

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 15th March 2024

Present

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

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)

Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Matt</p> <p>Postgraduate Taught – Wrote to Law PGT Course Reps asking them to encourage Centre for Commercial Law PGT Law students to fill out the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey. Discussed conducting lecture shout outs in other Schools/Institutes where response rates are low, with QMUL.</p> <p>Postgraduate Research – Attended and contributed to meeting hosted by Deputy Dean for PGRs in Medicine and Dentistry with many PGR reps who are not in the Students' Union's Subject Representative structure. Fed back concern about hosting faculty-specific PGR meetings in addition to those hosted by the Doctoral College for fear of overwhelming representatives with meetings. Started brainstorming and planning events related to the Enhancing Research and Innovation Cultures funding he received.</p> <p>Sustainability — Discussed with Students' Union staff the suggested amendments/rewrites of existing sustainability policies to get them in line with the union and university's strategies, with the view of submitting the revisions as new policies to the next Student Council. Chased guidelines on submitting media for university screens, in order to promote the Cabinet Cultures project currently on view in the Old Library.</p> <p>Liberation — Met with a representative from Hindu Society to discuss their prospective Student Council policy to introduce a Hinduphobia Awareness Month and how we can support on a related event series planned by the society over the month of April. Followed up with the Mile End LGBT Representative and Students' Union and QMUL staff about funding and scheduling a TikTok content creator event. Also progressed planning for furthering the decolonising campaign and projects, identifying speakers and spaces, as well as crossovers with other projects and campaigns in order to secure funding.</p> <p>International Students — Raised, again, the issue around lack of some stipends attached to international partnerships not meeting the UK's Research and Innovation minimum thresholds at the International Student Experience Working Group</p> <p>General — Discussed plans to collaborate on Study Well with Tahmid with a gardening event to take place in April in the allotments, as well as a kite making and flying event in collaboration with the Get Active programme for late March (alongside Aisha and Tahmid).</p>	
2	<p>Serena</p> <p>Senate – Attended and updated on activity withing the SU. Report was submitted in advance.</p>	

	<p>MoA - Chaired the Students' Union & University's memorandum of agreement panel which oversees the relationship between both organisations.</p> <p>University Mental Health Day - ran a stall on Barts' campus - looking into how students feel, questioning the support and the essentially data collecting for the case of a BL Counselling Provision.</p>	
3	<p>Tahmid</p> <p>Study Well – stakeholder meeting took place to discuss ideas and planning has begun. Looking at events at Barts and holding a specific stakeholder meeting for that campus.</p> <p>Drapers – conducted site visit with Students' Union CEO and architects to scope out what a new space could look like and redeveloping the Lounge area.</p> <p>Residential Strategy Group – attended with Matthew.</p> <p>Access & Participation Plan – held a focus group with 6 students and discussed their thoughts on QMULs plan. That will feed into the Students' Union submission of the plan to the Office of Students.</p> <p>People Culture & Inclusion Manager – sat on the interview panels for this role in the Queen Mary EDI team which will focus on Wellbeing.</p> <p>Prayer – arranged extra rooms for night prayers in Ramadan.</p>	
4	<p>Jovani</p> <p>Students Who Work – drafted questions for a survey aimed at these students took inspiration from a WONKHE session and have worked with Students' Union staff on it. Hoping to launch soon and be able to pick out what problems our students face when it comes to working and working on best methods to help our students.</p> <p>Library services meeting - Update in terms of policy on library closing hours during Christmas, we've received the data usage for places on campus and have moved forward with next steps of seeing what's best to do.</p>	
5	<p>Aisha</p> <p>Employable Education Survey - Survey questions have been finalised and due to be released end of March time. The survey will go on for 3 weeks, with promotion in person as well as compensation vouchers and raffle prizes.</p> <p>Asian Heritage Month mukbang video: Video for the AHM mukbang snacks has been edited and finalised for publishing next week on the QMSU social media accounts & YouTube.</p> <p>Women's space proposal: Proposal on the women's space on campus has been finalised and will be sent to Sticky Campus for next weeks meeting.</p> <p>International buddy scheme: Initiated conversation with Student Life on fine tuning their buddy scheme programme and how to further include criteria's for mentees to choose their mentors based on their preference (whether home/international student, languages spoken, how many years they've lived in the UK, etc).</p> <p>Education awards planning: Planning for the education awards has begun, with some awards being re edited and new award categories being added. Proposed a teaching award on employability which has been approved and will be up for nomination in the teaching award category.</p>	

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