**Arms Trade Action Group minutes – 29th May 2025**

**Attendance:** Fern Warwick, EPS Student Rep (FW) and Max Williams, Sustainability Officer (MW)

**Staff:** Paige Archer, Student Voice Coordinator (Democratic Engagement) (PA)

**Apologies:** Syed Saddath, President (SS) and James Lindsey, Director of Community and Representation (JL)

**Start 14:15**

MW taking over as chair for this meeting. Apologies from James and Syed.

This meeting has been arranged to review comments made on the new policy draft.

Since the last meeting MW and FW have drafted a new policy following on from comments made in the previous action group. JL has given his comments via a shared document.

Max began to go over these comments made by JL.

The first comment from JL on the introduction to the policy, refers to whether we need to retain the reference to the E&E policy and add that our members share this belief.

* MW/FW response: “Members of the Guild hold beliefs outline sin our E&E policy. We believe the University...”

Point 4 of the officer team lobby list – JL questions if we need to ask UoB to promote ethical options if our members are already ethical as per E&E policy?

MW/FW thoughts:

* What if students come back at this asking why are you trying to take away job opportunities, ethical or not?
* There was discussion over if there are enough ethical jobs available on the market through university promotion
* No need for further edits, as this gives students context and reassurance that were not just trying to limit their opportunities.

Point 5 of the officer team lobby list – JL questions if this is relevant for students.

MW/FW thoughts:

* Seeing this point as almost jumping ahead to quickly.
* We need to get the university to make other changes and have best practice first before asking them to encourage partners to make changes themselves
* We also don’t have enough evidence to back it up at this point

MW and FW are happy with these edits. This version will be shared with JL for further comments.

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