

# FULL TIME OFFICER GROUP MINUTES

12:00 – 13:30  
 Online Meeting (via Zoom)

## Present

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

## Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, CEO, (**JT**)  
 Paul Stavlo, Room Bookings and Reception Coordinator (**PS**)

## Apologies

Jules Singh, Education Officer (**EO**)

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:00

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	Notes	ACTION
1	<b>Previous Minutes (19.07.21)</b>	The minutes from Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	<b>Approved</b>
2	<b>Part-Time Buddies</b>	The Officer team discussed which Full-Time Officers would be 'Buddy's' to which Part-Time Officer for the year ahead:  The SO will pair with the EEO The IO will pair with the EMO The AEO will pair with the DSO The PGO will pair with the LGBTQ+O The President will pair with the CO The WCO will pair with the WO The EO will pair with the Trans and Non-binary student officer	<b>Noted</b>
3	<b>Lead &amp; Change Diaries</b>	The Officers team discussed their diaries for the coming two weeks, in relation to their attendance at NUS Lead & Change conferences. The team agreed to rearrange or politely decline meetings that clash with NUS Lead & Change Conferences.	<b>Noted</b>
4	<b>Liberation Associations</b>	The President noted that the Officer Team should agree a stance on the paper regarding Association and Liberation groups authored by the previous AEO. It was noted that the officer team are in favour of the paper, but also that further consultation was needed on the next steps.  The PGO asked why the LGBTQ+ association were not in favour of the paper. The AEO agreed to investigate.  The President noted two issues which would need to be addressed:	<b>Noted</b>  <b>AEO</b>

		<p>1) The protected status of the associations will be in question, and;</p> <p>2) The social and political aspect of the associations need to be separated.</p> <p>The WCO noted that the issue should be prioritised to be dealt with by Welcome Week so that incoming first year student were able to experience the new system.</p> <p>JT suggested that a conclusion be made by the next FTOG meeting. Liberation Associations will be placed on the agenda for the next FTOG.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>PS</b></p>
5	<b>Medical Students Letter</b>	<p>The IO updated the Officer Team regarding a letter from a medical student asking the Guild to support a MedSoc petition to the Foundation Programme (UKFPO) for no longer awarding medical students' points towards their degrees. JT noted that Student Voice were in touch with the student to provide additional support.</p> <p>It was noted that the Officer team agreed to support the petition.</p> <p>The IO agreed to monitor the situation until the EO returned from leave.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
6	<b>Diaries</b>	<p><b>President</b> – NUS Lead and Change, Russell Group Presidents meeting.</p> <p><b>AEO</b> – NUS Lead and Change, get social media up and running</p> <p><b>Sports</b> – contacting teams and touching base with them, introductory meeting with UB Sport</p> <p><b>Education</b> – n/a.</p> <p><b>PGO</b> – meeting with Dean of post Graduates, working on Welcome Week.</p> <p><b>International</b> – NUS Lead and Change.</p> <p><b>WCO</b> – NUS Lead and Change, one to ones with officers, online training.</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>
7	<b>Officer Wins/Priority Campaigns</b>	<p><b>President</b> – Meeting with the President of Aston was very positive.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
8	<b>Guild Communications and Social Media</b>	<p>The PGO noted that scheduling conflicts prevented a meeting being set up with C&amp;M and the director of operations regarding Guild Communications and Social media. The PGO will make contact before the next FTOG.</p> <p>The Officer team continued to discuss the 'Brumfess' Facebook page and the Officer team's use and participation in this.</p>	<p><b>PGO</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

		<p>The WCO shared concerns that if the team comments on Brumfess, then the page may be seen as more legitimate.</p> <p>The President noted that if an issue on 'Brumfess' gains traction, where the Guild has a particular stance on the issue, then the Officer Team needs to respond.</p> <p>The PGO suggested that the Officer Team comment on 'Brumfess' quotes through the Guild's official communication methods.</p> <p>The President suggested using an anonymous advice service similar to Aston University's "Mother Goose" service.</p> <p>The Officer team agreed to discuss with next steps with the Communications and Marketing team.</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>Schools/Colleges Dubai Update</b>	No items noted.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Part-Time Officer</b>	The PGO asked for approximate timelines for reaching out to PTO's. The SO noted that the PTO's still had some training from Student Voice to finish before this could happen.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Any Other Business (AOB)</b>	<p>The SO asked what the timeline is for being assigned to a college.</p> <p>JT suggest the Officer deliberate amongst themselves what college each officer should have, and present this at the next FTOG meeting.</p> <p>The President asked for the Officer Team's stance on vaccination passports. The team agreed that they should promote an uptake in vaccinations but will not promote vaccination passports for Guild and Student Group events due to the large amount of students who may be alienated from campus events due to being advised to not receive a vaccine for health reasons.</p> <p>The President will contact Birmingham City Council and MPs about prioritising students for the vaccine.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>President</b></p>

The meeting closed at 13:30.

Signed .....

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