

Full-Time Officer Group (FTOG)

12:00 - 13:00, Online Meeting (Zoom).

Present

Wei-Lun Chen, International Officer (IO) (Chair)
Aaliyah Simms, Welfare & Community Officer (WCO)
Jules Singh, Education Officer (EO)

Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, Chief Executive (JT) Sam Jones, Executive Assistant (SJ) (note taker)

Apologies

George Christian, Sports Officer (SO)
Mikey Brown, President (President)
Danielle Murinas, Postgraduate Officer (PGO)
Josephine Conway, Activities and Employability Officer (AEO)

No	Item for Discussion	Notes	Action
1	Minutes from 08.03.2022	The Chair noted that the meeting was not quorate. SJ to circulate the minutes for approval by email following the meeting.	SJ
		The minutes from Tuesday 8 th March 2022 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	Approved
2	Officer Away Day	JT updated the Officer Team on plans for their Officer Away Day planned for Friday 25 th March. JT noted plans for an external facilitator to support the Officer Team to hold an away day.	Noted
		The Officer Team discussed topics to cover on the away day, including the Guild's democratic structures, remaining Manifesto commitments to cover during their terms in office. The WCO noted the importance of supporting the PTO team to achieve their manifesto points in their remaining months in office.	Noted
		The Officer Team discussed arrangements for a dinner and lunch. SJ to book dinner reservations and catering.	Noted
3	President Diary	SJ updated the Officer Team on several items from the President's diary which required cover in light of the President's absence this week.	Noted
4	Ukraine Crisis	The IO updated the Officer team on progress on society plans to raise money to support refugees fleeing the crisis in Ukraine.	Noted
		The IO noted a positive reception at a vigil held over the weekend at Aston SU for individuals affected by the crisis in Ukraine.	Noted

5	Officer Key Meetings	The Officer Team discussed plans to sign-post students to collection points for donations to refugees fleeing the conflict in Ukraine. WCO – College Education Committee, Disabled Students UK talk, GEMT, Senior Police Partnership Meeting. EO – University 1:1, Senate briefing, Joint STARS project board meeting, University Senate meeting, and Senior Education Team meeting. IO – A/L. President – n/a. AEO – n/a.	Noted Noted Noted Noted Noted Noted Noted
6	Schools/ Colleges/ Dubai Update	No Items Noted.	Noted
7	Guild Communications & Social Media	The Officer Team noted the following items for promotion via the Guild's communication channels: Ukraine Crisis Statement All Student Meeting	Noted
8	Part Time Officers	No Items Noted.	Noted
9	AOB	The WCO updated the Officer Team on their growing concerns about number of personal attacks for election candidates and several liberation associations on a local Facebook page. The WCO noted multiple instances of homophobia, bullying and harassment on the page, where statements were posted anonymously. The Officer Team discussed next steps for the page. The Officer team discussed additional comms to students to educate about the issues raised on the page, and directing students to raise sensitive concerns on platforms other than the Facebook page. The Officer Team agreed to discuss the issue at the next meeting. SJ to include on the agenda. The WCO noted discussions with the University about changes to the University's 'You Report, We Support' tool enable more context to be shared in reports. The EO noted plans for a Guild Advice online submission. The Officer Team discussed items for the upcoming All Student Meeting (ASM) agenda. The EO suggested including an item on industrial action. The Officer Team discussed the Guild's recent requests of the University on industrial action. EO to discuss with Student Voice.	Noted Noted SJ Noted