

**Present:** Jack Mably (President), Roberto Sorrentino (Housing & Community Officer), Daisy Lindlar (Representation & Resources Officer), Remy Claustres (Sports Officer), Ben Chapman (Activities & Development Officer), Izzy Lenga (Education Officer), Adam Elmi (Home Students' Officer), Eleanor Keiller (Satellite Sites Officer), Lewis Addlington-Lee (Community Action Officer), Katie Webb (Anti-Racism; Anti-Fascism Officer), Chavonne Brown (LGBTQ Students' Officer) Oli Killeen (note-taker)

**Apologies:** Alex Binnie (Women's Officer), Hayley Graham (Disabled Students' Officer), Abdul Shittu (International Students' Officer), Zara Qadeer (Ethnic Minorities Students' Officer), Ross Strong (Welfare Officer)

**Absent without apologies:** Sam Benson (Ethical and Environmental Officer)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. <b>Welcome</b>	JM welcomed everyone to the meeting.	<b>Noted</b>
2. <b>Minutes</b>	JM reviewed the outstanding actions from the previous meeting.  Minutes approved.	<b>Noted</b>  <b>Noted</b>
3. <b>Officer Verbal Updates</b>	<p><b>Lewis Addlington-Lee (Community Action Officer)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work is continuing on Time to change</li> <li>• Next week is Student Volunteering Week – so far 270 students have signed up to Micro-volunteering opportunities that have been offered by the Guild</li> </ul> <p><b>Rose Bennett (Postgraduate Students' Officer)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on the Postgraduate Student Welcome Pack</li> <li>• Working with Hall RA's to increase awareness of the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES)</li> </ul> <p><b>Ellie Keiller (Satellite Sites Officer)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on a shuttle bus for students at the Dental School</li> <li>• Meeting with Student Groups to try and increase uptake by off-campus students</li> </ul> <p><b>Adam Elmi (Home Students' Officer)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Katie Webb (Anti-Racism; Anti-Fascism Officer)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended a meeting with Lucy from Pediga last week</li> </ul> <p><b>Roberto Sorrentino (Housing and Community Officer)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with other officers on the Fairer Fares</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>

	<p>campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with the RA's to try and get them to take the lead on larger scale events</li> <li>• Working with the RRO on Go Green week</li> <li>• Grad Ball planning</li> </ul> <p><b>Daisy Lindlar (Representation and Resources Officer)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on Go Green Week – trying to encourage sustainability and raise awareness of it</li> <li>• Working on the 'Not on' campaign and trying to put proper action plans in place including for online training</li> <li>• Work is continuing on Officer elections 2016</li> </ul> <p><b>Ben Chapman (Activities and Development Officer)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give it a go fair took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> Januar, with around 300 attendees</li> <li>• Student Volunteering Week taking place on the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> February – sessions are being planned at the Cats Home and other Conservation projects</li> <li>• Interfaith work – with free food (taking place on March 14<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Guild Awards planning is well underway – 280 tickets sold at this point, 350 are available</li> </ul> <p><b>Izzy Lenga (Education Officer)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QAA review week is taking place this week – and so have been involved in this</li> <li>• NUS ARAF Conference</li> <li>• Work continuing on Wednesday afternoon timetabling</li> <li>• Student Rep Conference took place on 30<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>• More study spaces</li> <li>• Codes of Practice are now available online for viewing by students</li> </ul> <p><b>Chavonne Brown (LGBTQ Students' Officer)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on a showcase to raise awareness of LGBTQ people in schools</li> <li>• Intersex Awareness Conference happening 9 days from now in Newcastle – trying to arrange travel for those attending</li> </ul> <p><b>Remy Claustres (Sports Officer)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended a meeting with the University staff and the Education Officer to discuss Wednesday afternoon timetabling, and impacts on sport</li> <li>• Planning for Sports Ball</li> </ul> <p><b>Jack Mably (President)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently working on the Modern Foreign Languages Departmental restructure</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>4. AOB</b></p>	<p><b>LAL</b> – The time to changes pledges have been decided upon following a meeting with the university. This is a joint campaign between MIND and Rethink Mental Health.</p> <p>Q: What is the cost to the Guild of this? A: There is no cost to sign up.</p> <p>Q: How will the Guild be signing up to this? A: The university and the Guild will be signing up as separate organisations.</p> <p>It is intended that the Guild and the University will jointly sign the document on March 7<sup>th</sup>, at the beginning of Mental Health Week.</p> <p>The Guild's 4 pledges are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To mark Mental Health Week</li> <li>2. To support the charity Student Minds</li> <li>3. To provide training and support for Guild Staff on Mental Health awareness</li> <li>4. To provide a positive attitude and working environment</li> </ol> <p>The University's 4 pledges are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To provide money in support of the campaign</li> <li>2. To commit to provide staff training on Mental Health Awareness</li> <li>3. To provide further information on welfare services available to students and staff</li> <li>4. To commit to reduce waiting times for welfare appointments</li> <li>5. To commit to tackle the stigma around Mental Health</li> </ol> <p>Work is being done currently on an action plan, to include PG plans for Mental Health Awareness</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>