

Present

Cat Hardiman, Sports Officer **(SO) (Chair)**
 Dean Turner, Welfare & Community Officer **(WCO)**
 Amira Campbell, Guild President **(President)**
 Joseph Hill, Education Officer **(EO)**
 Tinajie (Alice) Liu, International Officer **(IO)**
 Benjamin Lockley, Postgraduate Officer **(PGO)**
 Harry Brooks, Activities & Employability Officer **(AEO)**

Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, Chief Executive **(JT)**
 James Lindsay, Director of Community & Representation **(JL)**
 Amber Challinor, HR Coordinator **(AC)** (Note taker)

Apologies

None.

The Chair welcomed everyone and the meeting started at 12:05.

No	Item for Discussion	Notes	Action
1	Minutes 09.10.23	<p>The Chair noted that the Officer Team had not yet had sufficient time to view and approve the minutes from the previous meeting.</p> <p>The Officer Team agreed to email resolution for the approval of the minutes.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>All</p>
2	Elections & Referendum Update	<p>JL briefed the Officer Team on the MSL error that occurred during voting for the Autumn Elections, which led to the elections being voided.</p> <p>JL noted that the by-elections would be launched quickly and that the comms department are working to make everyone aware of what will happen.</p> <p>The WCO asked what would be done to prevent a similar error from occurring again. JL discussed the work of the systems team and the steps that have been taken as a result of the error.</p> <p>JL discussed the upcoming referendum and noted that due to the challenge with the election, the Voice team have sought approval from GOG to push the referendum back by one week.</p> <p>The PGO suggested pushing the referendum by two weeks so as to align with the UCU vote.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

		The President noted that the referendum is regarding the Guild's stance and actions specifically, regardless of if/when UCU call action, and supported the original change of one week.	Noted
3	Israeli – Palestinian Conflict	<p>The WCO noted that they had spoken with a group of Jewish students who expressed their approval of the Officer statement regarding the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The AEO noted that they and the President were meeting with J-Soc later that day.</p> <p>The Officer Team discussed a statement that they had written and published online, outlining how affected students could access support services at the Guild and University. The President noted that key lessons learnt were that statements of this nature should be published more quickly and that the Officer Team should continue to write key statements themselves. The President noted that overall the statement had been successful.</p> <p>The Officer Team discussed a demonstration by the Marxist Society that took place on the previous Friday in support of the Palestinian cause, noting that it had taken place peacefully. The Officer Team discussed the demonstration and their concern for Jewish students who had been made fearful to be on campus at the news that this event was taking place.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4	Society & Volunteer of the Month	The AEO asked the Officer Team to submit nominations for society & volunteer of the month.	All
5	Officer Lunch with Incoming Chair of Trustees	The Officer Team discussed their planned lunch with the Guild's Incoming Chair of Trustees. The SO noted that they would not be able to attend the lunch. The rest of the Officer Team confirmed their attendance.	Noted
6	Officer Diaries	<p>The Officer Team discussed some key meetings in their diaries for the week ahead:</p> <p>IO – Meeting with Birmingham Global, attending Student Support Fair, taking annual leave.</p> <p>President – Meeting with the new Worklink team, meeting with Tom Snape, attending the Black Voices Campaign events.</p> <p>PGO – Catch up with Michael Watson, Rep social, taking annual leave.</p> <p>EO – Meetings about the university's plan for distance learners, meeting about EDI training for Guild reps, interview panel member for new core staff role.</p> <p>WCO – Disabled Students' Contribution Group with the Disabled Students' Officer.</p> <p>AEO – Meeting with J-Soc, Engagement Committee, Reception Refresh Project.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

		SO – Meeting with the Oddballs ambassador, meeting with the Ethical & Environmental Officer, UB Sport marketing.	Noted
7	Officer Projects	<p>The IO discussed their plans to organise a Halloween party at Joe’s Bar for International and Postgraduate students and asked to discuss the funding for this with JT.</p> <p>The AEO noted good changes to the Birmingham awards and noted that Medsoc might be changing their website to be on the Guild’s website</p> <p>The President discussed their recent success with their Medical school project surrounding the Chamberlain award.</p> <p>The President noted that they are in favour of introducing Teaching Awards in conjunction with the University and that they had discussed these being held at the Guild.</p> <p>The PGO noted that they believed that the awards were planned to be held at the university and expressed concern regarding the capacity of the Guild to facilitate these awards. The EO noted that they had heard the same as the PGO, and agreed regarding capacity.</p>	<p>JT / IO</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
8	Schools/Colleges/ Dubai Update	The IO updated the officer team that the UOB Students’ Association Dubai recently held their Leadership elections.	Noted.
9	Part-Time Officers	No Items Noted.	Noted
10	AOB	No Items Noted.	Noted

The meeting finished at 13:05.