

Present

Joshua Williams, President **(President)**
 Josh Dooler, Sports Officer Elect **(SO)**
 Millie Gibbins, Welfare & Community Officer **(WCO)**
 Ryan Ginger, Activities and Employability Officer **(AEO)**
 Joanne Park, International Officer **(IO) (Chair)**
 Tobiloba Adeyemi, Postgraduate Officer **(PGO)**
 Amanda Sefton, Education Officer **(EO)**

Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, Chief Executive **(JT)**
 Adam Tomes, Communications and Marketing Manager **(AT)**
 Emma Gracie, Digital Communications Coordinator **(EG)**
 Sam Jones, Executive Assistant **(SJ)** (Note taker)

Apologies

None.

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:00

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	Notes	ACTION
0	Communications Plan	<p>AT presented the current working version of the Guild's comms plan during the Coronavirus outbreak. The Officer team discussed the content of Guild Comms, the Virtual Neighbourhood and coverage of communications channels during the Easter break.</p> <p>The Officer team agreed to maintain a contact point for students during the Easter break and check emails regularly.</p> <p>SO noted that students at home due to the campus shutdown would not consider the Easter break as a closed period.</p> <p>AT asked Officers to continue to promote the 'Town hall' online events and UB sport's events.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
1	Minutes from 30.03.20	The minutes of the meeting held on 30 th March 2020 were approved as an accurate account.	Approved
2	AOB	The EO noted a national open letter from NUS, lobbying for a national settlement over student rents during the Coronavirus outbreak. EO suggested Officers sign the letter.	Noted

		<p>The PGO noted that PG exams had been cancelled due to the campus shutdown, and many PG students were concerned about being able to complete assessments remotely.</p> <p>The President noted that nursing students were also being asked to support NHS emergency provision, as were medical students, and the Guild should look to celebrate the efforts of students engaged in vital NHS provision. The EO noted plans for a nursing students campaign with student reps.</p> <p>The President noted that July graduations had been postponed by the University, and a number of options for rescheduling were being considered. The Officer team discussed options for delayed graduations, and agreed to proposed Easter 2021 as an alternative.</p> <p>The President noted that the University had increased its resources in the student hardship fund by £1m.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3	Private Renters	The WCO noted ongoing issues with private landlords, the majority of which were reportedly refusing to release students from accommodation contracts in Selly Oak during the Coronavirus outbreak. The WCO noted that Guild Advice were preparing a template letter for students to send to landlords asking to be released.	Noted
4	'No Detriment' Policy	The Officer team discussed a national petition for students to have no detriment to their progression or degree process due to the closure of University campuses.	Noted
5	Tuition Fees	<p>The AEO noted a petition by Sheffield Student's Union for a tuition fee refund for term three of 2020. The President noted enquiries from a large number of students about the need to pay tuition fees in term three.</p> <p>The President agreed to raise the issue with the University.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Pres</p>
6	Virtual Neighbourhood	The President noted the need to maintain engagement in the Virtual Community over the Easter break. The Officer team discussed possible events and content over Easter.	Noted
7	Diaries	The Officer Team discussed annual leave and diaries.	Noted
8	Manifesto Updates & Priority Campaigns.	No Items noted.	Noted
9	Guild Engagement/ Social Media	<p>The following items were noted for promotion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Renters • Town Hall events • PG Updates • Societies Updates • Virtual Global Café 	Noted

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UOB Positivity Campaign • 'No Detriment' News story. 	
10	School/College/ Dubai Update	<p>The IO noted that the Dubai campus was now closed, however the University expected the campus to reopen earlier than Edgbaston. The IO noted that plans for a 'digital campus' were in place for the rest of the academic year.</p> <p>The President noted that the Universities projections for Dubai intake and revenues were more positive than Edgbaston, as its location in the UAE may allow for the intake of international student's for September.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
11	Part Time Officer Buddies	The SO noted that they had arranged virtual 'one to ones' with the DSO.	Noted
12	Officer Training & Development	The Officer team discussed the possibility for an 'away day' morning early in term three for Officers.	Noted

The meeting closed at 13:20.

Signed

Date