

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 29th 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)- *left at 10:30am*

In attendance:

Charlotte Kendrick, Deputy Managing Director (CK)- *left at 10:15am*
 Mike Wojcik, Chief Executive Officer (MW)- *left at 10:30am*
 Bronwen Eastaugh, Student Engagement and Partnerships Manager (BE)

Apologies

Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Bilge Internship Project - Trying to arrange a meeting with University staff and school reps wanting to be involved. PG Funding – Meeting with Saynab next week to work on this.</p>	
2	<p>Muneer Inclusive Curriculum – A draft workshop on how to make the curriculum more inclusive has been developed. MH raised to the Executive Committee that whilst the workshop will be run with staff and students to the ratio of 3 staff and 1 student, this is not an issue considering the purpose of the workshop. Friday Prayer – Met with Sheila Gupta, Vice-Principal (People, Culture and Inclusion), as well as David Boyle from Timetabling to raise timetabling clashes with Friday Prayer. Both are generally supportive and David was able to give an insight into the complications with resolving the issue. Measures are currently in place within the timetabling system to keep Friday afternoons free but this works as preference as opposed to an obligation (same process as keeping Mondays, 9-10am free). Due to students being able to select a wide variety of modules things may need to be scheduled on a Friday afternoon to avoid clashes, for example. Welfare Reps – Planning a networking event for Welfare Reps in student groups with support from Societies Development Coordinator. Planning for this to take place in a few weeks' time. Study Well - Planning has started. Campaign will take place from week 11 or 12 until the end of exam season. MH put a call out for other Executive Officers to get in touch to talk about how they can be involved in the campaign.</p>	
3	<p>Radhika Nightline – Keen to establish an in-house Nightline offer, something that has worked well at other Universities. Trying to arrange a meeting with Head of Advice and Counselling to discuss. Also met with Societies Development Coordinator, who previously worked as an Executive Officer at Birmingham and set up a Nightline service there, for advice on how the Nightline service ran at Birmingham. Alumni Café – Event last night has a great turn-out Currently due to be happening monthly and there was demand from students for this event to happen more regularly. Black History Month (BHM) – RT encouraged other Executive Officers to attend and/or promote the online event for Black Women in Business happening this evening.</p>	
4	<p>Rob BATLAA – Met with Chair of BATLAA, which was good to help build the relationship. Estates Strategy Board – Attended a meeting where developments for Blizard Mews and Garrod spaces were discussed.</p>	

	<p>Course Reps - Went to training this week, which was really interesting. Will try and attend more SMD ones.</p> <p>BMA - Working with rep to see how better we can work with the association.</p> <p>Junior SSLC – Discussed linear progression and a timeline now on how to deal with this.</p>	
5	<p>Saynab</p> <p>HSS EDI Committee - A paper is being drafted on different School's action points. SS updated the committee on student feedback gathered. This includes feedback on language used (difference and distinctions between different terminology like 'decolonizing' the curriculum and 'inclusive' curriculum), a call for more communication on EDI and what it is, and having School pages which includes information on what Schools are doing and the progress.</p> <p>Recruitment and Progression – Attended a meeting where foundation year students were discussed as well as if we want to continue on January starts.</p> <p>Course Reps – Attending training with new Course Reps today.</p>	
6	<p>Adi</p> <p>Sustainability Committee - Attended on Monday with Students' Union's Sustainability Coordinator and Student Engagement and Partnerships Manager. A pre-meet has been arranged in advance of the next meet to ensure the most is go out of it.</p> <p>UCU and Strikes – Had a meeting with other Executive Officers to discuss how to gather student feedback on our stance on the strike.</p> <p>Exec on Tour – Starts next week.</p> <p>Student Council – Would like to explore ways to get students more actively involved in Student Council. AAM will take place instead of next student council. The next Student Council is in February.</p> <p>Sticky Campus Project – A University project to ensure all students feel welcome and at home on campus. Attended a meeting, along with MW. The group is going to be made smaller, with its own budget, in a plan to make the project group more effective. RT to send MW and AS information about an idea students have for a new PGR 'hub' (RT unsure at the time of the meeting whether this is an online or on-campus hub. MW suggested that information on access to spaces in Graduate Centre for PGs is revisited.</p> <p>Chief Information Officer - MW suggested pre-meets for this meeting to be able to make the most out of these meetings for students.</p>	
7	<p>Freedom of Speech Bill</p> <p>Executive Officers will be considering whether or not to support the NUS' campaign on the Freedom of Speech Bill.</p>	

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