

Present: Jack Mably, Hayley Graham, Adam Elmi, Rose Bennett, Lewis Addlington Lee, Alex Binne, Ellie Keiller, Zara Qadir, Abdul Shittu, Ross Strong, Ben Chapman, Izzy Lenga, Roberto Sorrentino, Remy Claustres, Daisy Lindlar, Naomi Atkin (note-taker)

Apologies: Katie Webb, Chavonne Brown, Sam Benson

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome	JM welcomed everyone to the meeting.	Noted
2. Minutes	<p>JM reviewed the outstanding actions from the previous meeting:</p> <p>LAL is still to meet with Ben Bailey, timetabling a mutually convenient meeting has been a challenge. Pushed back getting the pledge until January.</p> <p>Minutes approved</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>LAL & Ross S to meet with Ben Bailey. LAL to send objectives to GOG.</p> <p>Noted</p>
3. Officer Verbal Updates	<p>Ross Strong (Welfare Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Mental Health Awareness Campaigns – Open meetings/Reducing the stigma/Facebook group has grown/ Planning for Mental Health Awareness Week • HIV Testing Week/Free condoms – looking a reinstating this is a regular thing • Working with Trans students on university policy on support for trans students <p>Abdul Shittu (International Students' Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Guild TV about the World Festival • Various meetings <p>Adam Elmi (Home Students' Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with estates department about lockers for home students <p>Lewis Addlington-Lee (Community Action Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on cuts to police in the local area <p>Rose Bennett (Postgraduate Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended first council meeting • Responded to Autumn statement • Met with PGR Students at Westmere <p>Daisy Lindlar (Representation & Resources Officer)</p>	Noted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Impact • Tree Planting • Venues • New Food Outlet • Officer Cocktails in Joe's Bar <p>Roberto Sorrentino (Housing & Community Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RA By-elections and Awards Night • Housing Campaign • Winter Spectacular • Winter Ball • RA Training for new committees <p>Izzy Lenga (Education Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Restructures • BME Attainment Gap Working Group ongoing • Religious Observance Campaign – greater support for students in relation to timetabling • NEC • SocCit Zone • HE Green Paper • NSS Consultation • Teaching Awards • Love SU's • Speak Week • Committee • Course Rep Conference <p>Hayley Graham (Disabled Students' Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability history Month is going well • £65 was raised in the bake-sale in support of Guide Dogs • Working with RS on Mental Health Awareness Campaign • Changes to DSA <p>Alex Binnie (Women's Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with CB on Trans-Awareness Campaign • Abortion Rights Conference went well <p>Eleanor Kellier (Satellite Sites Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Selly Oak food about improving availability • Meeting with PSA about getting off-campus students more involved • Trying to sort out transport for students at Dental School, but struggling to progress • Over 300 responses to dental school refund plan <p>Zara Qadeer (BME Students' Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with BME Women to discuss campaign ideas • Will arrange meeting with Campaigns Co-ordinator ASAP, to discuss implementation • Collaborative event with academics on Prevent Agenda 	
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	<p>Rémy Claustres (Sports Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Ball • Sports Awards • Teams winning 60% of matches • January fitness classes • New Sports Centre Progress • Looking at prices for student memberships <p>Jack Mably (President)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #CutTheCosts Campaign • Cross-City Plans • Freedom of Information request for student data • Junior Doctors Campaign with Leicester, Warwick, Nottingham Unions • Thunderclap • University Council • SPRC • NUS Purchasing Board • Welfare Zone • College meetings • Feeding into other campaigns <p>Ben Chapman (Activities and Development Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give it a go fair in January • Guild Awards planning • Speak Week • Micro-volunteering sessions • Degree Congregations 	
<p>4. Officer Declaration of Candidacy</p>	<p>DL explained the situation regarding current officers who are considering running again in the upcoming Officer elections next term.</p> <p>Officers were advised to check with DL, the Student Voice Team or the Returning Officer for clarification prior to campaigning if they are unsure about anything or have any concerns</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>5. Non-Sabb Fab</p>	<p>EK asked why non-sabb officers do not get free entry into Fab</p> <p>JM explained that this idea was voted on in Guild Council last year and was rejected by 89%, so there are no plans to change this again. Further explanation was given that free entry into Fab comes as part of a Guild-Wide package of free entry into all events (i.e. Guild Awards) so that the officers can be a positive presence at these events.</p> <p>EK explained that she was not looking to change this, it was just for information.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>6. Westminster Lobby Day</p>	<p>JM proposed not to put a coach on, as it is very resource intensive and currently not enough students are able to go to make it worthwhile.</p> <p>IL suggested that the Guild could support any students who wanted to go to find cheaper tickets (i.e. Megabus) so they</p>	<p>All agreed not to book a coach</p>

	<p>could go as a group if they wanted to.</p> <p>LAL said it would still be worth campaigning on this, as a Union that continues to oppose cuts. It might be more worthwhile to focus on activities outside of Westminster that can also make a positive change.</p>	
<p>7. AOB</p>	<p>HG- Results of consultation on DSA cuts- come out today and the plan from the government is the same as what was originally proposed and challenged in 2014.</p> <p>HG explained the outcome of the consultation</p> <p>JM- For our institution we think this is around £800k per year</p> <p>JM- explained wider context of BIS and cuts to funding in unprotected government budgets</p> <p>We have already fed into the consultation but clearly this has not been taken on board</p> <p>HG- we need strong action on this, it will have a significant impact upon disabled students being able to go to University. NUS have released a briefing and are encouraging students to have conversations with Universities and local MP's. This is essentially what has already been happening.</p> <p>JM- we need to meet with student services</p> <p>LAL- we need to get the University to show opposition to this</p> <p>HG- we need to move on from the very polite routes we have taken so far as this hasn't worked. Need to do some sort of protest/action</p> <p>AE- We need to shout about this and keep making the argument that making these cuts is toxic across Universities. Need to be working on a national scale. Videos, publicity, social media. Try and get mainstream political support. It is still to be voted on in parliament.</p> <p>JM- speak to Jamie to work out what we can support and do</p> <p>RA- agreed, we need to be part of a bigger campaign</p> <p>IL- Need to find out what DAMSA want to do and make sure they're on board and take the lead</p> <p>DL- This would be a good thing for all unions across Birmingham to work on together- we can pick this up with them at the next meeting</p>	<p>Arrange meeting with student services</p> <p>Item to be placed on next cross-city agenda</p> <p>JM/HG to</p>

