

Present

Joseph Hill, Education Officer **(EO)** (Chair)
 Dean Turner, Welfare & Community Officer **(WCO)**
 Tinajie (Alice) Liu, International Officer **(IO)**
 Benjamin Lockley, Postgraduate Officer **(PGO)** (arrived at 12:15).
 Amira Campbell, Guild President **(President)**
 Harry Brooks, Activities & Employability Officer **(AEO)**

Also in Attendance

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

Apologies

Cat Hardiman, Sports Officer **(SO)**

The Chair welcomed everyone and the meeting started at 12:10.

No	Item for Discussion	Notes	Action
1	Minutes (04.12.23)	<p>The Chair presented the minutes of the previous meetings, dated the 4th December 2023, for the Officer Team's approval.</p> <p>The Officer Team approved the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>
2	Articles & Company Law Meeting	JT updated the Officer Team on plans to initiate the process for reviewing the Guild's Articles of Association via a Company Law meeting, provisionally to be held in January 2024. JT updated the Officer Team on the process for arranging a Company Law Meeting at the Guild, and the rationale for content to be updated	Noted
3	NSS Promotion	The Officer Team agreed to move ahead with promotion of the National Student Survey.	Noted
4	JUC Agenda - 13.12.23	<p>The PGO arrived at 12:15.</p> <p>The Officer Team discussed the agenda for the upcoming Joined Up Conversations meeting for the 13th December:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chamberlain Award 2. Cost of Living 3. ValeFest 2024 4. Commuter Students Support 5. Emergency Risk Assessments and Freedom of Speech. 6. Israeli/Palestinian Conflict and Response. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

5	Parliamentary enquiry on impact of strikes.	The EO noted that a parliamentary enquiry had been initiated, seeking information on the impact of strike action and the marking & assessment boycott on the student experience during the 2022/23 academic year. The EO agreed to discuss with the Student Voice team.	Noted
6	Officer Diaries	<p>The Officer Team discussed their key meetings for the week ahead.</p> <p>President – University Carol Service, Chair of Trustees 1:1, RGSU Winter residential in Manchester.</p> <p>AEO – Worklink Meeting, Careers Network Meeting, UOB Xtra Core Steering Group</p> <p>WCO – RAPs discussion, Campus & Community Safety Group, Education & Welfare Advisor interviews.</p> <p>IO – International Student Guarantees meeting, IST team meeting, CQAAC meeting.</p> <p>PGO – University Research Committee, Appointments Panel, Catch-Up on reclaim the Night.</p> <p>EO – EDI Training Quiz Launch, LES Head of College Interviews.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
7	Officer Projects	The President noted that they were developing a business plan for the new Black Hairdressers opportunity in the Guild building.	Noted
8	Schools/Colleges/ Dubai Update	<p>The AEO noted their view that Full-Time officers should not be invited to join University Education Committee meetings, and instead that students from those colleges should be the lead representatives on those committees. The President noted that Student Reps were also in place for committees at every level, however they recognised that students who were studying in the college should take the lead. The EO noted the importance of strengthening the Student Rep System via the ongoing improvement plan project to a point where student reps were able to take the lead from Officers.</p> <p>The PGO noted that they supported removing Full-Time Officers from College and School board meetings. The EO noted that themselves and the PGO and IO added value to these meetings, however they understood that for Officers without an education focus would have limited reference points for the issues discussed at the meetings.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
9	Part-Time Officers	<p>The PGO asked about the PTO Office Space. JT noted that they had asked for the PTO space to be cleared, which had been in use by IT Services.</p> <p>The PGO asked about the recent idea submission on Gender Neutral bathrooms. The WCO noted that they, the TSO and the Guild's Facilities Manager had met the previous week to discuss plans for new Gender-Neutral toilets on the ground floor as part of the Reception Refresh project in during the Easter Break.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

10	AOB	<p>The President updated the Officer Team on their representations to the University's Investment Sub-Committee to remove the University's remaining portfolio investments in the arms trade, and create a strong and effective ethical investment's policy for the University which fully removed investments in the arms trade from the University's portfolio. The President noted that in their view, the University's current stance and approach to the issue was wholly unsatisfactory. The EO noted the importance of understanding what impact a total divestment and disengagement would have on the University's research arrangements and graduate prospects.</p> <p>The AEO noted that MedSoc had raised an issue with room bookings process at the Medical School, which had introduced a 28 days advance booking requirement for rooms in the building, which had significantly impacted on student groups booking events in the building.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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The meeting finished at 13:10.