

Full-Time Officer Group (FTOG)

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

Present

George Christian, Sports Officer (SO) (Chair)
Wei-Lun Chen, International Officer (IO)
Aaliyah Simms, Welfare & Community Officer (WCO)
Jules Singh, Education Officer (EO)
Mikey Brown, President (President)
Danielle Murinas, Postgraduate Officer (PGO)
Josephine Conway, Activities and Employability Officer (AEO)

Also in Attendance

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

Apologies

None.

Item for Discussion	Notes	Action
Minutes from 14.03.2022	The minutes from Monday 14 th March 2022 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. SJ to make several edits.	Approved
Officer Away Day - 25th March	JT updated the Officer Team on plans for an away day for the Guild Officer Group (GOG) on Friday 25 th March. JT updated the Officer team on the planned agenda. SJ to invite the Part-Time Officers. SJ updated the Officer Team on planned catering. Officers to respond with menu choices.	SJ Noted
	The WCO suggested a possible regular follow-up catch-up for the FTO's. SJ to diarise.	SJ
Group Affiliations	The AEO updated the Officer Team on student group affiliations. The AEO noted increasing requests from a number of student group to affiliate with external bodies and receive funding from external groups. The WCO noted their general concern with unregulated external affiliations for student groups. The President noted that a number of student groups had long-standing affiliations with national bodies which worked well. The AEO noted a request for a student group to affiliate with a national government abroad. The PGO noted that there was no clear process for this affiliation how it would be overseen and what formal relationship would be established.	Noted Noted
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4	Education Away Day (23.03.22)	JT noted that the Guild listed its organisation affiliations in its annual statements to the charity commission, however did not list student group affiliations. The AEO agreed to discuss further outside the meeting. The IO noted an upcoming Education Away Day at the University. The EO, IO and PGO discussed their planned attendance at	Noted Noted
		sessions throughout the day. SJ to seek additional information from the University.	SJ
5	NUS Conference Lead Delegate	MB noted that due to illness, they would now no longer be able to attend NUS National Conference at the Guild's lead delegate. The Officer Team agreed to nominate the WCO as lead delegate for NUS Conference in the President's place.	Agreed
6	Commonwealth Games & Global Challenges	JT noted several regular meetings from the President's diary, which could be shared with the rest of the Officer team.	Noted
	-	The SO agreed to attend future Commonwealth Games Steering Group meetings.	Noted
		The IO and President agreed to discuss the Global Challenges meeting series outside the meeting.	President/IO
7	Officer Key Meetings	WCO – All Student Meeting, Officer Away Day, Guild Awards, Mentoring Session, Amnesty International Meeting, Off-Campus life review.	Noted
		EO – All Student Meeting, Officer Away Day, Off-Campus life review, Black Voices event, VC Challenge shortlisting, commuter students meeting for welcome week, SAPC.	Noted
		IO – All Student Meeting, Officer Away Day, International Student T&F group, Education Futures away day.	Noted
		President – All Student Meeting, Officer Away Day.	Noted
		AEO – Tech Services Interviews, Activities Committee.	Noted
		PGO – Guild Awards, Graduate Research Board, Education Futures Away Day, SAPC, A/L, PhD review group.	Noted
		SO – BUCS advisory group, BUCS away day, All Student Meeting, Officer Away Day, Activities Committee.	Noted
8	Schools/ Colleges/ Dubai Update	The IO noted that the opening of the new Dubai campus had been delayed.	Noted
	•	The WCO noted planned meetings with the University on the student charter. The WCO asked Officers to feedback on the draft wording of the charter. The WCO. PGO and EO agreed to meet to discuss.	AII WCO/PGO/ EO

		The IO noted that approximately 1,300 international students were continuing to study remotely in China, and due to local COVID-19 restrictions in China were not able to return to the UK for in-person exams. The IO noted a number of students were planning to deliver an open letter to the University on the issue.	Noted
9	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
10	Part Time Officers	The Officer team discussed the incoming PTOs elect, in relation to several candidates not having submitted a formal manifesto. JT updated the Officer Team on planned elections review work after the Easter break.	Noted
11	AOB	The WCO updated the Officer Team on plans for a Disabled Students Commission meeting in the coming weeks. The SO suggested including a discussion on the next FTOG agenda on the impact of recent strike action on marking throughput and possible delays to student's graduations. The Officer Team discussed the agenda for the upcoming All Student Meeting.	Noted Noted