

Guild Officer Group (GOG) Minutes

<u>Voting Members Present:</u> Amanda Sefton (Education Officer) [AS], Josh Dooler (Sports Officer) [JD], Tobiloba Adeyemi (Postgraduate Officer) [TA], Jules Singh (Commuter Students Officer) [JS], Tukeer Hussain (Ethnic Minority Students' Officer) [TH],

<u>Also In attendance:</u> Lucy Gill (Student Voice Manager), **Tom Snape** (Policy and Campaigns Coordinator and GOG Secretary) [TS]

<u>Absent with Apologies</u>: Alice Fowle (Disabled Students' Officer) [AF], Em Andress (Trans Students' Officer) [EA], Shirley Ibegbulam (Women's Officer) [SI], Joshua Williams (President) [JW], Cho Park (International Officer) [CP], Millie Gibbins (Welfare & Community Officer) [MG], Ryan Ginger (Activities and Employability Officer) [RG],

| No | ITEM FOR DISCUSSION | MATTERS DISCUSSED | ACTION |
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| 1 | Welcome | Meeting was opened by JD. It was highlighted that due to poor attendance that the meeting was not 'quorate' and therefore could not pass policy or make decisions. | |
| 2 | Strike Position | A discussion was held on the Guild taking a stance and what the options would be. Options agreed were: 1) Support the Strikes 2) Remain neutral – but it was highlighted that the 'your idea' to remain neutral had failed 3) Wait for a decision on next round of strikes and then make a decision. It was agreed that a stance should not be taken at this time until we have more information. | |
| 3 | Reproductive Justice Statement | AS explained Durham SU's statement and there was a discussion on The Guild making a similar statement. It was highlighted that The Guild's governing documents declare it pro-choice. Shirley and/or Ryan to work on a statement and potentially distribute for approval by email. | Action SI / RG |
| 4 | LGBTQ+ History Month | JD to check in with Amber and Em as no update available today. JD to contact relevant socs and rainbow network (staff) | Action JD |

| 5 | Holocaust Memorial Day | Manisha is liaising with J-Soc regarding arrangements. TH to deliver speech on her behalf as she is unavailable. Update needed from Manisha. TH to speak to JSoc to clarify details. | Action TH |
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| 6 | Guild election | Events calendar received. LG to contact with more info. GOG to let her know if they would like to be involved with any events. | |
| 7 | Minutes * MA | No updates - approved | |
| 8 | Buddy Meeting Update | AS and JS set up regular meetings. JD to meet with Alice, Amber and Nicola. | |
| 9 | Campaigns Pot | To be voted on via email. Some additional information required before approval should be given. | |
| 10 | FTOG / GPDG | Climate Emergency to be declared by The Guild which is to follow through into Green Week. JD updated on Green Week plans. | |
| 12 | AOB | | |