

## Guild Policy Development Group Minutes

**Present:** Jess Levy (Representation and Resources Officer (RRO), Chair), Rose Bennett (GOG Member) Adam Goldstone (GOG Member), Lucinda Bleischroeder Baker (GOG Member), Rajat Grover (International Representative Member), Adriana Xardone (LGBTQ Representative Member) Joe Guntrip (Open Place Member), Reece Roberts (Open Place Member), Fay Arnold (Trans Representative Member),

**In attendance:** Oli Killeen (Democracy Co-ordinator) (Note Taker), Lucy Gill (Student Voice Manager)

**Apologies:** Zia Bresnahan (Open Place Member), Arundeeep Chaggar (Postgraduate Representative Member), Sheimona Jahan (BME Representative Member), Emma Atkins (Disabled Representative Member), Molly Gilbert (Women's Representative Member)

**The RRO welcomed everyone and the meeting commenced at 18:10**

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	QUESTIONS ASKED	ACTION
1	<b>Welcome to GPDG</b>	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting	<b>Noted</b>
2	<b>Your Idea Submissions</b>	<p>All ideas were accepted without amendment, with the exception of the following, where issues were raised:</p> <p><b>01.18.02 – Better Democracy at the Guild of Students</b> – Concerns about some of the factual accuracy of the idea. Clarification will be sent to the proposer, and opportunity offered for amendment. Otherwise accepted.</p> <p><b>01.18.04 – Pay Guild Student staff the same as those who work for the University</b> – There are some concerns about this idea, given the idea that passed in a previous cycle on paying student staff the Living Wage. JL to take forward.</p> <p><b>01.18.11 – Change Student Visa restrictions</b> – This idea was voted on in a previous cycle.</p> <p><b>01.18.12 – Change Student Visa restrictions</b> – This idea was voted on in a previous cycle.</p> <p><b>01.18.16 - Clearer and more public student services and support</b> – Zoned to Welfare and Community, accepted without amended.</p> <p><b>01.18.20 – Thinright Foundation</b> – Concerns relating to the Guild giving money to this organisation that may not be in line with charitable objectives. Idea not carried forward, proposer informed.</p>	
3	<b>NUS Conferences Policy</b>	<p>A change to the NUS Conferences Policy was tabled for discussion.</p> <p>The new change resolved to have NUS Conference Motion submissions tabled as Guild Policy rather than an Idea, and as such Guild submissions to Conferences would have a different voting process.</p>	<b>Noted</b>

		<p>It was noted that the voting process would remain for submissions sent to Conference this year.</p> <p>This was accepted; no amendments were made or suggested.</p>	
4	<b>Solidarity with staff (Policy submission)</b>	<p>A policy to support staff Industrial Action was tabled for discussion. The Group were concerned that it might not be practical or in the interests of students to support all industrial action by University staff, as there are multiple Unions represented on campus.</p> <p>It was also noted that this was zoned as Guild Policy, the Group suggested that this should be included as an Idea, so that the views of students on this policy.</p> <p>The Group were also concerned with some of the factual accuracies in this submission.</p> <p>It was agreed that the proposer would be contacted with the concerns, and that the idea go up as an idea submission, zoned as Guild Development.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
5	<b>Over-recruitment Policy</b>	<p>A new policy on the Guild's position on University Recruitment was tabled for discussion. It was noted that the University's current recruitment drive has wider consequences on the provision of services both for current and prospective students.</p> <p>The Group suggested that the title be changed to University Recruitment and Resources Policy. This was accepted.</p> <p>No further amendments were suggested or made. The Policy was accepted.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
6	<b>Environmental, Ethical Investment and Procurement Policy</b>	<p>A new draft of the policy was tabled for discussion. It was noted that a new policy on flying to European destinations has been added.</p> <p>No further amendments were made or suggested. The Policy was accepted.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
7	<b>Beliefs and Commitments Update</b>	<p>JL explained that the process of taking the current Beliefs and Commitments will take a long a time to complete, so requested that the Group defer discussion of this for the time being.</p> <p>In the meantime anyone would be welcome to contribute to the new document, with a draft being brought for discussion before the end of the year, JL will lead on redrafting.</p> <p>The Group agreed that this was a good idea.</p>	<b>Noted</b>  <b>JL</b>
8	<b>NUS Motion Submissions</b>	<p>The following Motions were put forward for submission to NUS National Conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Better Protection for students in rented accommodation</b> - Accepted without amendment</li> <li>• <b>Swastika Motion</b> – Accepted without amendment</li> <li>• <b>Minor waves to Microwaves</b> – Accepted without amendment</li> <li>• <b>Where is the Love (SUs)?</b> – Accepted without amendment</li> <li>• <b>National Postgraduate Representation</b> – Accepted without</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>

		amendment • <b>A legal front</b> – Accepted without amendment	
<b>9</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	No other business was noted.	<b>Noted</b>

**The Chair closed the meeting at 19.30**  
**Date of next meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - (6-8pm)**