

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 14th Jan 2022

Present

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

In attendance:

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

Notes of the meeting

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1	<p>Bilge</p> <p>NSS – spoke to the team organising promo and where donations will go to, as Queen Mary will donate an amount per complete survey. QM Plus – spoke to them about student feedback on the most used pages. SEMS – spoke to PHD students about heating issues in the building. This has now been raised with Queen Mary. PHD – spoke about other issues with the PHD Hub with VP Education such as health and safety in the building. Library Services – discussed how books, e-books, articles etc. can be searched for. Suggested what would be easier for Undergraduates and Postgraduates. The system may present barriers to larger changes, the Library team and looking at what can be done. SS fed back that since they've added Global & Local finding what is needed is difficult and renaming the tabs will not help. Audit & Risk – went through the agenda before with Students' Union staff. Discussed the Students' Union's financial position and stability.</p>	
2	<p>Rob</p> <p>SMD Student support interim head - Meeting with the new person and them lobbying so there is good access to student support over a large change over of staff. And co-ordinating student input into the way our university handles the law changes for COVID vaccinations for healthcare students. BL SHAG week - Helping facilitate this campaign, with campus STI testing, talks and a Griff charity quiz. SMD EDI structure - There is a large new ambitious structure and there initial priorities focus on staff issues. For their next meeting Rob will present on student structures this work can feed into, so more students are aware of EDI work such as the anti-racism steering committee (ARSC). Graduation – spoke the SMD ceremonies.</p>	
3	<p>Muneer</p> <p>Financial Assistance Fund – attended this meeting and now looking at applications from students. Residential Services – had our regular catch up, discussed Associate Student arrivals and integrating them on campus. Also discussed covid cases and student arrivals. Values Based Engagement - attended a workstream on this, there will be a World Café type event, in person and online. Will be around the Queen Mary values for staff and students about what the values mean to them, how Queen Mary embody these values and how they could do that more. NUS Liberation – with the Exec looked at NUS proposals to their liberation structure.</p>	
4	<p>Saynab</p> <p>Assessment Feedback – also attended this with Bilge Graduation – attended and spoke at 4 ceremonies. Projects – met with Students' Union staff to progress various projects.</p>	
5	<p>Radhika</p>	

	<p>Nightline – met with senior Queen Mary staff to take this project forward. QM would need to approve the governance documents. Positive meeting. Also met with the person who started a nightline service at Gloucestershire. Then met with Nightline association and will help discuss logistics with London Nightline.</p> <p>EDI Recruitment – sat on panels for the new roles with the Queen Mary EDI team, two EDI managers have been offered role.</p> <p>Residential Services & Values Based Engagement - also attended these with Muneer</p> <p>Grad Attributes – planning a pre-pilot, which may start very soon.</p> <p>Audit & Risk – also attended this with Bilge.</p>	
6	<p>Adi</p> <p>Campus Survey – looking at how to get more engagement with the survey, deadline is next week.</p> <p>Strategy Delivery Office – met them to discuss how they work and some of the projects the Exec is involved with.</p> <p>Graduation – spoke a few ceremonies</p> <p>University Council – had an introduction meeting with a member of Council.</p>	

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