

Committee Name: Guild Officer Group
Date & Time: 08.05.2025

In attendance	Apologies	Absent without apologies
Syed Sadath – Guild President (Chair) Hope Aquilina - Welfare and Community Officer Ritakshi Maheshwari - Postgraduate Officer Lara Parker - Sports Officer Alex Keen – Education Officer Ravikiran Rajashekar - International Officer Mariyah Ali - Ethnic Minority Students' Officer Max Williams - Sustainability Officer Also in attendance: Jo Thomas, Chief Executive Officer (or nominee) Molly Purcell, Senior Voice Coordinator and GOG Secretary Jane Baston, Voice and Representation Manager	Devansh Jhamnani – A&E Officer Abby Kenrick - Disabled Students; Officer Mimia Islam - Women's Officer	Trinity Barson - LGBTQ+ Students' Officer

	Item for discussion	Questions/Comments/Voting Decision From Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MP has joined the group as the new Senior Student Voice Coordinator 	
2	Minutes from the last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved. 	
3	Officer Projects	Standing Item for updates from Officers on projects they're working on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RM is working on PG spaces at the University with Graham RM on a project around language barriers and working with Comms on promotion of BIA services 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM ran the Best Out of Waste event earlier this week with MW. It didn't have much engagement. • RM is planning to re-run this event in Reception to encourage engagement and visibility of the event. • SS noted that the lack of engagement may be due to it being directly after Easter. • MW noted that PTOs didn't work throughout the Easter holidays. • MW attended the Student Sustainability Conference in Liverpool in April. He focused on attending workshops around divestment. • MW is going to write some notes up and share with the group on this. • MW ran a workshop earlier this week on Environmental Lobbying. • MW noted that the Green Impact Audit is next week. • MW noted that Go Green Week went well and had good engagement from students. • MA noted that PTOs were on holiday during the Easter break. • MA ran another Chaii, Chaat and Chill in April. • MA has been supporting FoP with some of their events. • MA has attended some voter registration events to encourage students to register to vote. • MA noted that she is planning to organise a teach-out later in the month. This will likely involve an external speaker. • MA noted that starting a book club might not be the best timing as it's fairly close to the end of the academic year. • AK noted that he's been on holiday. • AK noted that he's handed over the 125 Talks to the University. These are planned to continue in the Autumn as they've been successful so far. 	
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4	HLM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP outlined the planning for nominations for HLM. • MP noted that the comms have been arranged for it. • JT noted some of the history around these types of membership. • JT noted that we should allow for the Nominations Panel to meet outside of the twice a year cycle. • MW is happy to be on the Panel. • JB/MP to look at arranging a meeting for the Panel. 	
5	Officer Budgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB noted that this was an update provided for Officer so they know what they've spent. 	
6	Supreme Court Ruling on Trans Right	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS noted that the FTOs have discussed this already. They would valuing views from the PTOs on this topic. • LP noted that there isn't much of an update on this as we're waiting for additional guidance at the moment. • LP noted that no changes to policy have been made and guidance can be sought on this. • SS noted that there was a statement discussed but with the lack of clarity 	

		<p>around it at the moment it wasn't finalised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LP noted that they've reached to Trinity for thoughts on this as well. • JB noted that they EHRC will be doing a consultation on this which we can respond to. • Agreement that we should look at the consultation once it's published and consider responding. • LP noted that both the University and NUS have advised waiting until further guidance is published. • MA asked if NUS are working on anything on this topic. • AK noted that there has been some activity from NUS UK which is separate to the advice from NUS Charity. • JB noted that NUS UK have arrange an Trans Right Campaign Day as well. • LP noted that the Sports is governed different and have separate governing bodies which will make their own decisions. • LP noted that she will update when there's anything specific to say. 	
7	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HA noted that the University has invited the Officer Team has been invited the Birmingham Pride. ▪ HA noted that the LGBTQ+ Association has signed an open letter on boycotting the event. ▪ JB noted that Trinity has asked about signing the open letter and isn't looking at attending the event. ▪ LP noted that this had been raised a few months ago and there hadn't been an particular issues raised. ▪ MW noted that if the Guild doesn't attend the event then we should say why and signpost other resources. ▪ MA agreed with MW. MA noted that if we don't attend Birmingham Pride then we 	

		<p>can support alternative events that are happening in the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HA noted that there seems to be agreement to not attend. ▪ Agreement in the room to no attend Birmingham Pride. ▪ HA to email the EDI team to inform them that they Guild won't be attending Birmingham Pride ▪ SS noted that this is the second to last meeting before the handover meeting. 	
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The Chair closed the meeting at: TIME
Date of next meeting: xxx