

FULL TIME OFFICER GROUP MINUTES

11:00 – 12:00 Online Meeting (via Zoom)

Present

Tobiloba Adeyemi, President (President)
Rob Hegarty, Sports Officer (SO) (Chair)
Amie Raphael, Activities and Employability Officer (AEO)
Rebecca Cutler, Postgraduate Officer (PGO)
Wei-Lun Chen, International Officer (IO)
Charlotte Minter, Welfare & Community Officer (WCO)
Jules Singh, Education Officer (EO)

Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, CEO **(JT)** Sam Jones, Executive Assistant (notetaker)

Apologies

None.

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:00

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	Notes	ACTION
1	Minutes from 01.09.20	The minutes from Monday 1st September were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	Approved
2	Employability Week	The EO updated the Officer team on plans for Employability Week. The EO noted that recent NUS data showed declining job opportunities for students and young people due to the closure of many retail and hospitality businesses. The EO noted plans for a student jobs recruitment week with online information and job opportunities. The AEO noted plans to include volunteering opportunities also and possibilities for students to gain additional skills sets. JT suggested engaging with the University's work link service and the business school to include on campus work opportunities. JT to ask SW about relevant University contacts. The PGO suggested reaching out to local employers to find out what skills would be necessary. The Officer team discussed communication around employability week. The EO noted several queries from students about opportunities for part-time work in Birmingham. The Officer team discussed the balance of the week between part-time job opportunities and post-graduation employability skills.	Noted Noted Noted

3	'Brumfess'	The EO noted recent concerning anonymous posts on the 'Brumfess' Facebook group. The Officer team discussed the Guild's communications response to social media posts.	Noted
4	Diaries	The Officer team discussed their key meetings for the week ahead:	Noted
		WCO – Black Voices Working Group, Hate crime training, tour of campus, Student Services catch-up, Webinar, Staff Forum, LMS meeting, A/L.	Noted
		EO – TB Away Day, UQAC, Library filming, SGX grant allocations, College live Q&A's, Staff forum.	Noted
		AEO – Not discussed.	Noted
		IO – TB Away Day, Study abroad student social, tour of campus, BIA committee.	Noted
		SO – TB Away Day, E&E Committee planning, tour of campus, SGA grant allocations meeting, staff forum, UB Sport team meeting.	Noted
		PGO – TB Away Day. SRSAB agenda setting, UQAC, research committee, catch-up w/ student services.	Noted
		President – Black Voices Working Group, TB Away Day, College Q&A Sessions, Advance HE governance training, Catch-Up SV manager, Black History Month planning meeting, VC address recording, SU president's meet-up, EA meeting.	Noted
5	Manifesto and Priority Campaigns Updates	The President updated the Officer team on plans for Black history month.	
6	Officer Wins	The Officer's presented their 'Officer Wins' from the last week:	Noted
		WCO – Above target for money raised for Student Minds officer fundraiser.	Noted
		AEO – No items noted.	Noted
		President – Positive progress on Black Student Campaign.	Noted
		EO – College Q&A's scheduled for coming weeks.	Noted
		PGO – University data showing a reduced black student attainment gap for degree awards.	Noted
		SO - Progress on promoting campus league.	Noted
		IO – International Student Exchange flexible accommodation arrangements.	Noted

7	Guild Communications/	The Officer Team discussed plans for the virtual neighbourhood.	Noted
	Social Media	The EO noted that college Q&A's would be held on the virtual neighbourhood over the next week.	Noted
8	Schools/Colleges /Dubai Update	The PGO updated the Officer Team on collaboration with EPS on student groups and student engagement for the coming year.	Noted
9	Part Time Officers	The SO noted that they were meeting regularly with EEO. The EO noted that the EEO would be attending NUS Ethical & Environmental conference.	Noted
		The WCO noted a positive meeting with the DSO and an external provider on future opportunities for collaboration.	Noted
		The IO noted that they were meeting regularly with the EMO to discuss their manifesto progress.	Noted
10	Officer Training and Development	The SO noted they were attending a sexual harassment and hate crime training session.	Noted
11	AOB	The EO asked officers to attend their relevant college Q&A's where possible.	Noted
		The President noted ongoing confusion from many students on arrangements for their teaching and start dates for semester 1 of 2020. The PGO noted confusion among PG student on arrangements for their courses. The Officer team discussed the Guild's communications to students whose courses had been disrupted due to COVID-19. The Officer team discussed the recent event of knife crime in Birmingham City Centre. The PGO noted that student's may be concerned about safety in the city centre. JT noted that C&M were preparing a statement for the Officer team to release. The President noted the need to reiterate personal safety as student returned to Birmingham.	Noted Noted
		The SO updated the Officer team on a sport team incident.	Noted