

Full-Time Officer Group (FTOG)

Mandela

Present

Aliasgar Gandhi, Postgraduate Officer (**PGO** (Chair)
 Antonia Listratt, Guild President (**President**)
 Emeline Brown, Activities & Employability Officer (**AEO**)
 Simrah Inamdar, International Officer (**IO**)
 Abhijeet Patel, Sports Officer (**SO**)
 Jacob Dyke, Education Officer (**EO**)

Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, Chief Executive (**JT**)
 Lisa Clark, People & Admin Manager (**LC**) (note taker)

Apologies

Abby Kenrick, Welfare & Community Officer (**WCO**) joined at 12.20pm for agenda item 5

The Chair welcomed everyone, and the meeting started at 13:00.

No	Item for Discussion	Notes	Action
1	Minutes of the Previous meeting (09.09.25)	<p>The Chair presented the minutes of the previous meeting, dated the 9th September 2025 for the Officer Team's approval.</p> <p>The Officer Team approved the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>
2	Officer Updates from Previous Week	<p>SO – Catch up with UB Sport re the Sports Committee, sports access fund discussions, attended first Activities Committee meeting, went to Staff Forum & attended a Legal Services induction.</p> <p>EO – Attended Teaching & Learning Environmental Strategy Group, went to a college education committee meeting, had a 121 meeting with the PGO & Pro Vice Chancellor Education met with the Director of Student Recruitment, met with the PGO and Registry, and attended Team 12 social.</p> <p>PGO – Had a catch up with the CEO, attended a Guild officer briefing in relation to accommodation, when to Staff Forum, had an introduction to Legal Services, went to the Team 12 social.</p> <p>AEO – Attended Team 12, went to an Officer briefing about accommodation, met with careers network, went to a grant allocation session, attended MDX committee, went to the Team 12 social</p> <p>IO – Had 121 meetings with the Representation Staff about projects, went to a. Cost of Living Working Group, attended a briefing about</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

		<p>Accommodation, went to a Legal Services induction and went to a Careers network event.</p> <p>President – Attended a West Midlands meeting about a free transportation campaign, went to a Cost of Living Working Group meeting, completed filming for Liberation network, attended EDI Committee at the University, had a 121 meeting with the Student Voice & Representation Manager to finalise my action plan, attended training from SOS UK about divestment & ethical finance.</p>	Noted
3	Officer Diaries	<p>The Officer Team discussed their key meetings for the week ahead:</p> <p>SO – Catch up with Comms & Marketing, organising training sessions, filming for alumni, Activities Committee. grant allocations, preparing for Welcome Week and working on my action plan.</p> <p>EO – 125 talk planning, autumn elections filming with the PGO & IO, catch up about the Birmingham Scholar event, student experience committee, attending an outreach event, meeting with Director of Education re mental health support, regular two weekly meeting with the Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor, Student Experience</p> <p>PGO – Meeting with the Systems Manager, 121 meeting with Comms & Marketing, filming for autumn elections & Welcome Week, Community organising training, Team 12, university relations, catch up re the PG access scholarships.</p> <p>AEO – Meeting with the external mentor, meet with the Facilities Manager for a Health & Safety Committee briefing, meeting with student activities for engagement plan, filming for alumni fund, catch up about the chairs network event, grant allocation meeting, careers network pod cast filming, disciplinary panel, meeting with a student re a neuroscience project</p> <p>IO – Meeting with EPS Law with the EO, meeting with SMT re Dubai, filming re autumn elections, community organising training, meeting UoB relations, induction meeting for University Council</p> <p>President – meeting the academic registrar, community organising training, meeting with the external mentor, community pantry & breakfast meeting and funding discussion, Team 12, UoB relations, informal UCU meeting re freedom of speech, catch up with registry team re Ghanaian students' crises, introductory meeting for University Council with IO, meeting with some student groups re Black History month.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4	Officer Projects	<p>SO – sports night. Spots access fund, participation with UB sport</p> <p>EO – module reviews with the Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor, Student Experience, 125 talks, Birmingham scholarship work, gender expression work, widening participation re care leavers</p> <p>PGO – PG student group, PG & International social, preparing for Welcome Week and the talks & events, working on residential events PG focused.,</p> <p>AEO – chairs network event, preparing for Welcome Week.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

		<p>IO – Food festival, PG & International student Forum</p> <p>President – working on the liberation forum with WCO, working with Comms & Marketing on anti-apartheid week, student staff decolonisation network, finalising community fridge project, meeting with the Director of Student Affairs about funding for international students dealing with emergencies and looking at wavering the English entry requirements for international students from Gaza</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5	Schools/Colleges/ Dubai Update	<p>The AEO joined the meeting.</p> <p>EO noted the doctoral school suggested working with the PGO & IO for PG & International student engagement. The EO noted fifth year medics will now receive the Chamberlain Award this year, thanks to the work by the Guild President 2024/25 & the Medic Society Pres 24/25.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	Part-Time Officers	WCO met with the Women's Officer & Kassie re women's projects including reclaim the night for November 2025, and extending the march to Selly Oak, International Women's Day for 2026 was also discussed.	Noted
7	AOB	<p>The President noted a petition for the University to offer support to Ghanaian students.</p> <p>The President noted an invite for Officers to attend a student stress forum in Manchester 10-12 October.</p> <p>The CEO remind the Officers of the Chancellor visit on 30th September and for the Officers to consider talking points.</p> <p>The Officers discussed Welcome Week and a rota for working over arrivals weekend.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

The meeting finished at 14:00.