

**Present**

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

**Also in Attendance**

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

**Apologies**

No	Item for Discussion	Notes	Action
1	<b>Minutes from 10.01.23</b>	<p>The Chair presented the minutes of the previous meeting, dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</p> <p>The Officer team agreed to circulate their diary information ahead of a FTOG meeting, if they expected to be absent, for the benefit of the minutes.</p> <p>The Officer Team approved the minutes as accurate record of the meeting.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p>
2	<b>JUC Agenda (20.01.23)</b>	<p>The Officer team discussed possible items to discuss with the University in a 'Joined Up Conversations' meeting later that week. The Officer Team noted the following items to include on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UoBE Festival Plans</li> <li>• New Academic Year</li> <li>• UCU Industrial Action</li> <li>• LES college review</li> <li>• NUS Report</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>
3	<b>Academic Integrity Meeting (11:00 - 12:30, 17th January)</b>	The Officer Team discussed their availability to attend an Academic Integrity Meeting. The AEO noted their availability. SJ to circulate details to the AEO.	<b>SJ</b>
4	<b>E-Portfolios &amp; Graduate Attributes</b>	The EO updated the Officer Team on a new University project to combine information on skills development for each student based on all of their activity across the University into a new digital 'e-portfolio'. The EO noted the opportunity for the Officer Team to feed into the project, including ways that the new service could engage	

		students. The IO, AEO and President noted their interest in feeding into the project.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>UCU Industrial Action</b>	<p>The President noted recent announcements of expected national industrial action by UCU, lasting at least 18 working days in the coming months, over working conditions and pay. The President noted that the planned strike action would take place instead of a possible marking boycott, which had been expected. The President noted that they and JT were receiving regular updates from the University on planned actions from.</p> <p>The PGO noted that, in light of the expected length of the strike action, it was reasonable for the Guild to expect reimbursement from the University to students. The PGO suggested launching a campaign for significant reimbursement.</p> <p>The EO noted that previous commitments to direct savings from strike action into the student experience had not been realised. The WCO noted that the Guild had regularly raised questions with the University on how strike salary savings would be spent, which had not been satisfactorily resolved.</p> <p>The Officer Team discussed the importance of mitigating any impacts on students learning and progression, seeking a guarantee from the University that no students would be prevented of delayed from graduating if they had submitted passable work on time.</p> <p>The Officer Team agreed to raise their concerns about impacts on students in upcoming meetings with the University.</p> <p>The Officer Team discussed possible communications to students to educate them about the issues and the Guild's policy to support strike action. The PGO noted the importance of communicating with students quickly on expected strike action.</p> <p>SJ to arrange a meeting with Student Voice, for the Officer team to discuss.</p> <p>The Officer Team discussed the possibility of UCU action on an assessment and working boycott, which was not now expected until April 2023.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>SJ</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<b>NUS Report</b>	The Officer Team noted that the full investigation report into anti-Semitism at the National Union of Students had now been published, and the Officer team were reviewing the findings of the report closely and would be liaising with representatives of Jewish and Muslim students at the University to understand their perspective and discuss appropriate next steps.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Officer Diaries</b>	<p>The Officer Team discussed their diaries for the week ahead and possible clashes.</p> <p><b>President</b> – SPRC, CAL Catch-Up, Community Pantry Planning.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

		<p><b>IO</b> – University Education Committee Meeting, COSS Meeting, Study Abroad &amp; Exchange Team meeting.</p> <p><b>PGO</b> – ‘A 2 B’ Scholarship planning, Dean of Postgraduates meeting.</p> <p><b>WCO</b> – Community Living Catch-up re: housing, Not On Catch-Up, New Director induction, Sex and Healthy Relationships meeting.</p> <p><b>EO</b> – UEC meeting, Careers Network meeting, ‘My UoB’ app planning meeting.</p> <p><b>SO</b> – BUCS Advisory Group meeting, Sports Night Take-over planning, Personal Coaching, Go Green Week planning, Coaching.</p> <p><b>AEO</b> – UoBE Festival Planning, C&amp;M Coordinator Interviews, Grad Ball planning.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
8	<b>Remits/ Projects</b>	<p>The President asked the Officer team to promote the Russell Group SU Cost of Living survey. All to promote.</p> <p>The WCO noted that the upcoming campus run, part of UoBE Festival, was fully accessible for wheelchair users. All to promote.</p> <p>The SO updated on plans for another sustainability town hall event in the coming months.</p> <p>The IO updated the Officer Team on the next Language Café event, to be held in the library with student volunteers to support on the 24<sup>th</sup> January. The IO noted possible clashes for the next Language Café events in February with Guild Elections. The Officer Team discussed the feasibility of holding a session during elections voting week. The IO noted their concern for elections candidates to ‘crash’ the events. JT noted the possibility of the student voice team hosting the event.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
9	<b>Schools/Colleges/ Dubai Update</b>	<p>The IO noted plans to arrange a meeting for the Officer team with the Dubai student leaders.</p> <p>The EO updated the officer team on recent discussions at University Education Committee.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
10	<b>Part Time Officers</b>	The Officer Team discussed responses from their PTO buddies.	<b>Noted</b>
11	<b>AOB</b>	<p>JT noted that the Guild’s new Director of Community &amp; Representation was now due to start in post on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The PGO asked about the new director’s expected involvement in Officer Elections. JT noted that the new post-holder had extensive experience of Student Union elections, but the current elections working group were pressing ahead with necessary planning at pace.</p> <p>The Officer Team discussed more opportunities for feedback from previous candidates, in terms of the process for announcing results. The Officer Team discussed the process for announcing winning</p>	<b>Noted</b>

		candidates, and whether candidates should be informed beforehand.	<b>Noted</b>
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The Chair closed the meeting at 12:30.