

**Full-Time Officer Group (FTOG)** 

Mandela Room, Guild of Students

## Present

Acacia Matthews, Guild President (President) (Chair) Vanessa Chigariro, Education Officer (EO) Isobel Lawson, Activities & Employability Officer (AEO) Florence Craddock, Sports Officer (SO) Reeve Isaacs-Smith, Welfare & Community Officer (WCO)

## Also in Attendance

James Lindsay, Director of Community & Representation (JL) Sam Jones, Executive Assistant (SJ) (note taker)

## **Apologies**

Tinajie (Alice) Liu, International Officer (IO) Benjamin Lockley, Postgraduate Officer (PGO)

| No | Item for<br>Discussion   | Notes  | Action            |
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| 1  | Minutes 20.02.23   | The Chair presented the minutes of the previous meeting, dated<br>Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023, for the Officer Team's approval.<br>The Officer Team approved the minutes as an accurate record of<br>the previous meeting.   | Noted<br>Approved |
| 2  | Guild Awards   | The AEO updated the Officer Team on plans for Guild Awards 2023, noting that the student group performances, presenters and acts were now being finalised. SJ updated the Officer Team on the arrangements for VIP attendees at Guild Awards.  | Noted             |
| 3  | Trustee<br>Effectiveness<br>Survey & Trustee<br>Board 06.03.23 | SJ updated the Officer team on arrangements for Monday 6 <sup>th</sup><br>March, including a UEB/Guild Meeting and Trustee Board meeting<br>in person at the Guild. SJ reminded Officers that the Trustee Board<br>meeting was being observed by colleagues from Kent SU.<br>SJ reminded Officers to complete and return their Board<br>Effectiveness Review surveys as soon as possible.  | Noted<br>Noted    |
| 4  | External<br>Memberships  | The Officer Team discussed developments with the Guild's External<br>Memberships, noting feedback in response to the Guild's recent<br>statement on the planned withdrawal of provision of External<br>Members. The President noted that they had recently met with<br>LARP, CSS and BrumSki societies to explain the Guild's position on<br>the withdrawal of External Membership, noting that several society<br>members had started a petition to retain External Memberships,<br>with circa 200 signatures so far.<br>The Officer Team noted the turnout thresholds required to hold a<br>Guild referendum. The Officer Team discussed the next possible | Noted             |

|   |                                   | steps and their approach to a possible referendum on External Memberships.   | Noted |
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|   |                                   | The WCO updated the Officer Team on plans to review a previous statement on External Memberships.  | Noted |
|   |                                   | The President noted a range of complex queries from student<br>societies in relation to External Memberships and events taking<br>place outside of Guild activities involving non-students. The Officer<br>Team discussed new communications to students on External<br>Membership changes, and a possible FAQ document for officers<br>and staff to use. JL to support. | JL    |
|   |                                   | JL updated the Officer Team on context from other UK SU's in<br>terms of charges for external membership. SJ updated the Officer<br>Team on the timeline of External Memberships at the Guild. JL to<br>discuss information for staff with SM.   | JL    |
| 5 | Officer Diaries                   | The Officer Team discussed their diaries for the week ahead and possible clashes.  | Noted |
|   |                                   | <b>President</b> – J-SOC meeting on NUS, Appointments Panel Meeting,<br>Good Campus Relations, Guild/ Campus Services Meeting, Officer<br>Elections, Results Night.  | Noted |
|   |                                   | <b>IO –</b> A/L.   | Noted |
|   |                                   | PGO – A/L.   | Noted |
|   |                                   | <b>WCO –</b> VCIR Campus Services, Consent Course Content meeting,<br>Community Wardens Review presentation, Officer Elections.  | Noted |
|   |                                   | <b>EO –</b> 1:1 Careers Network, QAA Student Quality Network meeting, 1:1 Director of Student Affairs.   | Noted |
|   |                                   | <b>SO –</b> Green Impact Webinar of Fossil Free Careers, Campus Services Meeting, Sport Hardship Fund, Director of Sport 1:1.  | Noted |
|   |                                   | <b>AEO –</b> H&S Committee, J-SOC meeting on NUS, Elections Fab N Fresh club night.  | Noted |
| 6 | Remits/ Projects                  | The AEO updated the Officer team on plans for Go Green Week 2023 and the events planned at the Guild and University. The SO agreed to circulate the finalised agenda of events to the Officer Team, noting a planned Student Forum on Sustainability on the Tuesday evening. Officer to promote.   | AII   |
| 7 | Schools/Colleges/<br>Dubai Update | No items noted.  | Noted |
| 8 | Part Time Officers                | The WCO noting their work with the TNBSO on a new student survey on trans student's experiences at UoB.  | Noted |
| 9 | AOB                               | The Officer Team the arrangements for Elections Results Night the coming Friday. The President noted the importance of elections   |       |
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| candidates receiving a full overview of what to expect at results night, to alleviate any anxieties. | Noted |
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| The Officer Team wished all of the candidates' good luck for the upcoming Guild elections week.      | Noted |

The Chair closed the meeting at 13:00.