



ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 8th February 2022

Time: 12:00

Room: Halle

Attended – 8 Apologies – 6

Aasiyah Patankar (Student President)

Chair: Sophie Cunningham (Vice President)

Secretary: Sacha Forbes (Dep General Manager, SU)

Speaker: Jonathan Anderson (Effective Learning Service)

AGENDA

1. WELCOME

Aasiyah welcomed everyone to the Academic Council and briefly went through the purpose of the meeting and a special welcome for new Class Reps.

2. STUDENT PRESIDENT UPDATE

1. Moderator Feedback

The feedback that we received from our last Question of the Semester (QoS) has now been collated and sent to the Senior Leadership Team within the University. We are hopeful that actions will be taken to improve the method of communication from QMU to its students.

2. New Question of the Semester

Our new QoS is now live and we ask Class Reps to share this with their classmates. This QoS is around racial harassment and whether you have experienced or witnessed it. Please share with your class (and fill in yourselves).

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/f6cXFOYv>

3. Student Elections 2022

The Student Union 2022 elections are nearly upon us, nominations open on Monday 14th and we are looking for candidates to run for our newly named (voted for by students) President – Academic Life and President – Student Activities alongside 6 PT Voluntary Officer positions. <https://www.qmusu.org.uk/top-menu/your-voice/student-elections-2022>

4. The Hub

Aasiyah has been in discussions with the Hub Manager and they are looking at ways to make the Hub more user-friendly. Please pass this link on to your peers for feedback :

<https://qmu.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/hub-review>

5. STaR Awards

Our annual STaR Awards nominations are now open! Please share the link with your class and get your nominations in. (There is an award for Class Rep of the Year – just saying.....)

<https://www.qmusu.org.uk/star-awards-2022>

3. GUEST SPEAKER: JONATHAN ANDERSON – Effective Learning Service (ELS)

ELS is a service on the QMU campus, which assists students with regard to their written work. Appointments are available either in person or online and details of the service can be found on <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/student-services/effective-learning-service-els/> they will be holding open workshops around a variety of subjects including a programme for those who are required to re-sit assignments/examinations. They are located in Room 1153 and offer help with academic skills, referencing, formatting essays etc.

4. FEEDBACK FROM LAST MEETING

- Aasiyah has reported the concerns of Class Reps regarding timetables and staffing issues directly with the Principal. He has assured her that they are aware of these issues and that work is in progress to improve the situation.
- National Student Survey (NSS) – This survey is for 4th Year students and they will all be sent a link to fill it in shortly, if they have not had one already. It is so important that this survey is completed to aid the service that the University provides to future students.
- Gender pronouns – Aasiyah read the statement below

Known As Name

- The Known As Name will replace your official forename in some QMU systems and documentation. Students can provide or change their Known As name themselves during the annual online matriculation task. Outside of that opportunity, students can email Registry@qmu.ac.uk from their QMU email account to request the change. No evidence is required for this change.
- Official Forename(s) or Surname
- Forenames and surnames are provided by the student via their application form. Students can change their official forename(s) or surname by emailing Registry@qmu.ac.uk from the QMU email account. The request should be supported by an official form of evidence showing the current name. Examples of this form of evidence are, but not limited to, a marriage certificate, a passport, birth certificate or a driver's license. Registry will also accept a Statutory Declaration for Change of Name as supporting evidence of a name change (<https://www.scottishtrans.org/trans-equality/change-of-name/>).
- Careers employability focus group – This is a paid opportunity for Class Reps and their classmates to join a focus group to discuss the following: -

Purpose of the Focus Group

- The focus group aims to identify a succinct name which better links to the intended outcomes and is more relatable to the student audience.
- The focus group is intended to choose wording and approach QMU should use that is more engaging and resonate with students.
- QMU will use the Skills Framework to measure the skills progress from the moment they join QMU until they leave QMU. This process is called careers registration.

5. CLASS REP FEEDBACK

- Some programmes are having their placements straight after the summer break and are concerned that after such a long break a refresher class may be required.
- Many placements are being staggered due to the differing start dates for some students. This is leading to some confusion.
- Class Reps reported that due to a synchronised learning some students do not feel prepared for the practical elements of their course. Suggestions were made to contact the PL or module co0ordinators and to let the SU know of the outcome of that meeting.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7th March 2022

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