

Full-Time Officer Group (FTOG)

12:00 - 13:00, Mandela Room.

Present

Aaliyah Simms, Welfare & Community Officer (WCO) (Chair)
Danielle Murinas, Postgraduate Officer (PGO)
Mikey Brown, President (President)
Josephine Conway, Activities and Employability Officer (AEO) (Arrived at 12:40)
George Christian, Sports Officer (SO)
Jules Singh, Education Officer (EO)
Wei-Lun Chen, International Officer (IO)

Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, CEO (JT)

Sam Jones, Executive Assistant (SJ) (note taker)

Tom Snape, Campaigns & Policy Coordinator (TS) (Agenda Item 1-2 only)

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	Notes	ACTION
1	Minutes from 22.11.2021	The minutes from the 22nd November 2021 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	Approved
2	Priority Campaigns	TS updated the Officer team on developments with their priority campaign 'change in mind'. TS noted that the campaign has so far reached 56 conversations with students on mental health. TS noted that this number was unfortunately far short of the targeted number of conversations to hold before the Christmas break. The Officer team discussed next steps. The WCO noted that footfall at their outreach at the Bournbrook Pavilion had been very low and student engagement had been difficult, possibly due to poor weather and darker evenings. The PGO noted that they had reached out to the Westmere Scholars, UoB Pharmaceutical society and a number of other student groups. The Officer Team discussed their availability for outreach over the coming week for outreach on campus. The PGO noted plans for engagement at the Westmere site. TS noted the value of focusing on PG engagement based on the current projections of the numbers for the event. JT suggested engaging with regular Hall Reps and Community Wardens student-facing events. The WCO raised the feasibility of the targets of the campaign. TS noted the need to prioritise elements of the campaign in	Noted Noted Noted Noted

		The WCO noted the recent news of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 spreading in the UK and possible impacts for the organisation, University and Student teaching provision. JT noted that no firm decision had been taken by the University on any changes to COVID-19 controls, however the Guild would most likely follow the University's lead.	Noted
6	Omicron Variant	The AEO joined the meeting at 12:40.	Noted
		The IO noted that due to additional travel restrictions in light of the Omicron COVID-19 variant spreading internationally they would be travelling home to Taiwan early for Christmas working remotely in December.	Noted
5	Graduation Timetable	SJ updated the Officer Team on the timetable for the Guild's attendance at the upcoming December graduation series. The President and WCO noted that their diaries did not allow them to attend any of the remaining graduation slots. The Officer team agreed to offer the remaining slots to the Part-Time Officer team to see if they were able to cover the remaining gaps.	SJ
4	UCU Strike Action	The President updated the Officer Team on developments with the planned strike action. The Officer Team discussed their meeting commitments with the University over the three planned strike days.	Noted
3	Officer Pot	The EO noted their plans to utilise a portion of the Full-Time Officer campaigns pot for a student engagement project in the new year. The Officer team agreed in principle to circulate the proposal to campaigns committee for approval.	Agreed
		TS left the meeting at 12:35.	Noted
		The Officer Team discussed prioritising the campaign to maximise the number of conversations held before the Christmas break. The Officer Team agreed to populate the timetable with their availability for the coming fortnight.	All
		The IO asked about the Officer Team's involvement in the campaign and support for student leaders in the campaign space.	Noted
		The EO noted that Hall Reps Christmas events were planned across campus in the coming weeks, which could be used as a platform for campus activity. The WCO suggested speaking to part-time officer buddies in terms of them taking a larger role in leading the campaign.	Noted
		order to more the campaign forwards. The President noted the need to progress the campaign over the next week with an in-person open forum. TS noted the value of larger-scale events to roll-out in person. The EO suggested holding group sessions with student reps at upcoming Student Voice events.	Noted

		The IO noted the possible impact on international students in particular in relation to international travel, with implications for semester two on students who may not be able to return to the UK after the Christmas break. The WCO agreed to arrange information for students on the Guild's social media.	Noted
7	Association	The WCO noted a recent complaint in relation to a Guild-affiliated association. The Officer team discussed possible steps for the organisation to respond.	Noted
8	Officer Key Meetings	President - Campus Services SMT meeting.	Noted
	gc	Sports – Campus Services SMT meeting, EPS CEC meeting.	Noted
		IO – Campus Services SMT meeting, Fitness to Practice Committee.	Noted
		Education - Campus Services SMT meeting, UQAC.	Noted
		PGO – Campus Services SMT meeting, PG Mental Health & Wellbeing group, Dean of PG's meeting.	Noted
		WCO - Campus Services SMT meeting.	Noted
		AEO – Campus Services SMT meeting.	Noted
		The Officer team discussed the impact of 24 hour exams planned in a number of University departments.	Noted
9	Schools/ Colleges/ Dubai Update	No Items noted.	Noted
10	Guild Communications & Social Media	The Officer team discussed their planned communications for the coming week. The Officer Team noted the following items for promotion:	
		 UCU Strike Action and Guild Referendum. 'Change in Mind' campaign. Christmas promotional materials. 	Noted
11	Part Time Officers	The PGO noted that the LGBTQSO had been on leave and they had not had much contact with them.	Noted
12	AOB	The EO noted the Guild expected to reach quoracy for the referendum on the Guild's industrial relations policy, and that turnout had been very positive.	Noted
		The AEO noted that they would shortly be circulating the next circulation of Red Brick articles for the Officer Team to proof-read.	All
13	Meeting Reflection	No Items Noted.	Noted