

Committee Name: Guild Officer Group
Date & Time: 4pm on the 10th of May 2021
Present:

In attendance	Apologies	Absent without apologies
Tobi Adeymi – Guild President Amie Raphael – A&E Officer Jules Singh – Education Officer Rebecca Cutler, Postgraduate Officer Rob Hegarty, Sports Officer Charlotte Minter, Welfare and Community Officer Wei-Lun Chen, International Officer Imogen Mann, Disabled Students; Officer Matthew Griffin, Ethical and Environmental Officer Israel Tamale, Ethnic Minority Students’ Officer Sorcha Hughes, LGBTQ+ Students’ Officer Also in attendance: Tom Snape, Policy and Campaigns Coordinator and GOG Secretary	Alex Heighton, Trans and Non Binary Officer	Yu Xu, Campaigns Officer Em Andress, Trans and Non Binary Officer Alice Morley, Women’s Officer

No.	Item for discussion	Questions/Comments/Voting Decision From Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TA opened meeting. 	
2	Minutes from the last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved 	
3	Updates from Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AR has been working on committee handover training. SH has been working on Not On and the Mental Health Research project IT has been collaborating with the library and UoB School 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RH has been working on sport coming back, Gym refunds, new gym memberships, test to play, finalising plans for club conference ▪ CM working on student safety campaign, started talks with library services on relaxation spaces, working with care leavers group to extend care leavers definition, worked to support students with landlord issues 	
4	Stumbling Blocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nothing to discuss 	
5	Committee Chairs Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AR updated on the work of the Activities Committee. Focus has been on looking at the activity of groups over the last year and identifying groups that have gone inactive. Guild Awards have seen a 56% increase in nominations, with the most nominations received for the COVID specific award. ▪ CM updated on the work of the Welfare and Liberation Committee. The last meeting wasn't quorate, but considered a proposal on consent workshops - which are already a thing via Not On. They fed back to the student about this work and reflected on how promotion could be improved. The committee also approved a number of speakers. ▪ JS updated on the work of the Education Committee. The most recent meeting was not quorate but the agenda was discussed via email. An idea was submitted RE teaching online after COVID - which will be considered at the All Student Meeting. ▪ TA updated on the work of the Campaigns Committee. No new ideas, but the last meeting reviewed the progress of the campaigns that have been approved so far. ▪ MG also noted that the Ethical and Environmental Committee has submitted 	

		<p>their green impact report. Hopefully we are on track for the most points they ever have.</p>	
6	Freebees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RH talked through the policy idea, which is to reduce the waste in how free things are given to students. ▪ MG explained that the initial idea is to do it as a trail. ▪ CM stated she liked the policy, and asked if there had been discussions about implementation with any other Unions. MG stated that they had not. ▪ TS asked if it had been sent to MMT for staff input, RG stated he didn't know but that would be a next step. ▪ TA said she had a preference for this going to SMT via MMT for consideration. ▪ RG stated that this consideration was the first step of this. ▪ AR said that this policy would work with societies sign up – but was concerned about how this would apply with grad scheme fairs. ▪ RG said he understood these concerns, it could be trailed for guild specific events in the first instance. ▪ JS raised concerns RE voting leaflets and elections material. He suggested a mandatory notice on each leaflet encouraging recycling. Leaflets and physical material is a big part of campaigning and vote count. ▪ RG highlighted that the guild has more knowledge regarding how to do campaigns without leaflets. ▪ MG suggested more training in elections RE sustainability. ▪ RH suggested the possibility of capping non-recycled campaign material. ▪ SH highlighted that for PTO roles from liberation roles in particular, leaflets are of limited use. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AR suggested that the guild secure a partnership with a sustainable provider to secure a more sustainable leaflets at a slightly better price. ▪ TA reiterated the importance of bringing operational and strategic staff on MMT and SMT on board as the next step. ▪ GOG approved the policy. 	
7	Disabled Students' Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IM updated: ▪ Over 150 responses with qualitative and quantities responses with a really high quality data set ▪ Next steps is to hold focus groups and 1-2-1s after the exam period. ▪ Intention is the provide uni level and college level recommendations. ▪ TA congratulated the commission on their work so far. 	
Additional Items			
8	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JS highlighted that voice will be providing support for PTOs with handover. ▪ IT highlighted a University Black Lives Matter remembrance service that is occurring on the 25th of May. ▪ The possibility of screening this remembrance event was discussed. ▪ TA asked whether GOG wanted to meet again before the end of the term. ▪ JS highlighted that the VCs dinner is usually the last GOG social. TA to chase this up. 	Action TA

The Chair closed the meeting at: XXXX
Date of next meeting: xxx