

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 28th of October

Present

Radhika Thiagarajan, Vice President Communities (RT)
Muneer Hussain, Vice President Science & Engineering (MH)
Jojo Croft, Vice President Welfare (JH)
Saynab Shariff, Vice President Humanities & Social Sciences (SS)
Charlie Sellar, Vice President Barts and The London (CS)

In attendance:

Alvin Ramsamy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (AR)
Charlotte Kendrick, Deputy Managing Director (CK)

Apologies

Adi Sawalha, President (AS)

Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
	Charlie SMD Education Away Day - attended and gave a presentation to senior staff about collaboration with the BLSA in upcoming Curriculum projects, and highlighting potential barriers to working effectively with students. SMD Staff Forum – gave a presentation on Wednesday, about the impact of reputation on students, and why this is important to consider with students at the forefront. Principal - Alongside IHSE staff, Charlie met with Colin Bailey to discuss the future of the Medical School and upcoming projects, including the relocation of the BLSA into the Garrod Building. Malta - Finalised plans for the upcoming visit to Malta, including (but not limited to) a meeting with his counterpart at the University of Malta's Medical Association, to strengthen relations. Association fund - chaired the first of the bid panels, where they approved student group bids for development of the BLSA and our student groups.	
	Radhika Disabilities awareness fortnight - Chaired the 2nd organising committee and assessed and approved funding applications along with the organising committee. Postgraduate Research Rep - Met with them and started planning work for PGR social and parents and carers event. Postgraduate Board – Chaired this and discussed issues facing PG students and priorities of PG representatives. Senior Executive Team - Attended meeting with them to raise issues surrounding international students.	
	Jojo Societies Board - chaired the meeting where the members decided which new societies should be accepted and voted on the societies funding applications. Study Well – had the first meeting about this, evaluated what went well last time, what we want to continue doing and some new ideas. Crime Reduction Partnership Group Meeting – attended this, one of the most common on campus crimes is bicycle theft and discussed finding new ways to encourage students to use the secure bike pods around campus to reduce these thefts.	

4	<p>Muneer</p> <p>Islamophobia Awareness Month – with Radhika worked on the content for the IAM table talkers. Assessments - Raised student concerns with the university around some assessments going back to in person in S&E. Conversations are ongoing.</p> <p>Space - Raised the issue of spaces with SET and the lack of provision for contemplation space as well as issues around accessibility and making campus welcome for students that have diverse needs.</p> <p>Director of Wellbeing - Meeting later today with the director of wellbeing in EECS to discuss the 'Wellbeing4Life' project.</p>	
5	<p>Saynab</p> <p>Sustainability Project - Worked on this with careers to see if there are careers/jobs of interest that students would like to hear from in a panel</p> <p>Decolonise - Working on getting part-time officers and societies involved in the Decolonise project and the DAF project</p>	
6	<p>Racist Incident</p> <p>Described the incident and what has happened so far. QMUL are investigation urgently. Exec will consider how to support students on this matter and discuss when they are all together next week.</p>	
7	<p>Strikes</p> <p>Discussed the outcome of the UCU ballot and impact at Queen Mary. Postgraduate reps have requested a statement to be released and Executive Officers discussed last years All Student Meeting Motion and what the current stance was. For now will continue to lobby Colin/SET to negotiate in good faith and update students about what we are doing. Will use Exec on Tour to gather student feedback on the issue, and it's highly likely this will be taken to the Annual Student Meeting this semester which will inform our approach.</p>	

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