.                      Doctoral College – want us to promote the PGR course rep voting and elections more than we are.</p>	
	<b>Saynab</b>	

	<p>Attainment Gap – attended this group, discussed ways to break down the data to look at individual schools.</p> <p>Academic Panel – attended a misconduct panel. These are difficult in terms of welfare.</p> <p>SBM Building – attended the project group meeting. Being asked to sign off the consultation on behalf of the Students' Union.</p>	
6	<p><b>Grad Fund</b></p> <p>Is out of money, potentially able to use the Annual Fund. MH has nearly written the bid. Exec discussed how much and how long to bid for, as affects overall total of funding available. Agreed to bid for 3 years of funding.</p>	
7	<p><b>Commercial Services Committee</b></p> <p>Student staff have asked for this to take place, Rob or Adi will help chair to enable the meeting to take place. CK will organise the meeting.</p>	
8	<p><b>Energy Prices</b></p> <p>Discussed rising prices and impact on students especially those not on fixed rates or bills included contracts. May be more of an issue next winter, and may be unforeseen consequences. Discussed possibility of a hardship funds. Will bring it up at the next update meeting to see if QM have thought about it.</p>	

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