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<b>Paper Title</b>	Students' Union President's Report
<b>Outcome Requested</b>	Senate is asked to <b>note</b> the report from the President of the Students' Union
<b>Points for Senate members to note and further information</b>	
<b>Questions for Senate to consider</b>	
<b>Regulatory/statutory reference points</b>	
<b>Strategy and risk</b>	
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# QMSU President's Report

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## Annual Student Meeting

QMSU will be having our Annual Student Meeting (ASM) on the 27<sup>th</sup> of Feb, 6.30pm in the Bancroft Mason LT. This ASM provides students across the University the perfect opportunity to have their say in QMSU priorities and positions on key issues. This year, the Annual Student Meeting incorporates both the Students' Union Annual General Meeting and Annual Members Meeting for legal requirements (approving our Articles of Association). All students can submit ideas as motions, attend and participate in the debate. They will also get the chance to hear from Elected Representatives about what they have been up to, and can vote on whether or not to accept the ideas submitted by other students.

## UCU Strike

Queen Mary Students' Union recognises the impact this strike may have on our students, and we want to ensure that any stance we take reflects the views of our student body. We want students to attend our Annual Student Meeting and vote on the position we will take. It's vital that we empower our students through our democratic processes, whilst ensuring we look after their educational interests. We also want to assure students that we are in constant communication with the University to ensure the mitigation of any potential detrimental impact this may have on their assessments, coursework, lectures and exams.

## NSS Boycott

Since the Previous Senate meeting in December, QMSU's Student Council body voted to reverse the policy on the Union boycotting the NSS. As mentioned in the previous paper to Senate, TEF may be somewhat flawed in its metrics, and the SU recognises this, the debate was about working with the university at ensuring student voices are heard. The Sabbatical Officers sought consultation from Student Council representatives and they voted 15 in favour, 7 against and 3 abstentions. (See the following link) [Should the SU end the current policy boycotting the NSS?](#)

## Asian Heritage Month

QMSU celebrated Asian Heritage in February with our QMSU Vice President of Welfare, Ahmed setting up a number of events that showcased all the Asian history that influenced a lot of contemporary life. From movie nights, to spoken word evenings, to a discussion surrounding the mental health stigma surrounding South Asian communities, these host of events recognise the importance of Asian history, the diversity of our membership and the recognition and the importance to continue to reach out here at QM to all of our students and host activities that they find resonance to.

## Course Rep Conference 2018

In December, our QMSU Vice President of Education, Mary hosted our first ever Course rep conference. The conference saw over 120 Course Reps gather together to share the highlights of their teaching and learning experience, discuss all challenges they faced, issues they raised and celebrated their achievements in the first semester.

## Charterhouse Square

Following the decision that Genomics England will be given a floor of the halls residence at Dawson Hall, we have concerns about community space being eroded at Charterhouse Square. We hope to see an investment from QMUL to facilitate community development across campuses.

## QMUL Long Term Plans

Recently we have been able to hear about the 10 year plan for IT investment into the teaching and learning framework and long term plans from the Space Management Group. We are encouraged by these approaches and look forward to being involved in the next steps

## New Strategic Plan

In January, QMSU launched our new three year strategic plan. Thank you to all who came along to our launch event. Copies of the new strategy will be available at the Senate meeting. We look forward to working in partnership with QMUL to deliver the challenging objectives laid out in our plan.