

Law
Undergraduate Student Staff Liaison Committee
Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 14:00

Minutes

Attendance

Part 1 – Preliminary Items

Present	Muhammad Iqbal Law Year 2 - Rep
Niovi Vavoula Chair (Senior Tutor)	Julia Cyrson Law Year 3 - Rep
Shahida Uddin (Secretary)	Lola Rivoir English and French Law (Double degree with Sorbonne) Year 2 - Rep
Rupert Seal (Senior Tutor)	Viktoria Moerk-Moerkenstein English and European Law Year 1 - Rep
Sheila Shirley (Undergraduate Student Support)	Abhishek Jhala Global Law Year 3 Rep
Sanmeet Dua (Deputy Director for Student Experience)	Hana Sattar Law with Business Year 2 - Rep
Richard Evans (Faculty Liaison Librarian - Humanities & Social Sciences)	Cloe Haddad Global Law Year 2 Rep
Course Reps Present	Apologies
Binta Yade Law and Politics Year 2 - Rep	Kanika Durga Law Year 1 - Rep
Mickaella Andriantsiferana Law and Politics Year 3 - Rep	Ching Tong Law with History Year 2 - Rep
Tom Peter Jean-Paul Leval	Annabelle Woghiren Law and Politics Year 1 - Rep
Thunchanok Lap-Itti Law Year 1 - Rep	Layal Hammoud Law Year 3 - Rep
Tom Leval Law Year 1 - Rep	Liza Dieschbourg English and European Law Year 3 – Rep (had issues connecting)
Ahmet Oztekin Law Year 2 - Rep	Jonathan Griffiths (Director of Education)
Husna Ali Bik Senior Status Year 1 Rep	Emma Sorvik Global Law Year 1 Rep
Akanksha Kumari Law with Business Year 1 - Rep	Zainab Saboor Law with Business Year 3 - Rep
Michelle Angela Bannister Senior Status Year 2 Rep	Yara Hourani English and European Law Year 4 - Rep
Tommaso Salvatore English and European Law Year 2 - Rep	

1(a) Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting 28.10.2020 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and adopted

1(b) Report on matters arising and actions taken

All actions from previous meeting has been completed.

Part 2

Student feedback			
Land Law lectures layout	Binta Yade Law and Politics Year 2 - Rep	RS, students have difference preferences. Husna Ali Bik Lecture X, Wek Y, Tutorial Z – Topic	No further action required
On campus teaching semester B	Binta Yade Law and Politics Year 2 - Rep	NV, unfortunately, the department will continue teaching online for semester B.	No further action required
Lectures are longer, up to 5hrs and unable to fit in the reading	Michelle Angela Bannister Senior Status Year 2 Rep	Conducted a survey for 2 nd year senior students on how they are finding the lectures. SD, the videos are not longer than any other normal circumstances. This has been raised with regards to tort law. The length for tort law is the same as last year. Husna Ali Bik, re-recorded lectures or live lectures that are then available for review. Being able to pause, a person can increase the playback speed. This caters to all audiences. An option to use not use the pause button.	MAB will send the survey to SU to be reviewed MAB, will send the survey to RS, NV and SD
Optional modules, fortnightly.	Michelle Angela Bannister Senior Status Year 2 Rep	Students are finding it difficult to follow fortnightly schedule. RS Fortnightly tutorials are a decision made by the module convenor – it's part of their academic judgement as to the best way for students to learn.	No further action required
Process of selecting module and modules get cancelled.	Michelle Angela Bannister Senior Status Year 2 Rep	SS, cancellation of modules occurred due to a lot of academics going on sabbatical leave. We usually attain the list of staff going on sabbatical before the list of modules are sent out to students. Unfortunately, this year there were quite a few issues. This has never occurred in the past.	No further action required

Degree classification	Michelle Angela Bannister Senior Status Year 2 Rep	RS, four best results are taken from 2 nd and 3 rd year. Further information can be found in the student handbook.	No further action required
Tutorial, not all questions are covered	Muhammad Iqbal Law Year 2 - Rep	MZQ, suggested for tutors to cover problem questions which covers of the matter and any remainder of questions to email the tutor. RS, all students are welcome to bring such issues with their tutors in question or with their module convenor.	No further action required
Lecture recordings/screen fatigue	Muhammad Iqbal Law Year 2 - Rep	MZQ, longer lectures that caused tiredness and fatigue. In Equity and Trusts, for the first few weeks students didn't have much work. Tutorials were based around how to write an essay, plagiarism and so forth. Then suddenly bombarded with so much work, 3hrs of lectures, assignments, reading etc. NV understands screen fatigue. The best way forward to speak directly to the tutors and module conveners. Everyone has different way of delivering tutorials. Also ensure you complete the student evaluation so improvements can be made RS, skills, plagiarism, essay writing tutorials have always been run, usually it's for two weeks but this year it has been for three weeks due to the high volume of plagiarism cases. Both RS and NV invited students with such issues to send emails to them to assist by speaking to the convenors and tutors.	No further action required
On campus teaching	Muhammad Iqbal Law Year 2 - Rep	MZQ, other degrees have one day on campus, would this be possible? NV, in light of the covid cases, the law department have decided to continue with online teaching for semester B. For those students who in London and living on campus, in semester B there will be various activities on campus	No further action required

Recorded tutorials	Husna Ali Bik Senior Status Year 1 Rep	Tutorials, technical issues with students miss a lot of tutorials and suggested to be recorded. RS, tutorials are not recorded for technical and legal reasons. There has been a department policy agreed that tutorials are not to be recorded. NV, students can attend another tutorial if there is valid reason or book time with tutor during Feedback and Advice Hours	No further action required
Access to law in context	Husna Ali Bik Senior Status Year 1 Rep	Students would like to have access to the materials, recourses, lectures, notes on QMplus for Law in context	NV will investigate the possibility for senior status students to have access to Law in Context module
Online teaching and learning			
Update on library facilities	Richard Evans Faculty Liaison Librarian - Humanities & Social Sciences	If students have any issues or queries, contact: library-hss@qmul.ac.uk Library bite size events. Short and snappy on training for students https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wnz18PbNf4hdbVII2UXwHCwJ8wRLyXAt/view?usp=sharing To make booking: https://qmul.libcal.com/ College has several closure dates and opening hours detail can be found here: https://www.qmul.ac.uk/library/using-the-library/opening-hours/ Husna Ali Bik, senior status students have not had any recourses. Husna suggested to have sessions, one to one or as a group on legal referencing	RE, to investigate the possibilities to run some sessions for senior status students

Part 3 – Any Other Business

N/A

Part 4 – Date of the next meeting: 2 February 2021

Actions:

Action	Who	Deadline	Status
MAB, will send the survey to RS, NV and SD	Michelle Angela Bannister Senior Status Year 2 Rep	Update next meeting	Completed
NV will investigate the possibility for senior status students to have access to Law in Context module	Niovi Vavoula	Update next meeting	Completed
RE, to investigate the possibilities to run some sessions for senior status students	Richard Evans	Update next meeting	Olly was running some sessions and has been speaking to Husna. Not sure if the sessions took place but there are conversations