**Academic Council**

**DATE:** Thursday 24th November 2022 **ROOM:** 3168 /Teams **TIME:** 1pm -1.35pm

Aasiyah Patankar; President – Academic Life

Chair: Louise Ford; President – Student Activities

Secretary: Julie Read – Student Support Coordinator

Hybrid Coordinator: Sacha Forbes – Deputy Manager, SU

Attended: 19 (11 online, 8 in-person) Apologies: 9

1. **Welcome and Introduction**

Aasiyah welcomed everyone, introduced herself and the other staff members, and shared the Agenda. This AC was the second of the new academic year 22-23.

1. **Student President Update**

Aasiyah stated there was little to report other than the focus on timetabling issues, and that would be looked at in more detail at Item 5: Question of the Semester

1. **Guest speakers**– Ellie Birchall, Zee Waspy, Mya Bell, Christie McDove: Student Champions

The students presented their Learners Journey Map, which included barriers to;

* applications (self organisation, support services, accommodation and transport)
* induction (moving away from home, SU events, learning how to access additional university support)
* the academic year (navigating the HUB, isolation, student services, PAT, dissertation, placement issues, after university, issues specific to international students)

The Student Champions would be grateful if students could comment on this map via this link

<https://padlet.com/myabell8501/p0gj7vsg6b8n3u9p>

1. **QMUSU Update**

Aasiyah explained that the SU would be supporting the 16 days against gender-based violence campaign. She encouraged students to make pledges in relation to this and to wear white ribbons. Pledge cards and white ribbons would be available on 6th December at 1875 and she asked students to send her photographs with their pledge cards.

Food Pantry: This has been nominated for an award and is a finalist for the Society of the Year awards organised by Bright Network. Students can vote for this at

<https://www.brightnetwork.co.uk/soya/>

1. **Question of the Semester**

As many students had previously brought up timetabling issues, this question will take the form of a short survey focussed on identifying the main timetabling problems. Class Reps were asked to ensure this survey is shared with their cohorts.

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/NrjH0dma>

  **6. Class Reps feedback**

One student asked for clarification on whether or not they should contact their programme leader for information on the requirements for assignments guides at PG level.

Another student reported being unhappy with their course content and feeling that time was not well used. Aasiyah recommended bringing this up at the next SSCC meeting and to message their PL

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 6 February 1200-1300 Room 0049 *(Be aware the room may change)*

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