

Guild Officer Group Minutes

Present: Brandon Hattiloney (Representation and Resources Officer), Ellie Keiller (President), Rose Bennett (Postgraduate Students' Officer), Izzie Nicholds (Housing and Community Officer), Ross Strong (Welfare Officer), Georgie Freeman (Sports Officer), Fran Nash (LGBTQ Students' Officer), Nicky Woods (Ethical and Environmental Officer), Alex Binnie (Women's Officer), Maurycy Cytarzynski (Community Action Officer), Awati Mohammed (International Students' Officer), Natalie Cox (Activities and Development Officer)

In attendance: Sam Jones (Campaigns Coordinator) (Note Taker), Antonia Rossiter-Eaglesfield (Student Voice Manager)

Apologies: Chris Wilkinson (Education Officer), Kiki Hassen (Disabled Students' Officer), Asif Mohammed (Home Students' Officer)

The Chair welcomed everyone and the meeting commenced at 18.00

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTION
1	Welcome from the President	The President introduced everyone to the first GOG meeting of the year. The purpose of GOG was explained and each of the Officers introduced themselves. Everyone was given the timetable going forward.	Noted
2	Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting The minutes of the last GOG meeting were presented and approved</p> <p>Matters Arising Vegan options in Joe's Bar – Progress has now been made on this</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3	Verbal Updates	<p>Ellie Keiller (President)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on manifesto implementation Attended NUS Zones Conference Working on Jobs week in January <p>Nicky Woods (Ethical and Environmental Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on a petition for more vegan options in the Guild, including a report on why it is a good idea – currently has 650 signatures Working on a campaign with the Animal Justice Project – “Campus without cruelty” Planning for Go Green Week <p>Georgie Freeman (Sports Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on widening participation in sport – intra mural sport Regular meetings about the new sports centre – hopefully opening in January Working on “This Girl Can” Week in November to increase 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

		<p>Women's participation in sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Women's Football <p>Ross Strong (Welfare Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Femidons and Condoms is now a permanent service in the Guild – a blog coming to advertise this which should be available until 2020 Mental Health First Aid training with Guild staff and liberation Officer on Monday and Tuesday next week Other PTO can let RS know if they want to go Developing Disabled Students campaign to help better support blind and partially sighted students Working on welfare webpages <p>Fran Nash (LGBTQ Students' Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on a survey to go out – which will provide LGBTQ specific information advice and guidance <p>Alex Binnie (Women's Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with HCO and Guild staff on the Not On campaign Practice Consent Workshop this morning Other Women's Association events in the pipeline "Reclaim the Night" planning for later in the year <p>Maurycy Cytarzynski (Community Action Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on a newsletter to be sent to local residents in Selly Oak to promote the good work of students in the community Micro volunteering events off campus to raise awareness of students <p>Natalie Cox (Activities and Development Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Societies Night was successful and well attended Working on trips abroad for societies There is work being done to make the Elgar Concert hall available for student bookings, further work needs to be undertaken around costings of bookings <p>Rose Bennett (Postgraduate Students Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on changing the structure of the Guild to make it more postgraduate friendly Postgraduate specific branding – "PG Blue" Looking at where Postgraduates sit in the university (especially Postgraduate teaching assistants) and how they are supported – suggesting policy changes to the university <p>Rachel Fisch (Anti-Racism; Anti-Fascism Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dealing with issues raised to them personally Working on a statement which reaffirms the Guild's position against all forms of racism <p>Max Seitler (Satellite Sites Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently organised an Full-Time Officer tour of the dental school which was very productive 	<p>Noted</p>
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<p>4</p>	<p>"Your Ideas" and Mandate Updates</p>	<p>EK informed the group in the latest cycle of "Your Ideas" "Affordable Graduations" and "A Full-Time International Students Officer Referendum" passed successfully.</p> <p>"Nap Rooms" that passed last year, may be looked into as part of "Destressival". RS mentioned he was in discussions with other unions about this to see how it could be implemented.</p> <p>EK mentioned to other Part-Time Officers present that "Your Ideas" is the best way to get the Guild mandated to do things.</p>	<p>Noted – Updates to be provided when available</p>

		NW is now looking into moving her vegan food petition online to "Your Ideas" to give it more legitimacy.	
5	Officer Question Time	<p>EK mentioned that Officer Question Time was the forum through which all Officers were held to account for the work they do. Thank you to everyone who came. The schedule will be circulated to all Officers.</p> <p>BH suggested the group invite all relevant stakeholders and interested students to Officer Question so they can also hold the Officers to account</p>	<p>OQT schedule to be circulated</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	NUS Updates	<p>EK informed the group that the Full-Time Officers recently attended NUS Zones Conferences. No Officers ran for Zone Committees.</p> <p>The Anti-Semitism report was released recently, naming the NUS President, there are various questions for her to answer in relation to this.</p> <p>It was noted that there was no longer the intention to campus-wide ballot on the matter of NUS affiliation as it had gone through "Your Ideas" 3 times and failed. It would cost significant amounts of staff time.</p>	Noted
7	Appointments Panel Elections	<p>EK explained the role of the Appointments Panel – the recruitment and selection of external applicants to the Trustee Board. It met around 3 times last year.</p> <p>NW asked what the role of the Trustee Board was and what byelaws were in the Guild.</p> <p>EK explained that the Trustee Board has legal responsibility for the Guild and ensures that it remains financially solvent in accordance with Charity Law. The Byelaws and the Beliefs and Commitments were.</p> <p>ID asked if the Trustee Board were responsible for the changes to the way NUS Liberation and Section Conference delegates were elected. RS provided further information on why the change was made.</p> <p>AB and FN put themselves forward to be on the Appointments Panel, this was agreed by the rest of the Group.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. Names passed on</p>
8	Officer Action Plans	<p>RS discussed the Equality Executive and which Officers would be on that committee. This will also be linked to the Guild's Equality and Diversity Strategy.</p> <p>EK gave an update on the Global Guild Campaign, its aims are to combat racism and xenophobia in a positive way. There is a working group set up, which PTOs are welcome to attend.</p> <p>It was also noted that EK will be attending a meeting in Parliament on Monday to discuss the HE Bill.</p>	
9	Full-Time Officer Group Updates	None noted	
10	AOB	There will be an Officer social at Nightingales in a few weeks,	

		anyone who wants to attend is welcome. The FTOs are also going to the Vale to celebrate Diwali after the meeting, all are welcome to attend.	
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The Chair closed the meeting at 19:00

Date of Next Meeting: