Monday 18th January 2021

## Your Students'Union

University of Birmingham guild students

## FULL TIME OFFICER GROUP MINUTES

12:00 – 13:00 Online Meeting (via Zoom)

## <u>Present</u>

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

## Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, CEO **(JT)** 

Sam Jones, Executive Assistant (SJ) (notetaker)

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:00

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	Notes	ACTION
1	Minutes from 12.01.21	The minutes from Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	Approved
2	Conversion Therapy	The AEO updated the Officer team on the University's response to the Guild's letter about historic gay conversion therapy research conducted at the University. The PGO noted the need for clarification from the University on the investigation's progress. The WCO noted action by LGBTQ association on the issue. The President agreed to circulate previous communications to the University and escalate as required. The Officer team	Noted
		agreed to discuss next steps over email.	All
3	Black Voices Working Group	The President updated the Officer team on progress on the Black Voices campaign. The President reminded the officer team to circulate working group action outcomes by email by the end of the following week. The Officer team discussed progress on the Black Voices campaign. The Officer team agreed to target actions completion for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of February. SJ to arrange meeting.	All SJ
4	VC Recruitment Update	The President noted ongoing discussions with the Registrar on the recruitment process for the new Vice-Chancellor, following the announcement of Sir David Eastwood's planned departure. JT updated the Officer team on the University's search for a new Vice-Chancellor, which the Guild Officer team would be able to feed into. JT suggested consultation	

		with relevant student reps on ideal outcomes. JT noted that the new VC was expected to be formally appointed at the June University Council meeting. The President noted that the Officer Team would shortly be able to feed into the 'ideal candidate' search parameters. The PGO noted the value of detailed consultation with students and student reps on what they would seek in an incoming VC. The IO noted the importance of student feedback. However, the consultation with student reps may	Noted Noted Noted
		take longer that proposed. The Officer team discussed possibilities for student consultation and engagement on the Guild's input into the VC recruitment process. The PGO noted the value of extended consultation and feedback from the student body on the VC. The Officer team agreed to meet separately to discuss the collection of student feedback on the new VC recruitment. SJ	Noted SJ
5	Protection UOB Students – review and action delegation	to diarise. The President updated the Officer team on ongoing discussions on student support available during the national lockdown. The President noted that the Guild's positions had been communicated to the University.	Noted
		The EO noted ongoing discussions on possible academic process changes. The PGO noted suggested continued student consultation across all colleges on current student experiences.	Noted
6	UoBE Festival Comms	The IO updated the Officer team on the Guild's preparations for the upcoming UoBe Festival, which would be held fully online during lockdown. The Officer team discussed comms to promote the Guild's social theme events. SJ noted the Guild's priority events for promotion. The Officer team agreed to discuss by email and dived up events for promotion on social media.	Noted Noted
7	Rent Updates	The WCO updated the Officer Team on progress with the University's rent refunds, which would be provided shortly to all students in University and affiliated accommodation. The WCO updated the Officer team on an open letter to private accommodation providers, seeking similar refunds to those agreed by the University. The Officer team discussed the cut-off date for rent refunds, and moving the date back to the 4 <sup>th</sup> January, in-line with the planned travel window for students. The PGO suggested	Noted
		revisiting the refunds with the University. JT suggested raising the issue with local MP's in-light of the issues on student rents in their constituency.	All

3	Live Q&A's with DoE's	The EO noted that three Q&A's with college directors of education had now been confirmed for the coming weeks. The Officer's discussed sharing-out of hosting responsibilities.	Noted
9	Diaries	The Officer team discussed their key meetings for the week ahead:	
		<b>WCO</b> – Community officers meeting.	Noted
		EO – University Education Committee.	Noted
		AEO – H&S, Manifesto meetings.	Noted
		<b>IO</b> – Inclusivity training, UoBE Festival working group, University Education Committee, Teaching & Learning project meetings.	Noted
		<b>SO</b> – UB Sport management meeting, CWG meeting, alumni engagement meeting.	Noted
		<b>PGO</b> – n/a.	Noted
		<b>President</b> – VC 1:1, SUMS T&F group meetings, DBFO meeting.	Noted
10	Priority Campaigns/ Officer Wins	<b>AEO –</b> VP activities meetings and sharing best practice.	Noted
		WCO- University rent rebates.	Noted
		EO- Fair assessment policy progress.	Noted
		<b>IO-</b> n/a	Noted
		President- n/a	Noted
		<b>PGO –</b> n/a	Noted
		SO- Safer exercise programme.	Noted
11	University Relationships	No Items noted.	Noted
12	Guild Communications/ Social Media	The Officer Team noted the following items for promotion via Guild communications:	Noted
		<ul> <li>Officer Team COVID-19 stance.</li> <li>UoBe Festival Events</li> <li>Elections nominations.</li> </ul>	Noted
13	Schools/Colleges/ Dubai Update	No Items noted.	Noted

14	Part Time Officers	No Items noted.	Noted
15	Officer Training and Development	No Items noted.	Noted
16	АОВ	The President reminded officers to provide feedback to Student Voice on proposed recommendations from the speak week data analysis.	Noted

The meeting closed at 13:00.

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