

## **FULL TIME OFFICER GROUP MINUTES**

12:00am, Mandela Room

## **Present**

Joshua Williams, President Ryan Ginger, Activities and Employability Officer (AEO) (Chair) Tobiloba Adeyemi, Postgraduate Officer (PGO) Josh Dooler, Sports Officer Elect (SO) Amanda Sefton, Education Officer (EO) Millie Gibbins, Welfare & Community Officer (WCO)

## Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, Chief Executive (JT) Sam Jones, Interim Executive Assistant (note taker) (SJ)

## **Apologies**

Joanne Park, International Officer (IO)

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:00.

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	Notes	ACTION
1	Minutes from 25.02.19	The minutes from the last meeting held on 25th November were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	Approved
2	AOB	The WCO noted that University residences fees would be rising overall by 2.5% for the next academic year, except Aitkin halls which would be raised by 10% and Tennis Court halls, which would be raised by 4%.  The WCO noted that, from discussions with the Guild, there would still be 4 accommodation options which would cost less than £100 a week.  WCO noted that while standard contracts lasted 42 weeks, there would be provision for 52 week contracts for care leavers.  WCO noted that the Guild was broadly happy with the initial proposals.  The President noted that the #OneCity Conference had been very successful, with the Guild sending the 2 <sup>nd</sup> largest student delegation. The President noted that feedback had been very positive from attendees.	Noted Noted Noted Noted
		The President noted that they were meeting candidates for the HAS Director role this afternoon.	Noted
3	Green Impact	The SO gave an introduction to the NUS Green Impact scheme for the officer team.	Noted

		The SO noted that the Guild would be aiming for an 'excellent' award again in Green Impact. The Officer team discussed the possibility of organising an environmental campaign to contribute to Green Impact. JT suggested reaching out to green societies to support their campaigns.  The SO noted the possibility of installing a book swap space in the Guild.	Noted Noted
		The AEO noted the possibility of re-running the Fairtrade tea dance event.	Noted
		SO to circulate link to Green Impact workbook to the Officer Team.	so
4	Officer Wins	The PGO noted plans for a video on to promote officer 'wins'. The Officer discussed options for scheduling a filming session. SJ to arrange.	Noted SJ
5	Officer Question Time	LG entered the room at 12:30.	Noted
		LG updated the Officer Team on arrangements for Officer Question time. LG noted that scrutiny panel would now be included in the OQT session and would be asking questions first.	Noted
		The Officer team discussed arrangements for OQT, noting issues which would be discussed.	Noted
6	Union Relations	The President updated the Officer team on developments with the ongoing UCU strike action. The President noted an open letter to the Guild from a group of students, asking the Guild to move to a supportive position regarding the strike action.	Noted
		The AEO recommended moving to a supportive stance for UCU's industrial action.	Noted
		The Officer team took a vote on changing the Guild's stance to support UCU. By majority, the Officer team voted to maintain the Guild's neutral position on the strike action.	Noted
		The Officer team agreed to support a proposal in the current Your Ideas cycle for a new stance on Industrial action.	Noted
		The Officer team agreed to review the Guild's stance on industrial action in a meeting in the coming weeks. SJ to check diaries.	SJ
7	General Election	The President noted that a hustings had now been arranged for the Edgbaston constituency.	Noted
		The President asked officers to circulate a paragraph on 'why I am voting' by Wednesday.	Noted

		The AEO noted that Redbrick had produced a guide to the	
		local election candidates, and asked officers to promote.	Noted
		The EO noted that Student Voice were drafting a statement on good conduct during the Guild's election hustings, to be read out by the chair.	Noted
		The AEO suggested that Officers attend the hustings if they are able and ask questions.	Noted
8	Diaries	President - General Election planning meeting, HAS director candidates meeting, BAME task and finish group, OQT, Moderation meeting, Meeting with JSOC, Speak week, EPS CEC, Presentation rehearsal, Dubai visit meeting, Registrar's meeting, Glancy Nicholls meeting, Elections Working group, Accommodation Management Group meeting, General Election Hustings, Coffee morning, Campaigns catch up, Your Ideas comms plan, Speak Week, BME Priority Campaigns Planning, catch up exec assistant, Strike meeting, Your Ideas meeting, Finalising rents meeting, Appointment's Panel Interviews.	Noted
		<b>EO</b> – 1:1 Director of Student Engagement, Speak Week, BAME Attainment Gap Task & Finish Group meeting, OQT, Speak Week, 1:1 Director of Engagement, 1:1 Guild Advice, Dubai visit meeting, Timetabling meeting, MyUoB project board, CEO 1:1, General Election hustings, coffee morning, extenuating circumstances meeting, 1:1 SVM, Strike meeting, Office hours, 1:1 CSO, Speak week social.	Noted
		<b>SO</b> – UBS Briefing meeting, General election planning meeting, Hall Reps Christmas meeting, OQT, Go Green Week planning meeting, General election hustings, coffee morning, Student Voice report meeting.	Noted
		IO – JEQ panel, Community safety campaign planning, OQT, TOIL, Dubai visit meeting, filming, Guild wellbeing meeting, Speak week, HR Committee briefing, Accommodation management group, General Election hustings, HR Committee, Lunar New Year event planning, International UG meeting, SAE team meeting, International Welcome package meeting.	Noted
		<b>PGO</b> – OQT, EPS CEC, PG events catch up, PostGrad games night, coffee morning, BME priority campaigns planning, Study Space planning meeting, Estates tour, Appointments Panel.	Noted
		<b>AEO –</b> Incidents meeting, BurmFM and Redbrick meeting, Guild Awards planning, Hall Reps Christmas meeting, 1:1 Director of Engagement, OQT, Widening Participation Strategy group, Go Green week meeting, HR committee briefing, Redbrick proofing, General Election hustings, HR committee meeting, coffee morning, Stop the War meeting, Process Review	
		meeting.	Noted

		WCO – JEQ panel, Speak Week, Community safety meeting, OQT, Mental Health meeting, Sexual Harassment Steering Group meeting, AMG briefing, Speak Week, Catch up Campaigns Coordinator, Filming, HR Committee briefing, Interviews, Accommodation Management Group meeting, General Election hustings, 1:1 Mentors manager, HR Committee, Coffee morning, Webinar, University wellbeing meeting, TOIL.	Noted
9	Manifesto Updates & Priority Campaigns.	The IO noted that plans for the safety campaign were progressing, with the possibility of arranging a safety forum for after Christmas.  The WCO noted that sexual health testing kits would be available this week in Guild reception.	Noted Noted
10	Guild Engagement/ Social Media	The Officer team noted the following items for Guild promotion:  Redbrick GE coverage Your Ideas voting round OQT	Noted
11	School/College/ Dubai Update	The IO noted that student form UoB Dubai campus would be coming to Edgbaston starting from next year or a term/year abroad.	Noted
12	Part Time Officer Buddies	The SO noted that the LGBTQSO had had a fantastic result at last week's LGBTQ+ Fab event.  The SO noted that the DSO was planning events for disabled person's day, including yoga and walking football.	Noted Noted
13	Officer Training & Development	JT noted plans for the January SMT/Officer away day.	Noted

The meeting closed at 13:50.

Signed	Date