

# Executive Committee Notes

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Present

Adi Sawalha, President (AS)  
 Radhika Thiagarajan, Vice President Communities (RT)  
 Muneer Hussain, Vice President Welfare (MH)  
 Bilge Kacmaz, Vice President Science & Engineering (BK)  
 Saynab Shariff, Vice President Humanities & Social Sciences (SS)

## In attendance:

Alvin Ramsamy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (AR)  
 Charlotte Kendrick, Deputy Managing Director (CK)  
 Annie Mitchell, Advocacy Manger (AM)

## Apologies

Robert Leo Tucker, Vice President Barts and The London (RLT)

## Notes of the meeting

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| 1 | <p><b>Bilge</b></p> <p><b>Education Awards</b> – attended with SS and AS, who all spoke and presented awards.</p> <p><b>Blended Learning</b> – discussed how to engage with students, Queen Mary thinking about how to improve Mixed Mode Education through training and information given.</p> <p><b>Strategy Workshop</b> – had a workshop with the rest of Exec getting more data to inform the next strategy</p> <p><b>Faculty Exec</b> – meet with staff discussed upcoming Intern event and webpage which is launching soon.</p> <p><b>Library Services</b> – discussed ongoing projects and access to LinkedIn learning and learning resources.</p> <p><b>Internship Project</b> – getting in touch with a new member of QM staff that can help with the event. Looking at how Societies have run similar events in the past. Draft of webpage is being checked and will be working on the guide.</p>   |         |
| 2 | <p><b>Radhika</b></p> <p><b>Gender Equality Action Group</b> – raised how inclusive the work is of other genders, will keep picking this up with them.</p> <p><b>Residences</b> – met with the QM team and MH.</p> <p><b>Doctoral College</b> – met with PGR Reps and QM staff. Reps want to run a joint funded event (Grad Fest for PGRs) from QM and QMSU in May. Will ask Students' Union staff to confirm what funding would be available.</p> <p><b>VP Education</b> – met them with a few of the Executive officers.</p> <p><b>International Guarantor</b> -looking at how to bring back this scheme using an external organisation The pilot that was run in QMUL a few year ago didn't work due to some of the barriers. QMUL are looking at an agreement with an external company.</p> <p><b>Data Pop Up</b> – ran a stall at CCLS, spoke to students and asked them to fill in the survey.</p> <p><b>PG Reps</b> - discussing how to focus on PG strategically and potentially a democracy review to have a PG Executive Officer</p> |         |
| 3 | <p><b>Saynab</b></p> <p><b>Assessment &amp; Feedback</b> – discussed what's going well and lack of engagement from students. May be to look at the transition of learning styles from A level to University e.g. it's more self-directed and thinking independently.</p> <p><b>Industrial Action</b> – had to miss this meeting, but raise how they will address the student protests, as well as the resignation of external examiners.</p>   |         |

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|   | <p><b>Taught Programme Board</b> – let the group know they were unable to review the papers at such notice.</p> <p><b>Board of Trustees</b> - attended this last night with all Exec.</p>  |  |
| 4 | <p><b>Muneer</b></p> <p><b>Financial Assistance Fund</b>- been sitting on this panel, have been more bids in due to recent world events.</p> <p><b>GEAG</b> – also attended this with RT and asked about the gender breakdown</p> <p><b>Residences</b> – had an event for Ramadan which was well attended. More of these will be taking place at various halls over the next few weeks.</p> <p><b>Residential Strategy</b> – will reach out to seek clarification on the International Guarantor scheme and make sure QM understand why the pilot did not work.</p> <p><b>Study Well</b> – planning continuing, will start after Easter. Exec will be at events such as Tea &amp; Talks. Exec will support other events.</p> <p><b>Night Prayer</b> – have been taking place in the Students’ Union Hub, attendance is good.</p>   |  |
| 5 | <p><b>Adi</b></p> <p><b>Research Ethics</b> – met with manager of the team as they have a board that should student representation on that doesn’t currently have it.</p> <p><b>Virtual Learning Environment</b> – met with the head of this area and discussed the infrastructure and propose different options to senior managers. May invite providers in to showcase products to improve QM Plus.</p> <p><b>Teaching Excellence Framework</b> – met University to discuss student input into this.</p> <p><b>Strategy Workshops</b> – have been helping with the workshops for other student leaders.</p> <p><b>Board of Trustees</b> - inducted 3 new external trustees.</p>  |  |
| 6 | <p><b>Advocacy</b></p> <p>The Code of Student Discipline has been amended to take out a clause related to investigations, and students should be shown the evidence – this has been taken out and the student only sees the evidence if it goes to a panel – rather than at the first stage. It now says they will be given sufficient evidence – which can be quite vague. This is impacting current cases and students.</p> <p>Note - when you search online for it the old version is one of the first that comes up, (which states all evidence will be given).</p> <p>This also raises how this was changed e.g. in a big batch of changes passed through a meeting whereas something like this should have consultation with the Students’ Union.</p> <p>Alvin will set up the ARCS/QMSU forum and add this to the agenda, Adi will reach out to Senior Queen Mary staff to discuss this and other related issues.</p> |  |

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