

Present

Isobel Lawson, Activities & Employability Officer (**AEO**) (**Chair**)
 Acacia Matthews, Guild President (**President**)
 Florence Craddock, Sports Officer (**SO**)
 Vanessa Chigariro, Education Officer (**EO**)
 Reeve Isaacs-Smith, Welfare & Community Officer (**WCO**)
 Benjamin Lockley, Postgraduate Officer (**PGO**)

Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, Chief Executive (**JT**)
 Sam Jones, Executive Assistant (**SJ**) (note taker)

Apologies

Tinajie (Alice) Liu, International Officer (**IO**)

No	Item for Discussion	Notes	Action
1	Minutes from 10.10.2022	<p>The Chair presented the previous minutes, dated the 10th October 2022, 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>Approved</p>
2	Agenda Items Planning	<p>SJ updated the Officer Team on the upcoming cycle of meetings with the University.</p> <p>The Officer team noted the following possible items to discuss with the University in upcoming meetings:</p> <p><u>Joined-Up Conversations (21.10.22)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Week and Start of Semester • Cost of Living pressures • UCU possible strike action • Campus Accessibility <p><u>Campus Services Meeting (01.11.22)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation Selections • Pritchatts Park Feedback • Meal Plan • Cost of Living • Community Pantry <p><u>UEB/ Guild Meeting – (14.11.22)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCU possible strike action • Cost of Living initiatives • Welcome Week 2022 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

3	UCU Strike Statement	<p>The PGO presented a draft statement for the Guild, responding to the announcement of planned strike action by the University and College (UCU) trade union at Birmingham, pending a ballot. The PGO noted the Guild's policy mandating support for campus strike action.</p> <p>The Officer Team discussed the wording of the statement. The PGO noted UCU's preference for the issues raised to be resolved at a national scale. The Officer Team discussed the impact on students of planned strike action and disruptions to teaching and learning.</p> <p>The Officer Team approved the draft statement, pending final edits.</p> <p>JT suggested re-using information to students provided during previous strike action in 2021/22. PGO to review.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>PGO</p>
4	Russell Group Student Collective	<p>The EO updated the Officer team on their recent visit to UCL for a Russell Group Student Collective. The EO to share information from the meeting.</p> <p>The EO noted an opportunity for other Officers to attend a 2nd meeting and possible residential in the coming months. JT noted the value of the Guild making use of the project, which was part-funded from the Guild. EO and President to discuss.</p>	<p>EO</p> <p>EO/President</p>
5	BTW and Substances Position	<p>The WCO asked about the Guild's position on substance use in the context of harm reduction. JT updated the Officer Team on the Guild's licence conditions as a licenced venue, which included a 'zero tolerance' policy on drugs brought into club nights or events.</p> <p>The Officer Team discussed the work of the 'Better Than Well' project and general work on harm reduction. The AEO noted the Guild's ongoing drug-detection dogs present at club-nights, where drugs detected were confiscated. SJ noted the work of previous Officer Teams on drugs-testing kits. The Officer Team discussed the current provision of the 'chill-out' room and additional measures for student welfare provided at club nights, as well as the importance of personal responsibility for safety.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	Student Rep Systems Resources	<p>The Officer Team discussed the current level of staff provision on the Guild's operation of the Student Rep System (SRS). The EO and PGO noted concerns raised by University colleagues about current staffing levels.</p> <p>JT updated the Officer Team on ongoing discussions for staffing, noting possible introduction of student staff support and/or short-term contracting of staff to support the SRS. JT to circulate additional information.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>JT</p>
7	Community Pantry Statement	<p>The WCO presented a draft statement on the Guild's Community Pantry project and cost of living support for students, in response to several news stories.</p> <p>The Officer Team approved the draft statement, pending final edits.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>

8	Mental Health First Aid	The EO updated the Officer Team on discussions following the last meeting of FTOG in relation to disclosures from students. The EO suggested exploring options for Mental Health First Aid training for the Officer Team and reception student staff. JT to discuss with WCO.	JT/WCO
9	Wellbeing Project	The EO noted ongoing work with the welfare team in the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences (EPS). SJ to carry forward to the next FTOG agenda.	SJ
10	Officer Key Meetings	<p>President – Epegium meeting, Joined Up Conversations, EDI Committee, Officer 1:1's.</p> <p>IO – n/a.</p> <p>AEO – SMT 1:1's, Societies Night planning meeting, Incidents & Complaints meeting.</p> <p>EO – TEF webinar and catch-up, Timetabling meetings, Audit & Risk Committee meeting.</p> <p>SO – Engagement Committee meeting, GOG, West Midlands BUCS meeting.</p> <p>PGO – LES Director of Education meeting, Interviews, Graduate Scholars meeting, Timetabling meeting, PG Engagement meeting.</p> <p>WCO – Epegium Consent Course meeting, EDI Townhall meeting, EDI Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
11	Remits/ Projects	<p>The WCO updated the Officer Team on the planned EDI Town Hall event on Thursday 20th October.</p> <p>The AEO updated the Officer Team on the next Societies Night, which had so far seen slow ticket sales. All Officer to help promote.</p> <p>The EO updated on a planned BIA Pub Quiz event, in the Guild in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The President and WCO noted very positive progress on re-developing the University's sexual consent training course for students.</p> <p>The President noted that the IO's recent Language Café event had been very well attended and positively received by attendees.</p> <p>The SO noted a planned welfare activity for sports teams into term one, including a poll on the state of sports team's mental health, and analysis of sports team members accessing University wellbeing support.</p> <p>The WCO noted that the Selly Express bus service had now re-opened for student passengers.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>All</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

11	Schools/Colleges/ Dubai Update	<p>The AEO updated the Officer Team on recent college committee meeting where ableist language had been used. AEO, WCO and JT to discuss.</p> <p>The WCO updated the Officer Team on a planned student community garden on campus.</p> <p>JT noted that the Dubai Student Leaders elections were currently ongoing, and the IO would shortly be meeting with the successful candidates.</p> <p>The PGO asked about the possibility of having a regular 1:1 meeting with the PG representative at the Dubai Students Association. JT invited the PGO to attend the first meeting with the newly elected Student Leaders at UoB Dubai campus.</p>	<p>AEO/WCO/ JT</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
12	Guild Communications & Social Media	<p>The Officer Team noted the following items for promotion via the Guild's Communication Channels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible UCU Strike Information for students. • Strike Info Poster/ Infographic. <p>The President reminded the Officer Team of the target to update their social media channels weekly.</p> <p>The AEO updated the Officer Team on plans for a separate Instagram account for the Guild's Clotheswap project.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
13	Part Time Officers	<p>The Officer Team noted plans to assign PTO buddies in the upcoming meeting of Guild Officer Group (GOG).</p>	<p>Noted</p>
14	AOB (Any Other Business)	<p>The Officer Team discussed holding some FTOG meetings in person in the coming months.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

The Chair closed the meeting at 13:30