

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 26th February 2021

Present

Shamima Akter, President (SA)
 Mat Robathan, Vice President Barts and The London (MR)
 Tiana Dinard-Samuel, Vice President Communities (TDS)
 Jack Juckes, Vice President Welfare (SA)
 Aphrodite Liddington, Vice President Science & Engineering (AL)

In attendance:

Alvin Ramsamy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (AR)

Apologies

Mat Robathan, Vice President Barts and The London (MR)
 Cameron Storey, Vice President Humanities & Social Sciences (CS)

Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Jack Update</p> <p>Values In Action – met with QMUL staff to discuss workstream Jack is leading on, includes projects such as Humans of QM.</p> <p>Drug & Alcohol Harm Prevention – planning for a campaign to be run later in the year, connecting with SMD.</p> <p>Residences Strategy Group – attended this with exec, formally raised concerns on some of the confidential items on the agenda.</p> <p>Rent – meetings with QMUL and the Rent Strike campaign with Tiana.</p> <p>LGBT+ History Month – sat on a panel for an event around mental health.</p> <p>Welfare Board – took place, not all reps attended, did have productive discussions on areas such as changes to the liberation forums.</p> <p>Mental Health First Aid – attended a support session for these first aiders. Good discussion there on support for students, gave an update of what the Union is doing to support students.</p> <p>Covid Mitigation – attended this with Aphrodite</p> <p>Crime Reduction Partnership – took place, was informative.</p> <p>Graduate Attributes Workstream – enjoyed the discussion there, themes such as employability and soft skills, and the differences between them.</p> <p>Mental Health Day Event – went through the event plan for this, which will take place next week.</p> <p>QMSU/SET – had the monthly with SET and all the exec. Jack and Tiana presented on the People Culture and Inclusion work with the VP People Culture and Inclusion. Raised issues around directing student staff to Student Hardship funds.</p>	Initials
2	<p>Tiana Update</p> <p>Residences Strategy Group – also attended this</p> <p>Memorandum of Agreement – attended this meeting with some of the exec</p> <p>Project Doctorate – continued work on the Intern role that they have been developing. Need to take to the Union staff who will likely manage it.</p> <p>Rent Meeting – also attended this, raised demands from the student campaign as well as issue with unfair treatment of PHDs.</p> <p>Asian Heritage Month – had an internal meeting to discuss plans for the month</p> <p>International – met with the reps to discuss issues facing students, in preparation for a meeting with the QMUL VP International. Also discussed International week which the reps would like to do in March.</p> <p>Careers – attended a focus group for Black students on how the careers teams can better support students.</p>	

	<p>Alumni – co-chaired an alumni event Thursday evening, which was in conjunction with the QMUL LGBT history month events.</p> <p>Transnational Education – met to discuss student experience in China</p> <p>International Women’s Day – meeting with reps to discuss this.</p>	
3	<p>Shamima Update</p> <p>Mentoring Support – had first meeting last week, was helpful.</p> <p>Re-appointments panel – had these which looks at the Chair of Uni Council</p> <p>Elections – have been working on the Candidate Q&As with the team. BLSA event took place last night.</p> <p>Asian Heritage Month – recorded videos with Afghan Society</p> <p>Estates Strategy Board- Met on Monday</p> <p>University Council – Had this on Monday</p> <p>Academic Misconduct – two panels on Tuesday</p> <p>Rent – attended the internal meetings.</p> <p>Fees – will be sending a motion to national conference on fees.</p> <p>Graduate Attributes – was interesting, would like to see what action takes place from it.</p> <p>NSS – meetings later today about this</p> <p>Sustainability – meeting to discuss a charter for QMUL.</p>	
7	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Strike Fund – need to ensure QMUL are completely financially transparent on where this has gone. Will discuss further with Cameron and pick up with the University.</p> <p>Subcommittees – Exec discussed taking a motion to reduce the amount of new subcommittees following student feedback and impact of Covid. Agreed to take a motion to council to remove Union Development and International Board, as these duplicate conversations at other boards and don’t have clear and specific purpose. May replace with less formal forums and focus groups when needed. PG board requires more thought, and will review this and other subcommittees to ensure they are effective and work for students and reps.</p>	

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