Candidate 1: Professor Rob Briner

Election Statement: I would very much like to help with the Senate’s work and believe my experience and expertise enable me to make a useful contribution. I have been at QMUL for almost six years and therefore have some understanding of the way we function and some of our challenges. I have worked at many other universities during my career and taken on senior management and administrative roles. I also have specific interests in HE Management and the way universities are structured and organized.

In addition to this experience, I have also spent much of my career researching and delivering teaching/practical training in evidence-based management. Evidence-based practice aims to improve the quality of decision-making and outcomes through a combination of critical thinking and use of the best available evidence. Such expertise is essential for developing and evaluating changes to organisational structures and procedures which is a key part of the Senate’s remit.

Candidate 2: Dr Émilie Oléron Evans

Election Statement: If elected to the Senate, I believe that I will bring a valuable perspective to the institution: Having been part of Queen Mary for over ten years, first as a postgraduate student and, for the last five years, as a member of staff, I am excited at the prospect of giving back to the community through my involvement in the Senate’s activities. If elected, I will endeavour to uphold the College’s core value of inclusivity: I pledge to support the Senate in ensuring sustainable academic governance, underpinned by a robust democratic process, centring on the concerns of our colleagues and our students. With the same passion and energy that I offer to fostering collegiality among my peers and in my teaching, I will use my Senate membership to build the best environment for the people of Queen Mary to thrive in their professional and scholarly lives.

Candidate 3: Dr Richard Saull

Election Statement: My contribution to Senate is based on my experience of working at QMUL since 2006 where I have been involved in programme reviews, student recruitment, chairing exam boards, teaching observations and as Director of Postgraduate studies and co-chair of the SPIR EDI committee. I was also branch secretary of QMUL UCU until 2017. My contribution would focus on the following: (i) student engagement and assessment with a particular focus on the experience of first year students and how the university can improve on its current levels of student retention and attainment; (ii) staff workload and the need to ensure that new initiatives concerning our delivery of education are manageable within existing workloads and pay attention to principles of equity and inclusion. I also pledge to circulate the minutes of Senate meetings to the Faculty staff email list and to respond to queries from colleagues about the business of Senate.