

### Present

Poppy Wilkinson, President (Chair)  
 Bethan Dovey, VP Democracy, Resources & Sustainability  
 Joe Armer, VP Education  
 Jack Mably, VP Housing & Community  
 Molly Browne, VP Sport & Nutrition  
 Frankie Greenwell, VP Welfare

### In Attendance

Jo Thomas, Chief Executive  
 Amy Elliott, Executive Assistant (note taker)

### Apologies:

Wadim Wesolek, VP Activities & Development

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 12:00.

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	Notes	ACTION
1	<b>Minutes from 08.12.14</b>	The minutes from 8 <sup>th</sup> December were approved.	<b>Approved</b>
2	<b>Matters arising</b>	There were no matters arising.	<b>Noted</b>
3	<b>Diaries</b>	<b>VPHC</b> – Door hanging, RA training planning, Lettings meeting, and away day. <b>VPDRS</b> – Door hanging, DSR catch up, new staff induction, incident reports update, BCU student manifesto, and away day. <b>VPE</b> – Door hanging, PSO catch up, BCU student manifesto, and attending 'e-learn conference' to push lecture recordings. <b>VPSN</b> – Door hanging, UBS management meeting, sports quality meeting, meeting with a PHD student to discuss mental health badminton at 3 Elms Road and potential to get more students involved, and new sports centre task group. <b>VPW</b> – Door hanging, Lettings meeting, incident reports update, and meeting to discuss suspension of study on health grounds. <b>President</b> – Mentoring, SMT away day, new staff inductions, SMT monthly meeting, catch up with AT, and away day.	<b>Noted</b>
4	<b>Guild Engagement/Social Media</b>	KLOUT scores were noted: PW – 51, WW – 48, BD – 46, JA – 52, JM – 56, MB – 54, FG – 42. The VPDRS is to award a prize to the highest KLOUT score next week.  An idea to welcome back students via social media was discussed. It was noted the Officers could do a 'What's your New Year Resolution?' via hashtag on Twitter.	<b>VPDRS</b>  <b>Noted</b>
5	<b>Schools/Colleges Update</b>	The VPDRS met with EPS following the discussion regarding a rocket and noted she is to meet with the school to discuss further.	<b>Noted</b>
6	<b>Non Sabb Buddies</b>	The VPHC noted the CAO is arranging another Free Education Demo. It was further noted the Birmingham City Centre Demo is planned for 31 <sup>st</sup> January.  The VPSN noted the DSO is back on campus from 19 <sup>th</sup> January.	<b>Noted</b>  <b>Noted</b>

		The Officers noted the EEO is doing really well and Go Green Week is looking positive.	
7	<b>Officer Training &amp; Development</b>	The VPE noted he is attending the QAA HE review next Wednesday.	<b>Noted</b>
8	<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>Referendum</b> The VPDRS raised the discussion on the proposed timeline for the Referendum. It was noted the model will be published and students will have 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January to submit amendments which will then be voted on at Guild Council on 28<sup>th</sup> January. A discussion had regarding accepting amendments submitted on the floor of Guild Council and it was requested the VPDRS to speak to the Guild Council Chairs as it will be at their discretion.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the confusion of the Referendum and an idea was raised to present the presentation at meetings and forums such as MegaForum or ResExec to minimise any confusion over the model especially for new RAs and Guild Councillors.</p> <p>The Officers noted once the model has been passed at Guild Council, to go out and talk to students to gain interest in the referendum as at the moment only Guild Council can vote. It was further noted the Officers need to be vocal on social media and be prepared to write speeches.</p> <p>A further discussion was had regarding Guild Council not passing the model and it was noted the model will go back to the Trustee Board.</p> <p><b>Speak Week</b> The VPE raised the discussion regarding the next steps following Speak Week. It was noted the report has been drafted and now looking at how to communicate to students.</p> <p>The VPE asked the Officers if they have any ideas to let him know. The President asked if an email has gone out to those who participated to say 'thank you'. The VPE noted a message went out to all students in the newsletter but a targeted email could go out as students did leave their email address on the cards.</p> <p>It was suggested the Officers to sit down together and identify the issues and look at 'quick wins' and discuss with departments especially Venues. An idea to discuss at the Manager/Officer Away Day was suggested or at MMT on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p><b>General Election 2015</b> The VPE raised the discussion regarding the General Election 2015.</p> <p>It was noted the GE is 17 weeks away and this week door hanging of 5,000 leaflets at halls of residence is taking place.</p> <p>A discussion was had regarding hosting hustings for the five parties especially in regards to the Guild's stance on UKIP. An idea to work</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>VPDRS</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> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

		<p>and line up with student groups was raised and it was noted there is no UKIP student group, but there is a Green Party student group. It was further noted hustings are taking place on campus but unsure if they are for all five parties.</p> <p>The CEO and VPE to speak to NUS and other Unions regarding their stance on hustings and seek advice from BWB if needed.</p>	<b>CEO/VPE</b>
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The meeting closed at 12:40.

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