

Committee Name: Guild Officer Group
Date & Time: 17.2.23, 12:00-13:00
Present:

In attendance	Apologies	Absent without apologies
Acacia Matthews – Guild President Izzy Lawson – A&E Officer Nessa Chigariro – Education Officer Ben Lockley - Postgraduate Officer Reeve Isaacs Smith - Welfare and Community Officer Tianjie Liu (Alice) - International Officer Robin Hayward - Trans and Non-Binary Officer In attendance: Jane Baston, Senior Voice Coordinator and GOG Secretary Scott Dawson, Voice and Representation Manager	Maiar Elhariry - Ethical and Environmental Officer Chinaza Nwankwo - Ethnic Minority Students' Officer Florie Craddock - Sports Officer Rozena Nadeem, Democracy Coordinator Jo Thomas (or assigned deputy) – Guild CEO	Aaminah Saleem - Campaigns Officer Hannah Wilson - Disabled Students; Officer Chirag Sejpal - LGBTQ+ Students' Officer Madupavitra Palani - Women's Officer

	Item for discussion	Questions/Comments/Voting Decision From Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	AM: AM welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted. It was noted that the meeting was not quorate. Note: 8 Guild Officers are need for the meeting to be quorate.	
2	Minutes from the last meeting	Minutes from the last meeting were approved by those in the room.	JB to circulate minutes for approval.
3	Democracy Review Update	AM: AM provided an update on the Democracy Review and the co-creation process with students on a new democratic system. AM: We're looking to put the new democratic system to still around Easter.	

		JB: Part-Time Officers should have been contacted by the external consultant to provide input and feedback.	
4	Funding Requests – For Approval	TL: TL introduced their Funding Proposal for Language Cafes. Agreement from those in the room to approve the funding.	JB to circulate funding request for approval
5	Referenda – For approval	Proposed Referendum 1 - The Guild should remain a member of the National Union of Students UK (NUS UK). (Note, not NUS Charity) BL: BL introduced and proposed the referendum question on NUS UK membership. BL: Outlined the context behind the proposal regarding the recent report into Anti-Semitism within the NUS and the feeling that students should have their say about the Guild remaining members. RIS: Question: How many other Students' Unions have voted to disaffiliate this year? JB: A number of Students' Unions have held referenda on this. Some haven't reach quoracy or didn't pass. About five are planning to run referenda on this topic in March. RIS: Question: what is the timeline for running the referenda? BL: Proposed timelines that were suggested by Student Voice are in the attached paper – either April or October. RIS: Question: How would we do the educational piece that would be needed to ensure that students are aware of the context around the referenda? BL: Doing three referenda at once would enable us to properly educate students about the different topics. AM: AM pointed out that they hadn't heard from any students in response to the KC's report. There's has been some talk among the student body but nothing directly to the Guild. RIS: We don't see a huge amount of engagement with the NUS. Is there a general	JB to circulate online votes alongside minutes of the meeting for decision on the proposed referenda and dates.

	<p>awareness of what it is and the situation around Anti-Semitism?</p> <p>BL: We should give students the opportunity to choose. If we wait until October then it may have passed out of general knowledge within the student population.</p> <p>AM: The report has only just been published and the NUS will need time to implement the recommendations. We should consider waiting until October to give them time to do this. There was general discussion on holding a referendum in April or October.</p> <p>RIS: Question: If the can the current Guild Officer Group decide to hold a referendum for after their term has ended?</p> <p>JB: JB clarified that the By-laws allow the Guild Officer Group to decide when referenda are held and nothing voids this decision once their term ends. The next Guild Officer Group could decide that they don't want to hold the referendum.</p> <p>RIS: There's general agreement on holding the referenda, most of the discussion in on when to hold it.</p> <p>JB: JB clarified that the meeting wouldn't be able to decide now on whether to hold the referenda as they need a 75% majority.</p> <p>AM: As we can't agree this now it'll need to be done via an online vote. We'll also need to decide when to hold the referendum.</p> <p>JB: JB clarified the specifics of the desired vote.</p> <p>JB: To circulate vote on holding a referendum on the Guild remaining a member of NUS UK, and a vote on whether the hold the referendum in April or October.</p> <p>Proposed Referendum 2 - The Guild should support the University and College Union (UCU) in their current dispute over pay, pensions, and conditions.</p> <p>BL: BL presented the proposed referendum question on supporting the UCU disputes.</p>	
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6	AOB	<p>RH: RH raised that there was a vigil planned for Brianna Ghey on Friday evening.</p> <p>AM: The Officers wanted to write a statement on Brianna Ghey's death and encourage people to attend the vigil in the city centre on Friday.</p> <p>AM: Agreed to circulate the statement with RH before it's published.</p> <p>AM: Vale Fest are looking for some extra funding. As this was in my manifesto would I be able to apply for the Manifesto Campaigns Pot.</p>	<p>AM & RH to work on the statement on Brianna Ghey's death.</p> <p>AM to apply for Manifesto Campaign Funding for Vale Fest.</p>

		<p>JB: Yes, you'll need to apply via the form.</p> <p>AM: If I do the proposal would the Group agree to the funding? Agreement from the room.</p> <p>JB: To circulate to GOG once the funding application has been made.</p>	
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The Chair closed the meeting at: 12:55

Date of next meeting: TBC/Late March