



QMSU President's Report

Outcome requested:	Council is asked to note the QMSU President's report.
Executive Summary:	This is the QMSU President's report for June 2015.
QMUL Strategy:	Effective governance supports the achievement of all strategic aims.
Internal/External reference points:	Education Act 1994 and related Code of Practice; QMUL Ordinance C5
Strategic Risks:	2. High quality student experience throughout the student life cycle
Equality Impact Assessment:	N/A
Subject to prior and onward consideration by:	N/A
Confidential paper under FOIA/DPA:	No
Timing:	The President reports on the activities of QMSU at each meeting of Council.
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Senior Management/External Sponsor:	N/A

President's Report

QMUL Council, Tuesday 30 June 2015

RAG (Raise & Give)

RAG secured 3 places in the London Marathon that took place on Sunday 26th April. Amy Richardson, Lucy Smith and Rosie Pearson were our runners and raised over £4000 between them which will be split between the Barts & The London nominated charities – London Air Ambulance, Barts' Cancer Institute and Barts & The London Charity.

The Barts & The London Boat Club also recently held a 24 hour Ergathon (continuous rowing challenge) in St. Pauls. The Club raised over £3000 for London Air Ambulance.

Finally some of our student groups and a Union online donation initiative has seen approximately £500 raised for the Nepal Earthquake appeal.

Student Media

In April a number of print publications attended the National Student Publication Association Conference & Awards in Southampton offering students the opportunity to gain an insight into the industry, workshops, networking opportunities and career events. The Print Newspaper, CUB Magazine, Politics Made Public and QM Review were all shortlisted for Awards at the prestigious ceremony.

Graduation Ball

The Union unfortunately due to changes in Graduation Ceremonies in the Great Hall has had to make the difficult decision to take the Graduation Ball off campus. This will be hosted in the Shoreditch Town Hall and will have a Moulin Rouge theme. We expect 500 graduating students to come together and celebrate their time at QMUL. The Union is very grateful to QMSE for providing £2500 in subsidy to ensure that we can keep the tickets at an accessible price with all the additional expenditure.

TEDx QMUL

The Union has launched TEDx QMUL and the first event is the 18 June. This has been supported through the Annual Fund and the Campus Community Fund. The first event will feature 6 student speakers who have undergone extensive public speaking training which is going to provide them with employability skills. The topic is community and the Union is promoting it to the local area for them to come to the event. More information can be found at: <http://tedxqmul.com/>.

Learning Café Competitive Tender

The tender documents were submitted on 30 April, ahead of the deadline. The Union was then invited to an interview and presentation on 6 May. On the 8 May, we were advised that the tender submission was successful, and the contract is awarded for a further three years. The bid was very focused about student experience and how the café should be providing a service students need.

The bid also included a report on the impressive achievement of those involved with the Campus Community Fund. The funds are generated from a proportion of the income from the Learning Café.

Best Bar None

The Union has for the first time has achieved both a Gold Award in NUS Best Bar None Awards in the Drapers Bar & Kitchen and the Griff Inn Bar & Kitchen. It is credit to the direction the venues have taken over recent years ensuring that student safety and experience is at the heart of what is being offered.

Branding on Clothing

Constructive meetings have taken place with the QMUL Communications and Marketing Division, and agreed actions and timeline. The group will develop use of the logo / crest and QMUL brand guidelines to promote and develop processes to adhere to the guidance. Suppliers have been invited to present what they could offer to QMUL and the Union.

External Board Member Recruitment

The QMSU Services Ltd. Board of Directors are currently looking to recruit additional members. The Board are looking for one individual with a communications and marketing background and one with a commercial, facilities and estates background.

Internal and External Audit Tender

The Union will be embarking on a competitive tender process over the summer for both internal and external audits of the Union. The Union will be inviting the two QMUL incumbent auditors (Deloitte and KPMG) to tender in addition to others.

NUS Green Impact

The Union has managed to achieve bronze in the NUS Green Impact Awards, which is an improvement on last year (this is not public until July 2015). The Union is aiming to have achieved Gold by 2017 so is progressing towards that strategic aim. The Union is looking at creating a student internship role to focus on ethical and environmental matters to support this aim.

Dola Osilaja, President 2014/15