

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

2nd February 2021

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Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Student President Update
3. Guest speaker: Jo Kinsley - Learning Technologist
4. Senior Committees Updates
5. Class Reps Feedback
6. AOCB
7. Date of Next Meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions



1.2 Introduction to Academic Council

- Support Class Reps and enable better communication between students, the SU and the University
- 4 meetings per year (2 per semester)
- News and updates on SU activities and the teaching and learning experience at QMU
- Class Reps can raise issues that affect students across the university, as well as helping each other resolve course specific issues or sharing examples of successes on their course
- Student President will feedback on issues raised at each meeting

2. Student President Update

- Feedback from last meeting
- Elections
- STaR Awards
- Food Pantry
- Native
- Class Rep HUB

2. Student President Update

Feedback from last meeting

- *Communication around courses can be confusing. Lecturers are not consistent in using the blackboard and students find it difficult to navigate on the Blackboard and access information.*

Jo Kinsley was invited today to discuss this.

- *The Wifi on campus is poor and it is difficult to study on campus.*

For any Wifi issues contact gmuwifisupport@qmu.ac.uk

- *It is difficult to book a room within the LRC. Students have reported a 21 day notice period and hardly any availability.*

CM met with Barbara Burgess, Head of Library Services to ensure that there are enough study spaces for students to access and that they are easy to book. Since then Scottish Government regulations have changed.


- *ELS Workshops are very useful but they are always on the same day and time.*

CM got in touch with ELS to report feedback. “Hopefully for next semester there will be a bit more flexibility with two people in post (making 1 FTE) as we will be able to offer at least two workshops/week.

2. Student President Update

Elections

- Elect your Students' Union Representatives
- [Elections Q&A](#) Thur 11th February 3-4pm
- Online voting
- Elections Committee vacancy: 1 member and 1 standby. If interested contact cmenozzi@qmu.ac.uk



A promotional poster for the 2021 Student Elections. The background is light blue with white clouds. On the left, the text 'STUDENT ELECTIONS' is written in large, bold, black letters on a red banner, with '2021' in a smaller blue banner below it. To the right, the text 'HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD, TAKE PART IN STUDENT ELECTIONS!' is written in bold, red, uppercase letters. Below this, a table lists the election schedule in white text on a teal background.

Nominations Open	8 Feb, 9:00am
Nominations Close	26 Feb, 12:00 noon
Voting Opens	8 Mar, 10:00am
Voting Closes	11 Mar, 7:00pm

2. Student President Update

STaR Awards

- Student Teaching and Representation
- Awards dedicated to Douglas McBean
- Nominations are now open!
- They will close on 1st March 12noon



<https://www.qmusu.org.uk/top-menu/your-voice/star-awards/star-awards-2021>

2. Student President Update

Food Pantry

- Starting back this week
- In Maggie's every Friday 10am-1pm
- £1 to sign up then £1 each time you use it
- Looking for drivers!

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

2. Student President Update

Native events

- Online events through February
- Meditation, Yoga, Rebel Bingo, Among Us tournament, Music showcases and more!
- qmusuevents.native.fm/

2. Student President Update

Class Reps Hub

- What do you think?

3. Jo Kinsley, Learning Technologist

4. Senior Committees update

- **Senate**
- **Student Experience Committee**
- **SAB ASSaM**
- **SAB Health Sciences**

6. Class Reps Feedback



Thank you!

7. AOCB

6. Date of next meeting

Date: Thursday 11th March 2021

Time: 12.15-13.15

Where: Collaborate