

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 24th November 2023

Present

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

In attendance:

Alvin Ramsamy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (AR)

Apologies

Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Matt</p> <p>Sustainability – Met with the Barts and the London Sustainability Officer to discuss his project around cigarette and vape disposal, covering a survey, awareness campaign, and working with estates for disposal bins. Met with Serena and Students' Union staff to discuss the university's investment policies around fossil fuels and steps we could take to lobby for divestment.</p> <p>Liberation – Attended Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Steering Group and fed back on new initiative around EDI forums in faculties with invited students as well as policy seeking to adopt definition of carer. Chaired first LGBTQ+ History Month Student Organising Committee and discussed ideas around neurodivergence intersectionality and gender affirming care, anonymous social media spotlights, as well as support for these events. Met with a postgraduate taught student based between the Wolfson Institute and the School of English and Drama who is interested in learning how to go about moving forward with an idea to draw attention to interdisciplinarity through creative pop-up interventions in various Schools/Institutes. Also spoke about challenges to inclusive medical education in the Wolfson Institute and channels to take that forward.</p> <p>Postgraduates – Working on the feedback from the PG Consultation Group. Attended drop-in session for Enhancing Research & Innovation Cultures Fund to learn whether the Students' Union may be suited to apply for funding for a postgraduate-specific role in our Communications and Marketing department. Emailed all Postgraduate Research Managers about scheduling drop-in sessions to all School/Institute postgraduate research student spaces over the next couple of months.</p> <p>General – Discussed taking forward community volunteering sector project around postgraduate bid-writing and marketing and communications after learning we were not awarded The Centre for Public Engagement large grant we applied for. Met with Vice Principal for Education and discussed concerns around lack of pathways for feedback regarding international students and postgraduate taught students. Toured three Mile End accommodations and met with Housing Services regarding Floyer House aesthetics and potential positive interventions, as well as the potential for a collaborative outdoor art project with the residents.</p>	
2	<p>Amaan</p> <p>Directors of education away day - discussed NSS results chat and their action plan</p> <p>SET town hall - presented with senior staff on QMULs strategy 2030 and Barts and The London</p>	

	<p>QMUL estates strategy deep dive – attended this and spoke on behalf of medics and dentists experiences and needs</p> <p>Quality Assurance - visit for Whipps Cross Hospital, co-chaired with medical school staff re: student experience on placement and staff experience organising</p> <p>University council – sat in attendance and supported Serena</p> <p>Israel/Palestine - Supporting students in medicine and dentistry</p>	
3	<p>Aisha</p> <p>DoE away day - Attended the Directors of Education away day and presented on employability & graduate outcomes as an education priority for strategy 2030. In addition, presented on the projects she is working on with Jovani, and suggested opportunities where the DoE's can collaborate on, such as the Employability Curriculum Group, authentic assessments, the employability campaign, and sustainability within the curriculum</p> <p>SPCS careers page - Met with the SPCS academic lead for employability and discussed areas of feedback for the SPCS information zone page in QMplus, highlighting suggestions to making the page more visually engaging for students. The feedback was also forward to the SPCS careers consultant.</p>	
4	<p>Tahmid</p> <p>Estates – attended a strategy meeting with Amaan, Serena and Matthew.</p> <p>Sustainability – met with a QMUL staff lead to discuss the sustainability of his lighting project, and logistics such as costs for setting up new lighting.</p> <p>Multi Faith Centre – started counted in MFC 1, will start in the other room. Going well.</p> <p>Cost of Living - Food pantry has been delayed by a week, but expecting it to open early December. Discussed potential food voucher scheme.</p>	
5	<p>Jovani</p> <p>DOE Away day - Also attended with Amaan, Serena, Aisha and Amaan. Lots of collaboration with the directors where we discussed good ideas, TEF report and how we can work together moving forward.</p> <p>Drapers Event - Attended the Drapers Event alongside a lot of the Vice Principles, very nice presentation given which fed a lot and supported the use of Graduate attributes and employability.</p> <p>Exec On Tour - Had a desk in ground, got good student feedback and good traction. Had some good feedback primarily about students talking about consistency within feedback, assessment etc.</p> <p>EQSB – attended and gave updates on work on Education related projects</p>	
6	<p>Serena</p> <p>University Council - Attended and reported on how the Students' Union has been supporting students and creating spaces to build our authentic student voice.</p> <p>Estates - Worked with the University in several spaces to discuss the future of the estate of how they are working for students new ways of studying...</p> <p>Black Lives Matter - took part in BLM interview - reflecting upon and contributing to the wider discourse of BLM on how our University and Students' Union have continue to embed EDI into practice</p>	
7	<p>Approach To Emergencies</p>	

Serena updated on the sub group meeting which looked at how to agree to an approach or statement on a divisive or sensitive emergency, when all Executive Officers aren't all available.
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