

Present

Joe Armer, VP Education
 Wadim Wesolek, VP Activities & Development
 Jack Mably, VP Housing & Community
 Bethan Dovey, VP Democracy, Resources & Sustainability (Chair)
 Molly Browne, VP Sport & Nutrition
 Frankie Greenwell, VP Welfare

In Attendance

Emily Badger, Head of Strategy & Research
 Amy Elliott, Executive Assistant (note taker)

Apologies

Poppy Wilkinson, President

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

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	Notes	ACTION
1	Minutes from 27.10.14	The minutes from 27 th October were approved subject to one amendment.	Approved
2	Matters arising	Pongathon – The VPSN emailed and awaiting a reply. Live Music – The VPAD is to speak to the Venues Manager.	Noted
3	Diaries	VPE – This week GPA working group meeting, senior student rep training, student reps discussion with School of Education, CAL engagement, Representation Coordinator interviews and Guild Council. VPAD – Taster Week discussion, recruitment shortlisting, chaplaincy committee, 1-2-1 CEO, Christian Union discussion and Guild Council. VPSN – Taster Week discussion, UBS management meeting, call with Mentor, BUCS, Guild Council and Communications Coordinator interviews. VPW – MDS de-brief, focus on disability, chaplaincy committee, Guild Council, Christmas party meeting, and discussion on suspension of study on health grounds. VPHC – CLV pizza night, RA election training, GOG, catch up with CAO, and house hunting information day. VPDRS – Non Sabb training, RA election training, Officer election working group, 1-2-1 CEO, Guild Council and E&E Committee.	Noted
4	December Degree Ceremonies	The dates and times for the December degree ceremonies were presented and the timetable completed.	Noted
5	Assessment Boycott	The VPE gave an update on the potential assessment boycott. It was noted final year students may not have their work marked on time. UoB releasing email communications with more detail. Students not very well aware of the boycott, potential for backlash. Guild need to release a statement especially about our Beliefs & Commitments. There was a discussion around the relationship with the Trade Unions and trying to reduce the impact on students.	Noted

		<p>All the Officers agreed to release a statement before Guild Council and the VPE is to seek further information from BC and JK.</p> <p>The VPE also noted it will be discussed at the Officer college committee meetings.</p>	<p>VPE</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	Guild Engagement/Social Media	<p>KLOUT scores were noted; PW – 61, JM - 60, MB - 60, FG - 50, JA - 54, WW - 53, BD – 58.</p> <p>It was noted the VPHC is the engagement champion for this week.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
7	Schools/Colleges Update	The VPW attended various meetings for MDS and gave an update on the schools who have received low NSS scores.	Noted
8	Non Sabb Buddies	<p>The VPW met with the newly elected WO.</p> <p>The VPHC met with the newly elected HSO and agreed to meet every two weeks and the VPAD made the Officers aware of a GOG proposal being submitted about the Home Students Association.</p> <p>The VPE met with the newly elected PSO and agreed to meet monthly.</p>	Noted
9	Officer Training & Development	All Officers are to attend parts of the Non Sabb training this afternoon.	Noted
10	AOB	<p>Committee Training Video</p> <p>The VPAD asked if all Officers would be happy to record a 20second video explaining what societies and groups they have been involved with. The Officers agreed to film short videos.</p> <p>University Challenge</p> <p>The VPAD noted he has been approached by local Unions, Coventry SU to participate in a University Challenge along with other local Unions on 20th November 5.30 – 7pm. The Officers agreed to send students and to cover student travel costs through the campaigns pot. The VPAD is to submit a campaign proposal.</p> <p>Engagement</p> <p>The VPHC outlined the engagement to take place this week. It was noted the Housing Information day is taking place on Wednesday, and RA Elections door knocking at Elgar and Victoria. The VPHC noted he is at the Vale on Wednesday and Pritchatts to discuss voter registration as well. The VPDRS is to door knock at Elgar and the VPSN to help with the Housing Information day on Wednesday morning.</p> <p>Breathalysers</p> <p>The VPW presented the information and statistics from the four week trial and the next steps were discussed. It was noted if the Guild is to continue with breathalysers, the Guild would set the limit and pick 40-60 people at random during the night. It was further noted the VPW is unsure on what would happen if students do refuse to take the test.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the Officer's concerns, and the consequences of continuing or stopping the scheme</p> <p>The Officers conducted a vote on whether to stop the scheme or continue. Three Officers voted no, two abstain and one yes subject to changing a few aspects of the scheme.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>VPAD</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

		The VPW is to speak to the Venues Manager for further information on the consequences of saying no to the scheme and explore the option of continuing the scheme on a voluntary basis. It was noted the Officers as a team need to be clear on why the decision was made to stop the scheme and comms are to be lined up.	VPW Noted
11	Reserved Business	One item of reserved business was discussed.	Noted

Signed

Date

APPROVED