

## Full-Time Officer Group (FTOG)

10:30 - 11:30, Online Meeting (Zoom).

## **Present**

Wei-Lun Chen, International Officer (IO) (Chair)
Josephine Conway, Activities and Employability Officer (AEO)
Aaliyah Simms, Welfare & Community Officer (WCO) (Items 1 – 5 only).
George Christian, Sports Officer (SO)
Danielle Murinas, Postgraduate Officer (PGO)
Jules Singh, Education Officer (EO)

## Also in Attendance

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

## **Apologies**

Mikey Brown, President (President)

No	Item for Discussion	Notes	Action
1	Minutes from 22.02.2022	The minutes from the 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2022 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	Noted
2	Change In Mind Campaign	The SO noted an outstanding paper to circulate to UEB on the outcomes of the campaign to date.	Noted Noted
3	Strike Action	The Officer Team discussed the current state of UCU strike action on campus. The CEO noted a planned event at the University train station in the coming week in support of the strike action, arranged by students.  The WCO suggested promoting the event to students via their own social media account. The WCO noted that organising student group, 'Solidarity UoB'. The WCO noted that the event was jointly being promoted by UCU and the NUS. The WCO noted that the Guild had previously hosted a 'teach-out' event in the Guild building.  The Officer team discussed the impact and student reaction to the campus strike action.	Noted Noted
4	Ukraine Crisis	The Officer team discussed the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine and subsequent humanitarian crisis in the country. The Officer Team discussed a statement from the Guild on the issue, expressing solidarity with the affected students and condemning unlawful violence and agression. The WCO agreed to draft a statement.	Noted

		The Officer Team discussed the possibility of collecting aid and clothing at the Guild, to pass to another relief organisation to distribution to refugees.  The IO noted a number of actions that they had taken, including reaching out to Russian-speaking society, who were planning to coordinate donations to support refugees. The WCO suggested referring any affected students to the 'UB Heard' wellbeing service and to Guild Advice as required. The IO noted that they were also in contact with Ukrainian student representatives and had offered any support from the Guild.	Noted
		The IO noted ongoing discussions with UKCISA about visa concessions announced by the Home Office for International Students.	Noted
		The Officer Team discussed the signposting of affected students to wellbeing services.	Noted
		The IO noted an upcoming of Birmingham SU's about the Ukraine crisis, with plans to organise a vigil for students in the city.	Noted
5	UEB/ Guild Agenda Items	The Officer Team discussed the upcoming agenda for the next UEB/Guild meeting and papers to circulate.	Noted
		The WCO left the meeting at 11:00.	Noted
6	Augar Review	The Officer Team discussed the outcomes of the Augar review and recent government announcements on plans to changes to University Funding in the UK, including the extension of the guillotine to student loan repayments from 30 – 40 years, and changes to the requirements of English & Maths qualifications for student loan applications. The Officer Team agreed to discuss in the upcoming UEB/Guild meeting.	Noted
		JT asked about the Guild's work on the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). The EO noted that information was shortly being circulated to Student Reps.	Noted
7	Officer Key Meetings	President – n/a.	Noted
		<ul><li>IO – Student Mentors Interviews.</li><li>SO – Club Conference Planning, Sustainability Communications</li></ul>	Noted
		Work Stream, Activities Committee meeting, Alumni Impact Fund meeting, Guild Elections meeting.	Noted
		<b>WCO –</b> n/a.	Noted
		<b>AEO</b> – Activities Committee, Student Groups meetings, Activities Policy meeting, Alumni Impact Fund meeting.	Noted
		<b>PGO –</b> Careers Network Meeting about Disabled Students Commission, Student Experience Away Day, PG Wellbeing Survey planning, Catch-Up with Head of Graduate School.	Noted

8	Schools/ Colleges/ Dubai Update	EO – Guild Elections meetings, APP operations group, Student Experience Away Day.  No Items Noted.	Noted Noted
8	Guild Communications & Social Media	The Officer team noted the following items for promotion via social media:  • Guild Elections Week • Guild Awards Ticket Sales	Noted
9	Part Time Officers	The EO noted a recent meeting with the TSO on their inclusive education work.  The IO noted plans to arrange a GOG away day in the coming weeks.  The PGO suggested arranging an away-day morning, partially inclusive of the Part-Time Officers, to be followed by an Officer social.	Noted Noted
10	AOB	No Items noted.	Noted

The Chair closed the meeting at 11:15.