

# Executive Committee Notes

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## 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)  
 Adi Sawalha, President (AS)

## In attendance:

Alvin Ramsamy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (AR)

## Notes of the meeting

	Notes	Actions
	<b>Jojo</b>  Study Well - Chaired a meeting to engage key stakeholders. Discussed which activities were well received previously and some new ideas. Decided on key dates for this period. Separately met with Students' Union events team to start booking in events that require external involvement.  1 Undergraduate Scholarships - Sat on the panel undergraduate scholarships. We went through the applications and identified the students who were most in need of support by this scholarship.  Extenuating Circumstances - Began planning initial steps for the recently passed policy for disabled students to have a separate extenuating circumstance application policy. Have begun to engage key stakeholders to discuss the directions this can be taken.	
	<b>Radhika</b>  Disabilities awareness fortnight - 3rd organising committee was held and helped students plan their events for the fortnight. Helped create and organise promotional and communications materials.  Welfare and Communities board – chaired this, all the welfare and liberation reps exchanged ideas and offered help to each other.  2 International Forum – attended this with the Academic Registry and Council Secretariat with the international team to lobby on various international student problems including, academic misconduct panel delays and visa issues, issues around high fees, instalment payment charges, changing government policies on student immigration etc.  International reps – met with them to identify ways in which bursaries can be improved for international students and how fees can be reduced/better structured for international students.  London Nightline – met with them to identify ways of collaborating, training future volunteers etc.	
	<b>Muneer</b>  Exams - Raised student concerns around in-person assessments in SMS (Maths) with the university. Conversations are ongoing between student reps and leadership in Maths. Will be providing support to the reps in those discussions.  3 Science & Engineering Board – Chaired second meeting of this board, received updates from the Part-time Officers around their work as well as feedback around assessments, timetabling and student wellbeing.	

4	<p><b>Adi</b></p> <p>Exec on Tour - The Executive officers have been setting up stalls across our campuses to talk to students and find out more about their experiences in this Academic Year. The things discussed included teaching and exams (online or in-person), strikes, campus facilities, Cost of Living, and much more.</p> <p>Cost of Living - Myself and Jojo have had planning sessions to plan and prepare for what more we can do for the Cost of Living Crisis as a Students' Union. We have set up recurring meetings (in addition to current ones with University staff) to check on our progress and plan for next steps.</p> <p>Campus Spaces Survey - has launched this week, which will be used to gather feedback on student spaces and what students' priorities are in their spaces. This will be open for over 2 weeks and has a lot of varied possible prizes, and we hope to have great student engagement with it.</p>	
5	<p><b>Saynab</b></p> <p>Decolonisation - Working on presentation for a workshop on decolonising the curriculum for the Course Rep Conference</p> <p>EQSB Assessment - attended Sub-Board to work on a range of topics such as extenuating circumstances, marking, external examiners, exam boards and assessment design</p> <p>Disability Awareness Fortnight Organising Committee – attended and started planning on having a stall within this fortnight to promote awareness of students with disabilities and provide students with information on how they can get support from DDS</p> <p>Humanities &amp; Social Sciences Board – chaired this and received updates from Part-time Officers on areas they are working on within their schools.</p> <p>Queen Mary Academy – Attended workshop on 'Developing inclusive education for neurodivergent learners' to support work on embedding accessible teaching</p>	
6	<p><b>Charlie</b></p> <p>Exec On tour - This week I have been on Tour, both at Mile end and Whitechapel, getting feedback from students about their views on Strikes, Cost-of-Living, and their educational experience so far.</p> <p>Site visits - This week attended Quality visits for Barts, Royal London, and BHR NHS Trust sites, to ensure that students on these placements are receiving the education they need in their clinical years. In particular, Charlie focused on ensuring appropriate feedback methods were in place, as well as structured teaching.</p> <p>Alumni Fund - began applications for funding through the Alumni Annual Fund, to open up far more funding for student groups and individuals applying for the Association fund in rounds 2 and 3</p>	
7	<p><b>World Cup</b></p> <p>Discussed the issues around the World Cup and if it should be show in our other social spaces (as already being played in the bars). Considerations such as how certain communities may feel, the sport itself not being the issue, and the benefit of it having it in an alcohol free space. RT will reach out to LGBT+ society and reps to see how they feel about it being played in our other social spaces.</p>	

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