

## Present

George Christian, Sports Officer **(SO) (Chair)**  
 Aaliyah Simms, Welfare & Community Officer **(WCO)**  
 Josephine Conway, Activities and Employability Officer **(AEO)**  
 Danielle Murinas, Postgraduate Officer **(PGO)**  
 Jules Singh, Education Officer **(EO)**  
 Mikey Brown, President **(President)**  
 Wei-Lun Chen, International Officer **(IO)**

## Also in Attendance

Sarah Wright, Director of Support and Representation **(SW)**  
 Sam Jones, Executive Assistant **(SJ)** (note taker)

## Apologies

None.

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:00

No	Item for Discussion	Notes	Actions
1	<b>Previous Minutes (16.08.21)</b>	The minutes from Monday 16th August 2021 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	<b>Approved</b>
2	<b>Officer Team Uniforms</b>	The Officer team discussed their Guild uniforms for the year ahead, agreeing on polo shirts, sweatshirts and t-shirts for each Officers.	<b>Noted</b>
3	<b>Graduation Celebrations</b>	SJ updated the Officer team on discussions with the University on Officer Speeches at graduation celebrations. SJ to respond to the University.	<b>SJ</b>
4	<b>Action Plans</b>	SJ reminded the Officer team to circulate their action plans for circulation to the Trustee Board.	<b>All</b>
5	<b>UKFPO</b>	<p>TS joined the meeting at 12:30.</p> <p>TS updated the Officer team on the Government's altered approach to medical students completing the UKFPO programme as part of their medical degree. TS noted that UK authorities had recently announced a revised points system for passing the qualification, the timing of which negatively affected medical students who were currently intercalating on a master's programme or similar. TS noted that the British Medical Association have reached out to the Government to seek a change of approach for the new scheme.</p> <p>TS noted a request for the Guild Officer team to co-sign an open letter in support of affected medical students. The Officer team agreed to co-sign the letter.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Agreed.</b></p>

6	<b>International Conflicts</b>	<p>The EO noted an outstanding student’s idea proposal on condemning action against the Uighur Muslim community in western China, including series of demands to the University in its relationship with Chinese institutions.</p> <p>The Officer team discussed the Guild’s stance on International conflicts, noting the Guild’s existing beliefs and commitments policy on a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Israel/Palestine, and concerns around human rights in Dubai, Afghanistan and other regions globally.</p> <p>The PGO noted their willingness for the Guild to take a more active stance on conflicts and global rights issues. The President noted that in their view the Guild should consider proposals on a case-by-case basis and focus on supporting students affected by such issues.</p> <p>SW noted the Guild’s charitable objectives and requirement to focus resources on issue that affected the Guild’s members, which included considerations for UoB Dubai students and LGBT+ rights in that region. SW noted the need to consider the needs and views of different groups of UoB Students in relation to a particular conflict or issue, which may be conflicting.</p> <p>The EO noted previous discussions on the Guild’s stance on the 2020 farmer’s protests in India, which the previous Officer team had agreed to not take a stance on.</p> <p>The Officer team discussed a change of stance to considering international issues on a case by case basis. The SO noted the importance of considering the view of groups of students who may take opposing views on political issues internationally due to opinion in their home country. The President noted the value of focusing on human rights issues and international law rather than political balance when considering the Guild’s stance on international issues. The PGO noted their concern about taking decisions without sufficient information.</p> <p>The Officer team agreed to discuss outside the meeting.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Agreed.</b></p>
7	<b>Tutor Groups</b>	<p>The EO noted an outstanding idea submission for tutor groups to be held in person moving forwards. The EO noted in contrast to Lectures and Seminars, tutor groups were still planned to be held online moving forwards.</p> <p>The EO noted difficulties for students already on campus between two in-person teaching sessions who may then have to attend an online meeting on campus. The PGO noted the possibility for the University to promote possible spaces on campus where students could join online meetings on campus. The President noted the importance of tutor groups being kept online to support the wellbeing of international students who may not be able to travel to Birmingham.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

		<p>The President suggested a space in the Guild building where students could join tutor groups online while on campus that day for other events. The PGO noted difficulties for students without portable devices to join online meetings. The PGO suggested encouragement of tutor groups to also meet in-person separately on campus for wellbeing.</p> <p>The Officer team discussed the benefits and limitations of the existing tutor group model. The PGO noted the benefits of weekly check-ins for student's wellbeing throughout the pandemic. The SO noted poor attendance and difficulties for group discussions online.</p> <p>The EO noted the limited capacity in the Guild building for non-silent study space. The EO suggested discussing with the University at the next Joined Up Conversations meeting. SJ to include on the agenda. The EO agreed to email the University to understand current plans.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>SJ</b></p> <p><b>EO</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Diaries</b>	<p><b>President</b> – Officer Training session, Community Welfare meetings, Russell Group SU's meeting, Elections planning.</p> <p><b>AEO</b> – Commercial Strategy Group, Officer Training Sessions, Activities Committee agenda setting, 1:1 AS, Interviews for Student Groups Coordinator, Space Group.</p> <p><b>WCO</b> – A/L.</p> <p><b>PGO</b> – Officer Training, PGR Reps meeting, Student Conduct training, Catch-Up SW, LES CEC, Student Voice Catch-Up, PG Reps meeting.</p> <p><b>EO</b> – Disabled Students Commission Catch-Up, Officer Training Session, Interviews, 1:1 VaRM, A/L.</p> <p><b>IO</b> – A/L.</p> <p><b>SO</b> – UB Sport Induction meetings, Director of Sport Guild Tour, Sport Social Media prep, Sports Fair planning.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>9</b>	<b>Officer Wins/ Priority Campaigns</b>	No Items noted.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Guild Communications and social media</b>	No Items noted.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Schools/ Colleges Dubai Update</b>	<p>SW noted the need to arrange a Dubai Induction session to the Officer Team. SJ to diarise.</p> <p>SW updated the Officer team on recent developments with the Dubai Phase 2 plan, moving towards the provision of societies and active representation for students at UoB Dubai.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

12	<b>Part-Time Officer</b>	The PGO noted difficulties reaching out to their part-time officer buddy. SJ suggested contacting them formally via the voice team.	<b>Noted</b>
13	<b>Any Other Business (AOB)</b>	<p>The PGO noted plans for 'myth busting Monday's, and suggested the involvement of the whole Officer team moving forwards. The President suggested allocating sessions week by week. The EO suggested discussing with C&amp;M.</p> <p>The SW noted an upcoming University open day on the 11<sup>th</sup> September.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

The meeting closed at 11:00.

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