

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 21st January 2022

Present

Adi Sawalha, President (AS)
 Robert Leo Tucker, Vice President Barts and The London (RLT)
 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

Muneer Hussain, Vice President Welfare (MH)
 Radhika Thiagarajan, Vice President Communities (RT)

Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Bilge Graduation Ceremonies – attended several across two days and spoke at them. Science & Engineering Board – Following discussion at graduations will discuss potential ideas and projects with them next week. Postgraduate Funding – have collated a variety of information on funding, scholarships and support that will go online. Study Spaces – attended a meeting about this. They want to understand the new demand for space as education moves to mixed mode. SEMS Building – students still fed back about heating issues, it has been raised and Building Managers are looking into it. 24 hours access is unlikely to be given due to safety, students are being directed to the library.</p>	
2	<p>Rob SMD Recruitment Culture & Practice - Joined a working group for this. Prioritising on how students are included in interview panels, and how communities with staff & students can be stronger. Vaccination Law - Working with the faculty around the changes for healthcare students starting 1st April - communication to students has been overwhelming in feedback from them, and working on the balance of comms to prevent email-fatigue on this important upcoming issue. Working with BLSA engagement officer about how we can get the word out about this ourselves too. Started finalists plans – blues and colours nominations, association dinner & Rites of Passage Planning</p>	
3	<p>Saynab Inclusive Curriculum – discussed the terminology used in the case studies and fixing that. EDI determining which to use. General implementation may not happen this year. Festival of Education – will be co-chairing a student panel and will be planning that with the VP Education. The agenda has been launched on the Queen Mary website. Postgraduate Funding – attended this meeting with Bilge. Took a while to gather student opinion, has been written up and should be up on the website in a user friendly way. Freedom of Speech – attended a university working group on the QM policy and potential FoS Bill. Raised some points of disproportional checks on different speakers. Induction Talks – did a talk or some new students UUK/NUS – when to a focus group about the ethnicity degree awarding gap and what is being done to improve this. UUK will be publishing a report on what the gap is. Spoke about how the No Detriment policy helped as had more caveats that affected students day to day. Graduation – spoke at some ceremonies.</p>	

Adi

Strategic Plan Development – attended an internal Students' Union group with Saynab. Discussed how to create a high-level strategic framework and consulting stakeholders.

Director of Student Support – had regular catch up on various themes

Sustainability – discussed the upcoming committee meeting. Spoke about the Queen Mary Ethical Investment Policy

- 4 Commercial Outlets – attended a new project group looking at the Curve and Muccis. Queen Mary want to develop the Curve and find a better use for Muccis.

Queens Restack – discussed phase 1 progress, still some work to be done.

University Council Presentation – discussed this with staff and working on it for the event on Tuesday.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Steering Group – attended this meeting.

Deputy VP Education – discussed QB project and sticky campus work. As well as Course Reps.

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