

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 19th March 2021

Present

Shamima Akter, President (SA)
 Mat Robathan, Vice President Barts and The London (MR)
 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)
 Mike Wojcik, Chief Executive Officer (MW)
 Charlotte Kendrick, Deputy Managing Director (CK)

Apologies

Tiana Dinard-Samuel, Vice President Communities (TDS)

Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Jack Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study Well – refreshing it for the rest of the academic year, including for postgrads. Met with SU staff to review projects and plan for the remainder of time in office Met with SU staff to progress plans for Study Well for the rest of the year Met with YGAM) to learn more about their work and discuss what they can offer our students Reviewed policies and provided recommendations for policy renewal/lapse for Student Council Attended Student Council Met with R&D to review active policies and progress Attended Graduate Attributes workstream meeting with the university Attended University of Sanctuary working group meeting Met with the Rent Strike campaign group Attended the APP Monitoring Group meeting Co-hosted a listening event with the university for independent, care-experienced, and estranged students, to improve support given to these students 	<p><i>Initials</i></p>
2	<p>Aphrodite Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discounting Modules – writing a report and presentation on this for SET and EQSB. Asking students for any case studies on how the pandemic has impacted them. Cameron suggested asking in the Course Rep Email. SEED award the final step will be developing the webpage. Have had meetings with Fiona Yellend about the design and content, will upload videos that we recorded onto there too and help promote once the award has been launched. Working on SES (socioeconomic status) project to support and collect data from students in this category. Applying to get funding from the Nuffield Grant. Awaiting a result. Spoke to SSO (Angela Jones) and Folashade to improve communication within SSLC's and between SEMS staff members. Have sent a document with my recommendations and student union updates as well as university projects such as the SEED award which they were not aware of to discuss with students. Attended Assessment Integrity and Security Workstream where I actioned for Annie Mitchell to be invited and discussed aims and ToR. Engineering PhD Labs are now complete! Around £5000 overspend, but project was fairly on time. Engineering team will be able to move in shortly and vacate the current temporary lab space. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemical Engineering lab project still under way and a last minute decant of water in the building needed to be issued which has caused a slight delay. 	
3	Cameron Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careers – discussing the provision for post graduate taught support. Queens Restacked – Shamima has been added to the project about the refurbishment. Employable Me – promoting and planning the structure of the event. Student Council – attended. Course Rep Hub – initial conversation on a new project. Project Doctorate – discussed the budget case for the PG intern role. SED – attended two town-hall meetings. Reviewed projects for the remainder of the academic year. 	
4	Shamima Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freedom of Speech – met with the Russell group and what their plans are in response to this topic. Attended Finance and Investment Committee – QMSU presented a paper. There was also conversations around the ethical investment policy. Met with University staff to look at the future of education post covid and our use of space in the upcoming semesters. Hosted Asian women in leadership event, with Tiana – was a very insightful event, with really interesting speakers. QMSU provided a letter of support to aid the university in the Mile End Tower Hamlets Consultation. 	
5	Mat Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covid Mitigations – ones for MBBS have been released, still waiting on the ones for other areas Study Space – main current concern, following up internally and with the University Gozo - liaising with the Gozo rep and staff following the announcement of a new lockdown in Malta to see how students can be better supported. This has included asking about hardship funds to support those struggling due to Covid. SSLC review - working on developing a review on SSLC structures and met with the PGT Rep for SMD to discuss plans. The next step will involve asking for approval of the proposal from institutes before seeking permission from EQSB to update SSLC guidance. Space - Plans for BLSA opening hours and The Griff Inn in semester 3 were discussed and will be finalised and communicated with students soon. Space in Garrod building has been increased with more individual study rooms added. Working to explore how group study can be offered within government guidance. Flagship events - Work on flagship events is ongoing with planned dates for Rites of Passage having been released to final year medical and dental students and meetings ongoing with relevant parties. Mat also attended a Barts and The London Alumni Association (BATLAA) meeting and is planning a fundraising campaign with BATLAA to support events such as Rites of Passage. Shield renovations - Meetings to finalise the renovations of the Shield cafe and Shield 2 occurred this week for work to start after Easter. Security and safer campuses - completed a letter to send to security outlining current concerns and recommendations to improve the safety on and around our campuses. Feedback is being collected from SU staff and representatives on this before the letter being sent to relevant University staff. Wellbeing - developed a response from BLSA to the tragic murder of Sarah Everard which was sent to students in his weekly bulletin. BLSA are also developing a list of resources for students to educate themselves on the issues around sexism and misogyny. Mat also attended the BL Women's forum to listen to student concerns and answer their questions. 	
6	Tiana Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented budget case for postgraduate intern role with Cameron to CEO and SU managers Attended University of Sanctuary working group meeting Attended Global Engagement Executive Committee meeting Met with QMUL Rent Strike Campaign at weekly catch up 	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended APP Monitoring Group meeting with Jack• Held LGBT+ History Month debrief meeting with student reps to feed into the report• Co-hosted Asian Women in Leadership event with Shamima online with 4 guest speakers• Sat on PGR Covid-19 Funding Panel |
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