

Present:

Committee Members: Mikey Brown (MB), Adam Dorey (AD), Evie West, Emily Raymond

Guild Staff: Rozena Nadeem (RN, Democracy Coordinator, Minute-Taker), Lucy Gill (Student Voice & Representation Manager), Jo Thomas (CEO)

Apologies:

Committee Members: Harshitha Naidu, Vaseem Ali

Absent Without Apologies:

Committee Members: Sifat Mohammed Istiak Bhuiyah, Siyi Wang, Rachel Boucher

Trigger Warnings: political engagement, UCU strikes

Item No.	Item Title	Meeting Notes	Actions
Start			
1	Welcome & Introductions	It was noted that the meeting was not quorate.	
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting	The committee approved the minutes from the last meeting.	

3	Officer Updates	<p>AD provided updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change events • Upcoming festival • Activist Network – looking at re-launch and delivery <p>EW explained how they are helping with a report. They talked about divestment pledges.</p> <p>MB provided updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings for SPRC – raised questions around divestment • VC meeting – VC is prepared to declare a climate emergency. Also talked about other things with the VC, such as a question time event, and a joint commitment on ensuring trans rights at UoB (due to the VC's previous actions at University of Sussex) • Work in progress with UCU • Climate Bill – work on this • Renter's Union – launch this next week – recruiting for volunteers for this and preparing content for the launch on this • Meeting about LGBTQ+ inclusion in the Commonwealth Games, with a member of Welfare & Liberation Committee 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended an online conference – on a Panel with Toby Young – talked about free speech in Higher Education, and the upcoming legislation that the government want to put through 	
4	<p>Updates on Campaign and Idea Submissions</p>	<p>MB noted that he already talked about the CCE Bill, and mentioned that he will chase up any work on this.</p> <p>MB: Amnesty were working on the Killer Robots Campaign. Has anybody got any updates on this?</p> <p>ER: Amnesty are happy with the work on this campaign, and are moving on to the next campaign.</p> <p>MB: We can take the Killer Robots Campaign off our list.</p>	

5	Belief & Commitment – Political Engagement	<p>MB noted that this item will be circulated via email, due to the meeting not being quorate.</p> <p>MB: The last part is illegal now, as the University can't register students.</p> <p>MB asked RN and LG to clarify this.</p> <p>LG clarified that the Guild does deliver "Get Out the Vote" and voter registration drives, often in partnership with the Community Wardens in the local area.</p> <p>MB: We have elections coming up in Birmingham this year – so it's a big year. I'd like to do an assembly via the Activist Network for this. There are restrictions that they have.</p> <p>AD: Wasn't there a political engagement festival at one point before we were Officers?</p> <p>MB: This is something we can potentially do. I'm happy to approve the Belief & Commitment (B&C).</p> <p>Committee members who were present agreed that they were happy with the B&C.</p>	<p>RN to circulate this item to the committee via email.</p>
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		MB noted that RN will circulate the B&C for other committee members to approve/share thoughts for.	
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<p>6</p>	<p>Activist Network Funding Request</p>	<p>MB asked AD to explain this item.</p> <p>AD: This funding will be for another Activist Network event. The idea is to help students to network. We will use Mermaid Bar. It will include a chill hour session, with two mini workshops in between. EW suggested we could have a Kill the Bill themed session. Also with LGBTQ+ History Month happening, we could have a session themed around this month. Some other ideas include a Not On Workshop, and climate change-themed session. Does anybody else have any ideas?</p> <p>ER: All of them sound like really good ideas. We could do a Reclaim themed workshop. It would appear as less from the Guild.</p> <p>EW agreed with ER, and agreed that the structure sounded good. EW particularly liked the idea of climate changed workshop.</p> <p>EW: What would the workshops involve?</p> <p>AD: Interacting with students that some students otherwise wouldn't be able to interact with, and an Amnesty workshop. I will start to reach out to people today. We'll also need to</p>	<p>AD to complete campaign submission form, and forward to RN.</p> <p>RN to circulate to the committee.</p>
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		<p>pay people to run the bar. I'm trying to get a meeting with Daniel from Venues to negotiate on the pay.</p> <p>MB: We negotiating with Venues when we got pizza for the first event.</p> <p>MB asked AD to complete a campaign submission form for RN to circulate. RN noted that AD could just complete the campaign submission form that is on the Guild website.</p>	
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<p>7</p>	<p>Campaigns Master Plan</p>	<p>MB: TS started the Change in Mind Campaign with the Officers when he was still here. We had some recruitment happening at UeB Festival, and got around 10 students to sign up as volunteers.</p> <p>MB talked more about the Change in Mind campaign.</p> <p>MB tried to look for the Campaigns Master Plan to see if there was anything else to talk about.</p> <p>AD shared his screen to show the Officer's Campaigns Master Plan.</p> <p>MB talked through the Officer's campaigning work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentary bill that passed last week - national Insurance rise, graduates will be worse off. I'm intending to get into touch with the NUS on it, as I'm not happy with their approach. On this occasion, NUS seem to have accepted it. • Also, the Disabled Students' Commission was launched at the end of the last year, things have not got very 	
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		<p>well for disabled students e.g. changes to extenuating circumstances (cap of 10 days), accessibility by design approach of the University – some of these issues weren't in the Disabled Students' Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We also have LGBTQ+ History Month – Aaliyah has been leading on this. <p>AD: How is work on gender neutral toilets going? The Trans & Non-Binary Students Officer is working on this.</p> <p>MB: I'm not sure – Adam Sheridan was looking at this. I can chase this though.</p> <p>MB asked LG to provide any updates on the pro-choice/pro-life Belief & Commitment.</p> <p>LG noted that Adam Sheridan asked for legal advice, and she was waiting for Adam to forward this to her.</p>	
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8	Leadership Development	<p>RN explained that the committee have the option of having 121 meetings with Officers, to help them to develop as leaders, using the Guild's Leadership Development Framework that Officers have been using.</p> <p>RN asked the committee members to contact MB and/or AD if they were interested.</p> <p>MB explained that this opportunity is in line with the Guild's community organising work.</p>	
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<p>9</p>	<p>AOB</p>	<p>Officer Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MB and RN explained that applications for Officer Elections were now open, and would like to encourage the committee members to apply <p>Climate Justice</p> <p>AD talked about a campaign submission regarding climate justice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £120 in total - Will circulate details for <p>Other</p> <p>AD: Can we have a poll in future to ensure committee members can attend?</p> <p>Everybody agreed with AD.</p> <p>MB: UCU strikes are upcoming, there will be 10 days of industrial action in February and March, including during elections week.</p> <p>MB asked the committee if they had any thoughts on this.</p> <p>EW: Are any teach outs being planned?</p>	<p>AD to complete a campaign submission form for this.</p>
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		<p>MB: Teach outs are being planned, yes, where possible. I'm trying to find out what is available. Previous teach outs were online. Some may be in-person. I had a meeting with UCU where we agreed to work together on climate work. What thinks do you have in mind?</p> <p>EW: I think teach outs provide a great opportunity for students and staff. I think we should take it to a climate group.</p> <p>MB: I held a teach out previously, on the history of SU activism. Does anybody else have any questions?</p> <p>AD: It all sounds good.</p> <p>MB asked the committee if they had any AOBs.</p> <p>The committee members had no AOBs.</p> <p>MB closed the meeting.</p>	
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