

Full-Time Officer Group (FTOG)

Teams or Mandela

Present

Alex Keen, Education Officer (**EO**) (Chair)
 Syed Sadath, Guild President (**President**)
 Hope Aquilina, Welfare & Community Officer (**WCO**)
 Devansh Jhamnani, Activities & Employability Officer (**AEO**)
 Ravikiran Rajashekar, International Officer (**IO**)
 Lara Parker, Sports Officer (**SO**)

Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, Chief Executive (**JT**)
 James Lindsay, Director of Community & Representation (**JL**) (Agenda Item 8 only)
 Chike Dike, Executive Assistant (**CD**) (note taker)

Apologies

Ritakshi Maheshwari, Postgraduate Officer (**PGO**)

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

No	Item for Discussion	Notes	Action
1	Minutes of the Previous meeting (31.03.25)	<p>The Chair presented the minutes of the previous meeting, dated the 31st of March 2025 for the Officer Team's approval.</p> <p>The Officer Team approved the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
2	Officer Updates from Previous Week	<p>SO – Chaired E&E and Finance Committee, Sports Awards panels, Club Exec Conference.</p> <p>WCO – SOS Drug & Alcohol Impact Steering Group, meeting with SANDAM about accessibility.</p> <p>EO – Second round of 125 Talks, College of Social Science Strategy Advisory Board.</p> <p>AEO – Scrutiny Panel, Podcast filming, NUS Conference.</p> <p>IO – CoSS CQAAC with discussion on lecture recordings, provisional date setting for UoB XTRA event, working on the International Guild Food Festival.</p> <p>President – Meeting to discuss student backpay, RGSU.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3	Officer Diaries	<p>The Officer Team discussed their key meetings for the week ahead: Staff Forum.</p> <p>SO – Sports Awards Student panel, MP meeting.</p> <p>WCO – HR Committee Meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

		<p>EO – EPS CQAAC, Meeting with MP.</p> <p>AEO – Career Network Team Meeting, Room Bookings Meeting.</p> <p>IO – Monthly catch-up with PGR Support Network, HR Committee, Council Meeting.</p> <p>President – 125th Anniversary Board, sculpture installation, University Council and dinner.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4	Officer Projects	<p>SO – Club Executive launch.</p> <p>WCO – Housing Hub Review and info going live in a few weeks.</p> <p>EO – RGSU Survey launch in Parliament.</p> <p>AEO – Chancellor Event, Podcast.</p> <p>IO – Exam Destress project, Food Festival.</p> <p>President – Podcast and Chairing an International Student Forum.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5	Conference Update	<p>AEO updated the Officers on the NUS Conference attended. AEO noted that there were multiple sessions at the conference and discussions were mainly around international student issues and housing. AEO noted extensions and post study work was discussed as there is currently no proper procedure for students undergoing resits.</p> <p>EO updated the Officers on the RGSU Conference attended. EO indicated the Guild has improvements to be made when compared to other SUs in terms of physical space and how appealing it is. President noted the living spaces at Bristol SU were very conducive and highlighted a “Borrow-a-Blazer” scheme and Swap Shops.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	Schools/Colleges/ Dubai Update	No items to discuss.	Noted
7	Part-Time Officers	No items to discuss.	Noted
8	Officer Career Event	<p>JL joined the meeting at 12:57. AEO left the meeting at 12:59.</p> <p>JL noted that discussions have taken place about an Away Day for the Officers to reflect over what they’ve done over the last year, what they would like to achieve in the remaining months in the role and after the role.</p> <p>JL noted that there is an SU Showcase end of year event taking place on 30th April which would serve that purpose. JL asked if the Officers would be interested in attending, the Officers indicated that they would like to attend.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
9	AOB	No items to discuss.	Noted

The meeting finished at 13:10.

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