

FULL TIME OFFICER GROUP MINUTES

12:00pm, Mandela

Present

Joanne Park, International Officer **(IO)** (Deputy Chair)
 Ryan Ginger, Activities and Employability Officer **(AEO)**
 Joshua Williams, President
 Amanda Sefton, Education Officer **(EO)**
 Millie Gibbins, Welfare & Community Officer **(WCO)**

Also in Attendance

Sam Jones, Interim Executive Assistant (Note Taker) **(SJ)**
 Sarah Edmunds, Director of Support and Development **(SE)**

Apologies

Josh Tobiloba Adeyemi, Postgraduate Officer Elect **(PGO)**
 Dooler, Sports Officer Elect **(SO)**
 Jo Thomas, Chief Executive **(JT)**

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:00.

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	Notes	ACTION
1	Minutes from 27.08.19	The minutes from the last meeting held on 27 th August were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	Approved
2	Testicular Cancer Awareness Campaign	The AEO gave an introduction to the testicular cancer awareness campaign, noting the potential for the Guild to tie the aims in with other sexual health themed campaigns such as SHAG week. Officers could be personally involved with the campaign and speak to students around campus. SE suggested getting in touch with relevant societies such as CoppaFeel. RG noted that the campaign would run in the last week of October, ahead of officers being away on the Dubai visit. SE noted a possible tie in with world AID's day on 1 st December. The WCO noted that the campaign should tie in with ongoing Guild Advice work. WCO to speak to C&M about possible timelines.	Noted Noted Noted Noted WCO
3	NUS National Education Service	The President gave an introduction to NUS's new campaign for a National Education Service. NUS have outlined a 10 year timeline for achieving free education and adult education provision, and are seeking union support. The AEO noted that aim was admirable, however would depend on subsequent NUS officer teams to maintain the	Noted Noted

		<p>campaign.</p> <p>President noted that the outcome would be difficult to implement, as free education may result in caps on student numbers, as in Scotland.</p> <p>SE noted that the Guild could pass information onto relevant student groups and allow student to get involved if they agreed with them campaign.</p> <p>The President noted that several other SU's had expressed scepticism about the campaign.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4	Worklink Update/Unison and UBSW	<p>The President gave an update on ongoing issues with Worklink and the processing of wage payments to student staff. Several hundred students have come forward with late payment of wages and many had been affected by emergency tax and being unable to fund their costs.</p> <p>The President noted a significant backlash from campus trade unions and a new student group, with Worklink's reputation potentially damaged. The President noted talk of legal action from affected students, and that they had requested an urgent meeting with senior university staff.</p> <p>The EO suggested the Guild publish a statement in support of the affected students, avoiding reference to campus trade unions.</p> <p>SE noted that Ultra Vires would require the Guild to refer to effects on students regardless.</p> <p>The Officer Team agreed to write and publish a statement in support of affected students.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5	Scotland Union Visit Feedback	<p>The WCO noted a positive visit to Glasgow and Edinburgh Student Associations. The WCO noted a Taxi Home scheme at Edinburgh that the Guild could replicate.</p> <p>SE noted that the Guild had previously run a similar scheme with a former commercial taxi partner.</p> <p>The President noted other ideas from the Scottish SUs which could be replicated at the Guild.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	"It Stops Now" Campaign	<p>The President noted the "It Stops Now" sexual violence campaign at Glasgow University, which had been imported from Irish Universities. The campaign had been very successful and focused on presenting hard-hitting facts and a strong link to local sexual violence support providers.</p> <p>The AEO expressed concerns that such a campaign would duplicate work delivered by the Not On ambassadors in Guild Advice.</p> <p>The WCO suggested linking such a campaign with Guild Advice's plans for a re-launch of Not On in Term 1 with</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

		additional funding.	Noted
		The EO suggested building on the Not On brand with its current awareness in the campus community.	Noted
7	NUS/Guild and Brexit	<p>The President ran through the developments in Westminster regarding the prorogation of parliament and the increased likelihood of a “No Deal” withdrawal from the EU.</p> <p>The President noted significant possible impacts on students in the case of a No Deal scenario, such as the ending of Horizon 2020 funding, Erasmus+ and EU student's visa situations.</p> <p>The President suggested that the Guild draft a statement, condemning the government for proroguing parliament and highlighting the risks of a No Deal scenario to students.</p> <p>The EO suggested including the risks of no deal in a statement, but suggested avoiding criticism of the proroguing of parliament, and they did not feel the same way.</p> <p>The AEO suggested that the Guild should take the ‘extra step’ and criticise the government for an attack on democracy. If No Deal occurred, it would be the responsibility of the government for blocking parliament. The WCO noted that they agreed with the AEO. The President noted the Guild's own commitment to democracy.</p> <p>The Officer team agreed to draft a statement, outlining the risks of no deal for students, and referring to prorogation making a No Deal scenario more likely, but not criticising the prorogation directly. The Officer team agreed that all officers would sign off the statement before publication.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
8	World Mental Health Day	<p>The WCO noted that the World Mental Health Day fair was being planned, with Guild officers again wearing superhero costumes to raise awareness.</p> <p>The President suggested getting in touch with associations before had to avoid problems with messaging on MH.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
9	Diaries	Diaries were not discussed.	Noted
10	Manifesto Updates	No items were noted.	Noted
11	Guild Engagement/ Social Media	<p>The Officer team noted the following items for Guild promotion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplementary Exam results • Freshers Fest Tickets 	Noted
12	School/College/Dub ai Update	No items were noted.	Noted

13	Part Time Officer Buddies	The EO noted that the commuters students welcome event had been fully planned together with the commuter student's officer. A banner had gone live on the University website. The Officer team discussed supporting the PTO team.	Noted
14	Officer Training & Development	SE noted that disclosure training had been arranged for the officer team.	Noted
15	AOB	<p>The AEO noted they had received a mixed response from associations in reference to collaborating on 'conversation corner' events. LGBTQ association were planning to run 2 events in welcome week.</p> <p>The President noted that the Guild could promote conversation corners, with associations taking the lead in running the events. The AEO suggested that self-defining officers should attend conversation corners if they were able to.</p> <p>The President noted that the #OneCity President's meeting had been very positive and productive, with the network reformed and new aims and priorities signed. Going forwards the One City rep conference would become the One City conference, and at the upcoming meeting each SU would sign a new charter of collaboration.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

The meeting closed at 14:00.

Signed

Date