

Full-Time Officer Group (FTOG)

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

Present

Danielle Murinas, Postgraduate Officer (PGO) (Chair)
Mikey Brown, President (President)
Josephine Conway, Activities and Employability Officer (AEO) (Left at 12:30)
George Christian, Sports Officer (SO)
Jules Singh, Education Officer (EO)
Wei-Lun Chen, International Officer (IO)

Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, CEO (JT) (Left at 12:30) Sam Jones, Executive Assistant (SJ)

Tom Snape, Campaigns & Policy Coordinator (TS) (Agenda Item 2 only)

Apologies

Aaliyah Simms, Welfare & Community Officer (WCO)

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	Notes	ACTION
1	Minutes from 08.11.2021	The minutes from the 8th November 2021 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	Approved
2	Priority Campaigns	TS joined the meeting at 12:00. TS updated the Officer Team on planning and roll-out of their Priority Campaign. TS noted that the first training session for Change in Mind	Noted Noted
		volunteers had been successful, with another session arranged for the coming evening. TS noted adequate student volunteers had now signed up for upcoming training sessions, however the targets for the number of conversations remained ambitious.	Noted
		TS noted the good progress was being made across all elements of the campaign. TS asked about officer-led group conversation sessions. The PGO noted that they were planning for a session in collaboration with the student reps and the Westmere scholars. The President noted plans for a number of liberation-focused events on mental health. The President suggested combining with Student Outreach events.	Noted
		JT noted discussions on the campaign at the recent UEB/Guild meeting. JT noted the need for the research criteria on the project to be detailed in terms of presenting the	

		The Officer team discussed next steps on the Remote Studying issues raised at UEB. The IO noted plans to discuss further with the University as to the specific criteria required for students to continue with remote learning.	Noted
		The Officer team discussed next steps on the Article 26 scholarships. The EO agreed to discuss with the PVC International.	EO
		JT and the AEO left the meeting at 12:30.	Noted
7	UEB Debrief	The Officer team discussed their recent attendance at a UEB/Guild meeting.	Noted
6	Student Outreach: Roadshows and Forums	The President noted plans for a series of student outreach events over the coming weeks to collect student feedback on current issues, including student safety and potential strike action. SJ to review officer availability over the coming weeks.	Noted
		The Officer team discussed reflections from the University and UEB on the Guild's statements. The President noted that a number of the financial facts on the USS pension issue were conflicted.	Noted
		The President suggested the Officer team move ahead with plans for a referendum beginning in the w/c Monday 29 th November. The Officer team agreed to move ahead with a referendum on the Guild's beliefs and commitments on strike action.	Noted
5	Strike Referendum Decision	The President updated the Officer Team on developments for UCU strike action following a successful ballot. The President noted that strike action before the Christmas break was now a distinct possibility, necessitating the Guild to move forwards quickly with it's planned referendum on its industrial action policy.	Noted
4	Appointments Panel - PTOs	SJ asked the Officer Team to promote the PTO vacancies on the Guild's Appointments Panel to their PTO buddies.	Noted
3	Graduation Congregations Timetable	SJ updated the Officer Team on the timetable for the attendance at the December Graduation congregations. The Officer team discussed their availability to attend the Graduation ceremonies as part of the University procession.	Noted
		TS left the meeting at 12:15	Noted
		The Officer team discussed the formula for the volunteer-led conversations, noting the importance of a balanced set of discussion topics.	Noted
		final results to the University. JT suggested having a codified research criteria to present with the findings of the research.	Noted

8	Officer Key Meetings	President – Venues & Stakeholders Round-table on drinks spiking, Appointments Panel training, GEMT, Officer Away Day.	Noted
		Sports – Commonwealth Day meeting, UB sport interviews, EPS student reps meeting, Officer Away Day.	Noted
		IO – UOBE Festival Working Group, Officer Away Day, Education Committee.	Noted
		Education – Article 26 meeting, Activities Committee, Education Committee, Officer Away Day.	Noted
		PGO – Graduate Research board, Guild Women's Panel, Education Committee, Officer Away Day.	Noted
		WCO – n/a.	Noted
		AEO – n/a.	Noted
9	Schools/ Colleges/ Dubai Update	The EO noted recent issues with a MDS CEC meeting where a recent student wellbeing issue was openly discussed without adequate confidentiality.	Noted
		The EO noted a discussion at the meeting about the demographic breakdown of the student reps in the college. The President suggested contacting the college to note the Guild's concerns on these discussions.	Noted
		The President updated the Officer team on positive progress on completion of the new UoB Dubai building. The Officer team discussed the development of the UoB Dubai campus.	Noted
10	Guild Communications &	The Officer team discussed their planned communications for the coming week. The Officer Team noted the following items for promotion:	
	Social Media	UCU Strike Action and Guild Referendum.	Noted
		The Officer team discussed presence on the University's social media platforms. The PGO noted concerns about Guild Officer's hosting content on the University's accounts in light of student confusion as to the separation of the Guild and University's services.	Noted
11	Part Time	No Items Noted.	Noted
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12	AOB	SJ updated the Officer Team on plans for the upcoming away day on Friday 19 th November.	Noted
13	Meeting Reflection	No Items Noted.	Noted