

Minutes

Exec Meeting 06.01.2021

There was a meeting of the LSU Executive Committee on Wednesday 6th January 2021 at 3pm via Teams

1. PRESENT:

Ana-Maria Bilciu, Fejiro Amam, Alex Marlowe, Matt Youngs, James Greer and Trevor Page

2. APOLOGIES:

N/A

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Held on 16th December 2020 **the minutes of the last meeting were approved**

4. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

- ~~JG to find a suitable co-chair for his PMB – EB to Co-chair with heavy input from HM~~
- ~~PMB leads to email EM a brief update due to the meeting running over~~
- ~~AM and AMB to contact Rachel Thomson and discuss match funding for the Keep Calm campaign~~

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1) Student Petition – next steps – led by Ana-Maria Bilciu
Anxious students have approached AMB, it has been a difficult year so far and it looks like the rest of the year will be also. Students are worried how they will be impacted from this.
After further discussion, it was decided that LSU supports students in having a voice but do not endorse it
AMB will write a statement and circulate to 'Executive Reports' and then everyone can read it and feedback.
ACTION EM to put two meetings a week into the diary as this is fast paced and things will come up quickly.
AMB is satisfied that she has enough information to move forward at this stage.

6. REFERRALS AND UPDATES FROM UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

7. STRATEGY UPDATE

8. PROJECT MANAGEMENT BOARDS

LSU Student Leadership and Development Project Management Board Update: (JG)

With Covid-19 preventing us with being unable to deliver the first instalment of the Student Leadership Conference and the relevant staff being furloughed, there has been limited ability to provide physical leadership and development opportunities to students. With the recent redundancy of Liam, this has also meant that the co-chair of the Project has been unfilled. I propose to the Executive Team that having already worked closely with Emma Bishop on Leadership and development training; she takes up the position with Hannah McManmon also having a significant role on the board. The rest of the board will mostly consist of section admins and chairs who have prominent student leaders within their sections.

*Emma and I have already had discussions around how we can improve the quality of training experience by enhancing connections with external stakeholders who can be key note speakers, deliver external training and strengthen links that extends training beyond the current resources we have. This will also allow us to build positive relationships with companies and good quality connections that could provide further benefits for LSU in general. The main concepts that we want to address is **what** training we are providing, and **how** we are delivering it. We know that students will disengage and get bored of a session that shows a PowerPoint with someone speaking for an hour. The Leadership and Development Project needs to move away from this and be innovative towards how it attracts and keeps students engaged in the content we deliver. Both Hannah and Emma have fantastic knowledge and expertise as to how we can do this and alongside student insight we can dramatically improve online training and the Leadership Conference. As a caveat to this, the board needs to look into sponsorship/ funding to get funds towards resources that makes us more legitimate and better quality delivery. This is something that Emma has taken note of and already has potential avenues to explore on this. We were also in agreement that the ambition is to make LSU an official Leadership and Development Academy that is certified and accredited under the organisations name.*

The next stage with the project will be for me, Emma and Hannah to sit down and plan what can be achievable this year in terms of deliverance of potential online training sessions and also long term stability of the project over future years. The project has huge potential to grasp a wider network of students and ensuring we get this right is essential towards the success of the project. My aim is to create KPI's/ milestones that can be embedded within the strategic target to ensure a clear pathway can be made and success is measurably achievable.

I want to set myself, Emma and Hannah to meet on a monthly basis to digress into getting plans in place for wider Board members to convene on a by-monthly basis to add thoughts/ provide feedback on initial plans. The Board will then be set tasks to support in achieving the intended goals set in the proposed KPI's made within the Project.

Understandably, Covid-19 will cause issues with progress and ability to meet with the board. However, we will do what we can to make the most of the position we are in.

9. FINANCE/BUDGETS

To be circulated prior to meeting

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CCC will go ahead on Monday.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 11am in the Board Room