

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 22nd October 2021

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) (left at 9.15am for another meeting)

Apologies

Notes of the meeting

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1	<p>Bilge Senate – attended with the other Saynab, Adi and Rob. Course Rep Training – supported this training that Union staff delivered. Was nice to meet them. Science & Engineering Board – this took place this week. Higher Education Funding – had a informative briefing on this. Internships – progressing, seeking areas in the Uni that would be interested. Interviews – sitting on a panel for Library staff next week.</p>	
2	<p>Muneer Welfare Board – chaired the first one, went well. Reps updated on what they and will be working on, looked for potential opportunities to collaborate. Reps eager to be involved in Study Well. National Spiking issue was also discussed and what could be done about it. CK – Union staff are discussing this and comms to students, and will reach out to Welfare Reps. University of Sanctuary – discussed the continuation of this project, which would highlight QM as a Uni that supports Asylum Seekers. Club Sport Financial Support Fund– reviewed two bids for this.</p>	
3	<p>Saynab Trustee – met with one of our trustees who is coaching on project support and contacting externals. Student Facing Experience – attended a task and finish group on this, last years objectives have been achieved so this meeting was to discuss what they wanted to do this year. HSS Board – this met, discussed IT issues, blended learning and issues with new tech to deliver this. Inclusive Curriculum – discussed case studies, and what type of workshops to run. International Foundation Year student – gave an equivalent of a welcome/induction talk to these students. Paris Strategy Group – attended this discussing the ULIP school and how to support students there. EDI – had the monthly catch up with the QM team. Sustainability Week – attending events and the closing ceremony.</p>	
4	<p>Rob Pensions – attended this to better understand the issue, the briefing was interesting and helpful. BATLAA – Attended the AGM this week, discussed RoP funding. Alumni – Met an ex Part Time Rep to discuss RoP Linear Progression – had an assessment catch up, have a rough guide of where to take student feedback – medical SLLC and Medical Education Committee and will discuss with senior QMUL staff. Proposal should fix problems students are having. Spiking – been discussing with reps about this national issue.</p>	

5	<p>Radhika</p> <p>Graduate Attributes – been discussing with the QMUL what the project needs are to determine whether it is something Radhika could lead, as the current lead has stepped down due to workload.</p> <p>Mixed Mode Education – collating info from reps about which courses are online, in person or mixed. Some reps need to be chased. Students understanding of what MME means is not the same as QMULs definition. QMUL have invested a lot of money in tech for spaces and faculties have been instructed to deliver in person where possible, however anything with over 60 people needs sign off from the Dean. Student are feeding back that the majority of lectures have been online.</p> <p>Post Graduate Board – chaired this, discussed two previous PG related policies around Comms to PG student and issues around PG treatment by QMUL. Also discussed a PG Executive Officer or a permanent PG staff position.</p> <p>Islamophobia Awareness Month – the funding panel took place. Deadline is being pushed back.</p> <p>International – met reps to discuss bursaries and fees, and each other projects and next steps. Discussed with QMUL about making payment deadlines more fluid which they have agreed to and will update the details on the website.</p> <p>Alumni Café - 4 alumni have confirmed for the event so far. Waiting for one more. Students are contacting about joining the event so will check if it is full and create a waiting list.</p>	
6	<p>Adi</p> <p>IT – Met with Chief Information Office and other senior staff. Discussed how students are settling in at the moment and collecting student feedback.</p> <p>Volunteering Board – attended this</p> <p>Senate – Was interesting, raised issues around Covid Mitigation. University discussed some first years not being engaged, which will be discussed separately.</p> <p>Exec On Tour – Meeting to discuss going and talking to students, aiming to do it through the year, but initially looking at speaking to students about the AMM and the strikes.</p>	
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