

# Executive Committee Notes

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2021

## Present

Shamima Akter, President (SA)  
 Mat Robathan, Vice President Barts and The London (MR)  
 Tiana Dinard-Samuel, Vice President Communities (TDS)  
 Jack Juckes, Vice President Welfare (SA)  
 Aphrodite Liddington, Vice President Science & Engineering (AL)  
 Cameron Storey, Vice President Humanities & Social Sciences (CS)

## In attendance:

Alvin Ramsamy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (AR)

## Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	<b>Mat Update</b> Covid Mitigation – continuing to work on this. More focus on Dentistry at a meeting this week. Discussing reaching out to medicine reps about feedback, university should be sending a draft questions set. Graduation – discussed with reps about events and Rites and Passage, keen to provide something and something for Allied Courses. Exploring outdoor spaces that would be allowable if covid measures are in place. Waiting for more info from the Government end of the month. VP Health – had a catch up with them BLSA Structure – review coming up, and will consult students soon. Elections – will promote relevant RON roles. United Hospitals Group – met to discuss student experiences and potential collaboration on things like events. Student Support – met to discuss those interrupting due to Covid and being told they are high risk. Is something affecting a small number of students, but interrupting can be quite costly. No support funds exist, so looking at approaching the NHS bursary and student finance to discuss. SHAG week – taking place over the next two weeks. Will be events such as a quiz and giveaways.	Initials
2	<b>Aphrodite Update</b> International Students – discussed time zone issues and ways to improve communications and student experience. Open Day – met with QMUL staff to discuss ideas for upcoming open days. S&E – lots of working groups e.g. Learning Environment, Student Success and Enabling Group. Looking at School and Course reps being involved in these. E-Learning – met the University to discuss this with Cameron. Seed Award – filmed the intro video about the award, the next video will be how to apply. LGBT+ History Month – working on the takeover day and event. An alumni will be coming to host. Government Policy – Exec and Union staff have started a group to digest the various policies and statements coming out, Aphrodite has been looking at the one from Gavin Williamson on cuts in London.	
3	<b>Jack Update</b> Professional Capability Committee – involved in a panel for this. 360 Feedback – all sabs had this week. Jack found it useful Rent – met with the student campaign and with the University later to progress. Exec discussed the issue around PG students not being given the discount and re-raising with the University. Mentoring – had the first meeting with external support. Accessibility Working Group – took place this week, some outstanding actions need to be prioritised. Part-time Officer – had catch-ups with some representatives Sexual and Gender-Based Violence – started the consultation on these, low take up on these however survey is being filled in.	

	<p>Access and Participation Plan – working on the student response to the OFS, discussing with Union staff.</p> <p>Umii – meeting the company today. Uptake hasn't been fantastic in the first week but has improved.</p>	
4	<p><b>Tiana Update</b></p> <p>PHDs in Pandemic – met to discuss the campaign</p> <p>Open Day – was at the same meeting</p> <p>360 – also found it useful.</p> <p>Elections – followed up on the Global Notice board and asked for this to be used in elections. Will be trialled for Exec candidates.</p> <p>External Speaker – met with the student group to discuss the decision made last week.</p> <p>Citizens UK – met to discuss how Tiana can be involved and what their interns to at QM. Also collaboration with the ACT campaign.</p> <p>Asian Heritage Month – planning this, looking at events, and putting together an action plan as a staff member is leaving.</p> <p>Communities Board – was good, everyone updated on their activities, lots going on.</p> <p>Joint Welfare Group – attended this, discussed covid mitigation and training for students on sexual violence.</p> <p>Public Engagement Leadership Forum – have this later about working with the community.</p> <p>LGBT History Month – been working on this. Working on the liberation funding and external speakers.</p>	
5	<p><b>Cameron Update</b></p> <p>PHDs – also met with the campaign. Working with Students' Union staff on the communications issue, using our own channels to message about the campaign and collect names of people not receiving our emails.</p> <p>Seed video – also filmed this</p> <p>Employable Me – created video, planned structure, submitted marketing requests. Helped one of the previous speakers with a comment on their LinkedIn.</p> <p>Mentoring – also had the support meeting</p> <p>Compliance with Consumer Law – had this meeting. Been set up to ensure comms being sent are in line with what is delivered.</p> <p>VP Group – attended that with senior Uni staff.</p> <p>Student Engagement Manager – discussed improving and cementing SSLCs within schools, and involving school reps. We will forward our weekly newsletter and they will promote</p> <p>Sustainability – discussed the ethical investment policy that was passed with Students' Union staff. The next step is to meet with the Chief Financial Officer to get a paper through the Queen Mary Senior Executive Team.</p> <p>HSS Schools – discussed localized measures for covid mitigations, have a tracker. Also discussed EC deadlines and communicating these.</p> <p>Elections – have been discussing with students.</p> <p>Modules Evaluation – discussing internally getting questions about sustainability on these.</p>	
6	<p><b>Shamima Update</b></p> <p>Deregistration – have raised these letters need re-wording, University is redrafting and will send this over to Shamima and Jack.</p> <p>360 Feedback – also had this and had follow-up meetings with the Exec</p> <p>VP People Culture and Inclusion – caught up, discussed January activity and Asian Heritage Month.</p> <p>Asian Heritage Month – attended an organising meeting, really enjoyed this. Have discussed with some students doing a webcast about identity and similar themes.</p> <p>WONKHE – had the monthly catch up with them, heard about national and sector-related issues and updated</p> <p>Finance Investment Committee – the new Chief Operating Officer is working on a combined digital and estates strategy and wants to consult students and staff before the next meeting in May.</p> <p>Board of Trustees – was also a pre-meet about finances for student trustees. Had a knowledge exchange session on the historic relationship with the University. Meeting took place Thursday evening.</p> <p>Space Management and Capacity Group – attended, discussed getting feedback on campus plans and how to do that best at this time, likely to go through current reps.</p> <p>University Council – had a meeting around feedback and re-appointing the Chair, could be a chance to feedback on the Chair and Principal.</p> <p>Elections – continuing to be a part of the working group</p> <p>Student Engagement - meeting one of the Deputy Vice Principals about the work she did last year.</p>	

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