

Present

Tobiloba Adeyemi, President **(President)**
 Rebecca Cutler, Postgraduate Officer **(PGO) (Chair)**
 Rob Hegarty, Sports Officer **(SO)**
 Jules Singh, Education Officer **(EO)**
 Amie Raphael, Activities and Employability Officer **(AEO)**
 Charlotte Minter, Welfare & Community Officer **(WCO)**
 Wei-Lun Chen, International Officer **(IO)**

Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, CEO **(JT)**
 Sam Jones, Executive Assistant **(SJ)** (notetaker)

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:00

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	Notes	ACTION
1	Minutes from 18.01.21	The minutes from Monday 18 th January 2021 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	Approved
2	Referendum Reflection	<p>The President updated the Officer team on discussions on Referendum on the Guild's campus trade union policy. The EO noted that the Officer team had met separately to discuss their feedback from the Referendum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The shortened timelines of the Referendum and resulting limits on student turnout, debate and engagement. • The need for the incoming Officer Team to have training on Guild's democratic structures and processes. • The need for a comprehensive handover on industrial relations to the incoming Officer team. • Suggestion of an addition to the current policy stating that full members of the Guild are able to access support from the Student Voice team if taking a different stance. <p>The President suggested a wider conversation about student engagement with Guild's democratic structures Officer's roles in how proposals are promoted.</p> <p>JT suggested revisiting the policy wording after the Guild Officer elections had been concluded.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3	Rent Strike	The WCO updated the Officer team on discussions with the UoB Rent Strike campaign team. The WCO noted that recent meetings had been positive, however the Officer team had indicated that they were not likely to unreservedly support the campaign. The President noted they would look to promote the campaign's concerns the University constructively.	

		<p>however the Officer team would have to take a holistic view of concessions by the University on student funding rebates.</p> <p>The WCO updated the Officer team on the campaign's published demands, noting a number of additional requests not related to rent rebates. The Officer team discussed the campaign's demands. The WCO noted that the University were unlikely to agree to all the proposed demands.</p> <p>The President noted concerns for international students participating in the rent strike, and how this may impact on their student/visa status.</p> <p>The Officer team discussed next steps for engaging with the rent strike team.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4	NSS Stance	<p>The PGO noted that the National Student Survey (NSS) had now been launched for 2021. The PGO noted national concern about the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on satisfaction scores across the UK, and ongoing discussion at the University on the level of promotion of the survey.</p> <p>The Officer team discussed their stance on the NSS. The PGO noted the importance of the NSS as a route for students to provide feedback on their University experience. JT suggested informing students on the pro's and cons of completing the survey via Guild communications.</p> <p>The President suggested focusing on the Guild-specific questions on representation and academic experience in Guild communications. The AEO noted the value of free-text specific comments to the University and Guild's services.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5	UEC Update	<p>The PGO updated the Officer team on the recent meeting of University Education Committee. The PGO noted possible implications for additional Guild resources in the University's long-term plans.</p> <p>The PGO noted University plans for wider recruitment of part-time PG students on reduced modules per term over a longer number of years.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	Student Evaluation of Learning & Teaching (SELT)	<p>The PGO updated the Officer team on the new SELT programme, as a replace for module evaluation on course content. The PGO noted that the new survey would be simpler to complete for students, and the Guild and Student reps would have access to the top-level data.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
7	Climate Change Emergency Video	<p>The WCO updated the Officer team on plans for a campaign video on the Climate Change Emergency declaration. The Officer team discussed the script for the video.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
8	Attacks on SU's	<p>The Officer team discussed the outcomes of the recent report by the Adam Smith institute and David Davis MP, alleging breaches of freedom of speech at UK student's unions. The</p>	

		<p>President noted possible action from government on 'freedom of speech' at universities and student's unions.</p> <p>The Officer Team discussed possible communications to inform students and a 'love SU's' project. JT suggested discussing concerns with local MP's. SJ to arrange separate Officer meeting to discuss.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
9	Diaries	<p>The Officer team discussed their key meetings for the week ahead:</p> <p>WCO – E&D Committee, Not On training feedback meeting, housemate finder meeting, Student services catch-up, 'CALM' CEO meeting, UoBE Festival meeting.</p> <p>EO – Education Committee meeting, Extenuating Circumstances meeting, research catch-up, CEC, Elections Q&A's, Elections reps masterclass, EEO catch-up.</p> <p>AEO – Research catch-up, campaigns catch-up, MDS CQAC, DAMSA EGM, C&M catch-up, society workshop meeting, H&S Committee, UoBE Festival meeting.</p> <p>IO – Education Committee, Global Citizens meeting, BUCU liaison meeting, UoBE Festival meeting.</p> <p>SO – Team 10, Forum for Global Charities, UB Sport SMT, CEO 1:1, Elections meeting, Diversity and Equality across UB Sport, Inclusive legacy meeting, UB Sport Senior Management meeting, Club Development Catch-up.</p> <p>PGO – Education Committee, Reps team meeting, University Council briefing, Elections Q&A's, University Council, CAL Q&A, Reps elections masterclass, UCU PGR meeting, PGIF.</p> <p>President – Black Voices steering group meeting, GEMT, Briefing on Uni Council, E&D working group, University Council, UoBE festival sustainability session, 1:1 SVM, BUCU meeting, PTO elections briefing, 1:1 EA.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
10	Priority Campaigns/ Officer Wins	<p>AEO – Super-AGM agenda setting.</p> <p>WCO- Template letter.</p> <p>EO- Elections Q&A's, Master's application.</p> <p>IO- Developing Inclusivity work.</p> <p>President- Hosting UoBE Festival Sustainability session.</p> <p>PGO – n/a</p> <p>SO- Finalising groups for safe exercise initiative and personal alarms.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

11	University Relationships	<p>The SO updated the Officer team on a positive meeting with the incoming Director of UB Sport. The EO noted positive meeting with senior University staff members.</p> <p>The Officer team discussed the rolling Joined-Up Conversation's meetings with the University. The President noted the most productive conversations when specific issues and topics were raised. The PGO suggested rotating attendance between the Officer Team. JT suggested including a timed agenda for future meetings.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
12	Guild Communications/ Social Media	<p>The Officer Team noted the following items for promotion via Guild communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UoBe Festival Events. • Elections nominations. • Elections Q&A sessions. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
13	Schools/Colleges/ Dubai Update	<p>The EO asked Officers to feedback on student rep feedback on assessment changes as they arise at college committee meetings.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
14	Part Time Officers	<p>The President reminded officers to check in regularly with the PTO buddies. The EO noted regular catchups the EEO.</p> <p>The WCO noted ongoing work by the DSO on sub-titling for virtual teaching content at the University. The EO noted that automatic captioning was in place via teams, however University staff had taken responsibility for ensuring academic staff corrected the automated subtitles.</p> <p>The Officer team discussed the issue of missing sub-titles for virtual lectures. The EO suggested raising with the University further.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
15	Officer Training and Development	<p>The Officer Team discussed feedback on Blue Edge training and support.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
16	AOB	<p>JT updated the Officer team on the concluding phases of the SUMS T&F group project. JT noted that the Guild's draft report would be circulated for Officer feedback.</p> <p>JT noted that the Guild Staff Survey would shortly be reopened for additional staff feedback.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

The meeting closed at 13:30.

Signed

Date