Academic Council

19ᵗʰ February 2026

In Attendance: Zoe MacCallum (President Academic Life), Dan Doyle (QMUSU CEO), Daniel Hobbi (Student Advocacy and Wellbeing Coordinator)

Number of reps – 13

Welcome and Updates

ZM welcomed the reps and introduced DD and DH. ZM explained the Academic Council would run slightly different as the Students' Union would be running a focus group with the reps.

ZM updated the reps on STaR Awards deadlines for nominations. DD updated the reps on the upcoming Student Elections and the upcoming Varsity day against Napier.

Rep Feedback

SEATs – Still ongoing issues around the app such as QR codes coming up as invalid. Some lecturers going back to using paper registers however, are forgetting to manually update the app effecting students attendance. ZM will bring this up to SLT and the IT department again.

QMU Merch – Nursing reps feedback around the lack of returns policy making it difficult to exchange or return the wrong items that were delivered. Issues were wrong colours and zips being on the wrong side. ZM and DD will follow up with the University staff around this.

Plug sockets – Many classes unable to access the plug sockets in the classrooms due to being locked. ZM to follow up with the university.

Class Rep Focus Group then followed after the reps gave their feedback.

Other comments

Challenges around PATs depending on course / lecturer.

Class reps struggling to get cohort feedback as the year progresses.

Reps would like clearer roles and responsibilities to pass round their class.

Questions and comments around AI usage within academic writing and the University as a whole.

ZM thanked the reps for their time and contributions and reminded them of the next Academic Council date – 24/3/26