

Guild Officer Group Minutes

Voting Members Present: **Ellie Keiller** (President)[EK], **Rose Bennett** (Postgraduate Students' Officer)[RB], **Helena Bailey** (Sports Officer)[HB], **Adam Goldstone** (Education Officer)[AG], **Henny Green** (Welfare Officer)[HG], **Shannon Farmer** (Activities and Development Officer) [SF], **Nat Crawley** (Ethical and Environmental Officer)[NC], **Sheimona Jahan** (Black and Ethnic Minorities Officer) [SM.J], **Holly Campbell** (Womens Officer) [HC], **Jana Skirnewskaja** (Commuter Students Officer) [JS], **Jess Levy** (Representation & Resources Officer) [JL], **Shimon Kelly** (Anti-Racism Anti-Fascism Officer) [SK].

Also In attendance: **Sam Jones** (Campaigns Coordinator) (Note Taker) [SJ], **Jo Thomas** (Chief Executive) [JT].

Absent with Apologies: **Kris Ali** (Housing & Community Officer)[KA], **Cameron Beavan-King** (Community Action Officer)[CBK], **Lucy Bleichroeder-Baker** (LGBTQ Officer)[LBB].

Absent without Apologies: **Max Seifler** (Satellite Sites Officer) [MS], **Hirah Haq** (Mature and Part-time Students Officer) [HH], **Mirabel Chu** (International Students' Officer)[MC].

The meeting commenced at 17:40

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTION
1	Welcome/Introductions	EK welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.	Noted
2	Committee Election	JT conducted a secret ballot for a committee election. The ballots were collected and counted at a later date.	Noted
3	Minutes from the previous meeting and Matters Arising	<p><u>Actions from the previous minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EK spoke about the options PTO's had in terms of funding for training, and agreed to send around more information. SJ agreed to look into altering the route to avoid stairs by Veg market. EK to circulate update email for PTO's on various items. <p>SJ confirmed that the route for Reclaim the Night had now been amended to avoid the stairs and make the event more accessible.</p> <p>HC gave an update on the progress of planning for Reclaim the</p>	Noted

		<p>Night.</p> <p>SF agreed to help arrange the after-party in Joes for reclaim the night, and liase with Guild tech services to arrange the PA/lighting.</p> <p>EK suggested that she speak to C&M about getting the facebook event for RTN up as soon as possible.</p> <p>AG queried the previous GOG minutes in relation to a 'Men's section at RTN.</p> <p>HC confirmed that the current plan was to have no sections in the march.</p> <p>Minutes approved.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Noted.</p>
4	Monthly Meeting Updates	<p>EK invited the PTO's to give updates from their last buddy meetings.</p> <p>SK mentioned that he and JL were organising Holocaust Memorial Day next week at the Guild, together with NUS support.</p> <p>RB mentioned that she knew an academic that was also interested in organising HMD, and would put SK in touch with them.</p> <p>HB suggested that maybe we should record the event or any survivors that visit campus, as it will be unlikely to be repeated for many more years due to the age of holocaust survivors now.</p> <p>HC reported that she had met HG they were producing a Vlog on the new sexual health testing kits that Guild advice are providing.</p> <p>NC met with JL before Christmas to arrange a more detailed plan for Go Green Week, and had arranged meetings with EnvSoc and VegSoc this week. Good progress has been made on the transport themed day, with a free cycle workshop and fire engine coming.</p> <p>EK asked the FTO's to arrange another buddy meeting with their PTO buddy in the next fortnight.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Action</p>
5	"Your Ideas" and Mandate Updates	JL gave a brief update on the latest cycle of Your Ideas and new mandates that the officer team had received.	Noted
6	Officer Accountability / Officer Question Time	JL updated the team on the next dates for OQT.	Noted
6	Training and Development	SJ spoke about the upcoming NUS activist training days. If any PTO's were interested in attending, they should let Student Voice know by next week to get booked on.	Noted
7	Student Equality and Diversity	HG reported that the first meeting of student E & D meeting had happened with a full turnout. The group is working on updating the group's report with the aim to increasing diversity of society	Noted

	Committee Report	committees. The group is also panning more hate crime reporting promotion and updating the zero tolerance policy in line with current guild processes.	
8	NUS Motions	<p><u>Round 2 – Cycle 3</u></p> <p>For motions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NUS National Conference • Womens Students Conference • Trans Students conference • Disabled Students Conference • Black Students Summer conference • Postgraduate Students Conference • Mature & Part time Students Conference <p>The submission deadline for motions is this Friday (tomorrow), 12th January at 4pm. If anyone is thinking about writing a motion for an NUS conference, in particular National Conference and would like some help, let me know and I can meet with them tomorrow.</p> <p>The voting period will be the 29th Jan 10am – 9th Feb 4pm.</p> <p>JL added that society endorsements would be prohibited this year, and also that current officers were not able to endorse any candidates either, unless they were running themselves. All current PTO's should consider running.</p> <p>JL reminded that candidates should be careful when selecting their campaign teams, as candidates are responsible for the actions of their campaigners.</p> <p>JL asked all officers to use the '<i>nominate a mate</i>' function on the website for anyone they think would make a good candidate.</p> <p>HC asked if non-international students could run for international officer?</p> <p>JL responded that they could.</p> <p>LB arrived. JL left.</p> <p>EK updated LB on elections information.</p>	Noted
9	Campaigns Pot	EK ran through all the campaigns pot applications approved/rejected since the last GOG.	Noted
10	Campaigns Pot Spending	EK ran through the campaigns pot requests that had been approved since the last meeting.	Noted

11	FTOG Updates	EK ran through issues that had come up at the last 2 FTOG meetings. No questions from PTO's	Noted
12	AOB (Any Other Business)	<p>EK mentioned that the event had gone live for Vice-Chancellors Question Time, and asked all officers to promote.</p> <p>EK informed the team about a new campaign the FTO's were interested in running, '1 day without us', around LGBT+ UK and International couples affected by immigration controls.</p> <p>LB reported that LGBTQ association would definitely be interested in helping to organise.</p> <p>EK agreed to arrange a meeting between some FTO's and LGBTQ committee, STAR, amnesty and other relevant groups.</p> <p>AG mentioned that Monday was the beginning of NSS promotion by the university. This is a contentious issue and the FTOG was suggesting that the Guild take a stance of not directly boycotting, but sharing more information about TEF and the NSS so students could make up their own minds about whether to complete or not.</p> <p>SK arrived.</p> <p>AG reported that the university was trying to convince student reps to promote the NSS but this shouldn't really be the case and reps would be told by the Guild that the can decide for themselves whether to promote.</p> <p>AG added that if some officer or students wanted to run a campaign on the NSS, they would be able to through Student Voice.</p> <p>SK reminded the team that HMD was on a Saturday this year, so would be arranged for a Thursday so more students were on campus. Officers should please promote once promotion starts to ensure a good turnout.</p> <p>EK thanked the team for attending and closed the meeting at 18:15.</p>	Noted

The Chair closed the meeting at 18:15

Next Meeting, 17:30 – 19:00 in Mandela Room, Thursday 8th March 2018.