



## **Student panel update**

### **Purpose**

1. To update the board on the work of the student panel.

### **Recommendations/Decisions required by the board**

2. The board is invited to note the updates in this paper.

### **Paper publication date**

3. This report will be made available on the OfS website.
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## Update

5. One new student panel appointment has been made and announced since the last briefing, Lila Tamea. Lila is the former President and Vice-President Education at Liverpool John Moores Students' Union (2019 to 2021) and is now studying for an MA in Education while working at Liverpool John Moores as a Community Outreach Officer.
6. For a full summary of the current student panel membership, please follow this [link](#).
7. The student panel met for the second time of this cycle on 27 January. There were then two substantive discussion sessions at the meeting, one on the planned review of blended learning practices in the sector, and another on the proposed TEF student submission.
8. The first session exploring the planned review of blended learning practices was facilitated by Ed Davison and Mike Spooner from the Chief Executive's Unit. The panel was asked about areas of blended provision which it would be helpful for OfS to explore to enhance the student experience. The panel said that the following are important to consider on blended learning practices:
  - a. The importance of staff being trained to facilitate blended learning.
  - b. That systems are in place to support all students in the blended learning environment.
  - c. That staff check for learning comprehension.
  - d. That staff are continuously improving the learning experience.
9. The second session exploring the proposed TEF student submission process was facilitated by Lee Smith, Sienna Emmanuel and Ranjeet Dhinsa from the TEF team. The student submission is currently being consulted on as part of the OfS consultation on the Teaching Excellence Framework, and the panel raised many important points that are being considered as part of the proposal. Since the consultation is ongoing, the details of this feedback will be shared in a future update once the consultation outcomes have been published (when it can be published on the OfS website).
10. John Blake joined panel meeting to introduce himself as the new Director of Fair Access and Participation, and to discuss his background and priorities. During the question and answer session, the panel raised points around the need for funding and support provisions for Muslim students, the importance of widening participation and the arts, collaboration with social services for mental health support, and including care experienced students.
11. Outside of formal panel meetings, panellists participated in several other opportunities for engagement such as:
  - a. A workshop on the statement of expectations on sexual harassment and misconduct
  - b. A workshop the student engagement strategy refresh updated priorities
  - c. A workshop on the B3 consultation
12. The next student panel meeting will take place on 6 April 2022.