

Present:

Committee Members: Acacia Matthews (AMat), Aaminah Saleem (AS), Fatima Madani (FM), Nidhi Agrawal (NA)

Guild Staff: Jane Baston (JB, Senior Voice Coordinator, Minute Taker), Scott Dawson (SD, Student Voice & Representation Manager), Rozena Nadeem (RN, Democracy Coordinator)

Apologies:

Committee Members: Anastasia Mauriac (AMau)

Absent without Apologies:

Committee Members: Maiar Elhariry (ME)

Trigger Warnings: UCU strikes, sexual violence, illness & cancer

Item No.	Item Title	Meeting Notes	Actions
Start			
1	Welcome & Introductions	Attendees introduced themselves and their role on the Committee. It was noted that the meeting was not quorate	None

2	Officer Updates	<p>AMat provided updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with UCU on their plan for the strike action. • Working with WCO on consent modules that will be made compulsory from September 2023. • Work with Oddball to raise awareness of importance of checking yourself. • Working with the University on divestment and ensuring transparency around investments. <p>AS provided updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with group with a focus on Better than Well. • Bringing together groups that want to push the University to sign the Student Mental Health Charter. • Supporting student groups that want to work on related mental health issues. • Supporting plant-based meals student groups with guidance on different elements of campaigning. 	None
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<p>3</p>	<p>Belief and Commitment</p>	<p>AMat presented the Belief and Commitment on Political Engagement and asked for comments.</p> <p>AS noted that the Guild should be working to engage student more in local democracy including ensuring that people know the difference between an MP and a local Councillor.</p> <p>JB provided context about the Office for Students registration requirement for voter registration campaigns and the work the Guild did in May for the 2022 local elections.</p> <p>AMat mentioned that the University is keen to support Guild democracy this year which will feed through into engagement in national democracy.</p> <p>AMat noted that the Committee wasn't quorate so they couldn't vote on the B&C.</p> <p>Committee agreed to refer the B&C to the ASM</p>	<p>RN ensure the B&C is on the ASM agenda</p>
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4	Funding Delegation	<p>JB presented the funding delegation paper and how this should improve the efficiency for funding approvals.</p> <p>Committee agreed to approve the funding delegation while noting that they were not quorate.</p>	<p>JB to circulate the paper for approval via email.</p>
5	Updates on Ideas	<p>AMat talked through the idea on a Scuba Diving Club allocated to Campaigns Committee.</p> <p>AMat provided context that it's been referred to UBSport but there hasn't been an update.</p> <p>Committee agreed to ask for an update from the idea submitter.</p>	<p>RN to contact the idea submitter and ask for an update.</p>

6	AOB	<p>Co-Options (JB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB explained the co-options process to fill empty spaces on the Committee. • Students who ran for the Committee but weren't elected have indicated they would be happy to be co-opted. • SD suggest that potential Committee Members are asked for a short statement for the current Members to vote on. <p>Campaigning for Cheaper Food on Campus (AMau)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB explained the AMau would like to work with the Committee to campaign for cheaper food prices on campus. • AMat updated that the Guild is looking in to some cheaper good options and offered to meet AMau to discuss. 	<p>JB to contact interested students for a statement and circulate for co-options</p> <p>AMat and AMau to meet to discuss food prices on campus campaign</p>
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Date & Time of next meeting: TBC/Semester 2