

# Executive Committee Notes

Friday 27 May 2022

## Present

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)  
 Adi Sawalha, President (AS)

## In attendance

Bronwen Eastaugh, Student Engagement and Partnerships Manager (BE)

## Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	<p><b>Bilge</b></p> <p><b>Enhancement Programme Review Panel (ESP):</b> Attended the meeting for SBBS. Raised issues around student to staff ration, staff resource generally and the impact that has such as on turnaround times, Also raised the decrease in engagement with MME and the need to make lessons more engaging – however this is difficult with current staff numbers and workload.</p> <p>AS suggested EPR work is reported back to Student Voice and Insights Manager and that is discussed how the Students' Union and effectively engage with it and with the best use of resources.</p> <p>It looks like EPR likely to be run again in SBBS next year.</p>	
2	<p><b>Muneer</b></p> <p><b>Graduation Fund:</b> Students are now aware of the outcomes. It's now with the graduation team to sort out discounts.</p> <p><b>Scholarship Panels:</b> Have been sitting on a few, like the Expeditions Fund for example.</p> <p><b>Queens' Building:</b> Been in conversations on how to use some of the spaces in basement and ground floor for a commercial perspective. We want to make sure commercial intentions balances with student needs.</p> <p><b>Contemplation Spaces:</b> Wrote a brief for contemplation spaces provision, mainly focused on Mile End but will potentially also review provision on other campuses.</p> <p><b>ACT:</b> Ready to take over a project started by Shamima, a previous President.</p>	
3	<p><b>Radhika</b></p> <p><b>Graduation Fund:</b> Helped Muneer with reviewing applications. Picked 216 (out of over 400+) based on agreed criteria.</p> <p><b>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Steering Group:</b> There were some good presentations, like from the Barts Cancer Institute. On harassment and bullying, they run workshops for staff and students which act as platforms for them speak about any problems facing. Want to see if can be done across university in a drop-in way.</p> <p><b>Nightline:</b> Revised schedule. Liaising with Mike about if we can be a Nightline Association.</p>	

**Mental Health and Wellbeing Project:** Updated Ruth, Welfare and Liberation Coordinator at the Students' Union.

**Plant Give-Away:** Was good to see how important sustainability is to students.

**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion:** Met with EDI Manager for Race Equality to discuss plans for next year and how to collaborate. Would like to see more focus on students integrated in to plan.

**International Project:** Gathering information from students on what they think a fair price to pay for international fees is. Haven't looked at how students have filled in survey yet. Results will be presented to SET with recommendations. Expecting that there will be an ask for a reduction in fees.

**Post Graduate Research Project:** Attended a presentation on the results. Working with reps to propose new PG Executive Officer role.

**Graduate Attributes:** Next steps on this project is focusing on how to best communicate GAs to staff and students.

**Liberation Months:** Planning for next year.

#### Rob

**Whitechapel & West Smithfield Library:** Furniture update - using Sticky Campus Project funding, over summer both libraries will have updated tables with power supply for all after lobbying for this during the year.

**Rites of Passage:** Planning - organising sponsorship funding from MPS, hardship funding from IHSE finance, funding from alumni annual fund, and more. Tickets release on Monday to medics & dentists.

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**EPR:** Participated in the first review for Wolfson Institute for Population Health (WIPH). Focused on course rep elections in WIPH, student voice onto assessment & flipped classroom changes, and advisor programme for students.

**BLSA Building Reprovision:** Continuing on the work- met with SMD spaces manager involving more into the team, as well as briefed BLSA board for more feedback into the brief before presenting at BLSA AGM next Tuesday.

#### Saynab

**PGR Support and Engagement:** Met with Matthew and Redwan- considering PGR communities board to all year round.

**EPS:** Meeting on Monday.

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**Industrial Action:** 3 more industrial action meetings were put in at short notice, so did not make the first one. A petition is being signed by students (140+ signatures). It seems like Queen Mary are getting in replacement markers to ensure all students can graduate on time. (See more in AoB).

Lecturers as part of UCU, following an incident outside of University Council, want formal apology for the Friends of Palestine Society. Radhika and Saynab to meet about how to approach this before taking action as FoP have not been asked.

**Education Quality Standards Board (EQSB):** SS suggested changes to the paper. Suggested a meeting be booked in (AS suggested SS follow up to book this in to make sure it happens) to ensure these changes are made and, if not, it's noted that Executive Officers not happy with it.

6	<p><b>Adi</b></p> <p><b>QMSU Services Board:</b> Attended with Rob. Upcoming shortlisting and recruitment for new members of the team.</p> <p><b>Access and Participation Plan:</b> Met with Ruth, Radhika and Muneer. Need guidance from OfS- the plan will need to be made available in 3 pages.</p> <p><b>Rep Engagement:</b> Reflected on rep engagement with Students' Union staff. Spilling out problems and barriers before focusing on solutions.</p> <p><b>Queens Building Programme Board:</b> Attended design workshops for ground floor and basement. (There is Student Hub element- finance, enquiry centre- and commercial one).</p>	
7	<p><b>Industrial Action:</b> Rob shared a letter from UCU to Education Minister, which references Queen Mary. The team discussed the letter. It was agreed that Executive Officers should develop a Students' Union stance, which could be used in meetings. SS will something up based on the discussion in the meeting. The core focus would be about protecting students (for example, externals markers should not mean that student grades are negatively affected).</p> <p><b>NUS:</b> They sent out a 'take action' email on student cost of living crisis. Radhika and Muneer offered to attend the campaign call on Wednesday.</p> <p><b>Feedback Task and Finish Group 3:</b> Bilge chairing next week.</p>	

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