

Full-Time Officer Group (FTOG)

Mandela Room

Present

Acacia Matthews, Guild President (**President**) (**Chair**) Isobel Lawson, Activities & Employability Officer (**AEO**) Tinajie (Alice) Liu, International Officer (**IO**) Reeve Isaacs-Smith, Welfare & Community Officer (**WCO**)

Also in Attendance

Emily Badger, Director of Operations (EB) Sam Jones, Executive Assistant (SJ)

Apologies

Florence Craddock, Sports Officer (SO) Vanessa Chigariro, Education Officer (EO) Benjamin Lockley, Postgraduate Officer (PGO)

	Notes	Action
Discussion		
Minutes from	The Chair presented the previous minutes, dated the 22nd August	
22.08.2022	2022, for the Officer Team's approval	Noted
	The Officer Team approved the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.	Approved
One City Meeting Follow-Up	The President updated the Officer Team on recent discussions with the Birmingham 'One City' network in relation to the national cost of living crisis and the resulting financial pressures for students in the city.	Noted
	The President presented a draft open letter to National Express in relation to public transport prices in the city. The Officer team and EB discussed the tone of the letter.	Noted
Deborah Longworth Meeting	The President updated the Officer Team on arrangements for a series of annual meetings with the University's Pro-Vice Chancellor for Education.	
Language Cafe	The IO updated the Officer team on plans for a new Guild Language Café event, running monthly from October 2022 onwards. The IO noted their target for 200 international students to attend the event in the Guild, including representatives from Guild international societies and incoming international students. The Officer Team discussed arrangements for the event and plans for promotion. The President noted that larger number of students attending the first event may be ambitious. EB suggested discussing the plans and support with the Library services team	Noted
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		who previously delivered Language Café events during UoBE Festival 2022.	Noted
7	Officer Key Meetings	President – UJS Training, Pan-Birmingham Female Students Safety Forum, SafeZone conference, PCV Education 1:1.	Noted
		IO – University Misconduct Hearing, Student Communications Steering Group, Languages for All project meeting, Language Café meeting, PVC Education meeting.	Noted
		PGO – n/a.	Noted
		SO – n/a.	Noted
		EO – n/a.	Noted
		AEO – Advertising for Freshers planning, Silent Disco tickets promo video, MDS college planning, President/AEO 1:1, NUS Cost of Living campaign meeting, MDX, Clothing Swap catch-up, Student Groups. WCO – UJS Training, Cost of Living crisis meeting, Pan-	Noted
		Birmingham Female Students Safety Forum, SafeZone Conference, Community Welfare meeting, President/WCO 1:1.	Noted
8	Remits / Projects	The WCO updated the office team on progress on the Community Pantry project, which would host a foodbank in the Guild building.	Noted
9	Schools/Colleges/ Dubai Update	The IO noted that the UoB Dubai Student Association elections were planned for early in new academic year.	Noted
10	Guild Communications & Social Media	The Officer Team noted the following items for promotion via the Guild's Social Media channels: • Welcome Week ticket sales.	Noted
		Silent Disco sales.Instagram Stories	Noted
		The President asked if the Guild's Communications Calendar could be circulated. LS to circulate.	LS
11	Part Time Officers	No Items Noted.	Noted
12	AOB (Any Other Business)	SJ to arrange a meeting for the Officer Team to discuss the Guild's Communications Calendar.	SJ
	·	The Officer Team discussed the current UCU balloting for strike action. SJ to arrange a meeting for the Officer Team and the Student Voice manager.	SJ
		The President updated the Officer Team on a recent video filming for the refreshed University consent course for students, which was now expected to be ready for launch by Welcome Week.	Noted

The IO and WCO discussed availability for re-used homeware for international student arrivals in September. The WCO noted ambitions for a long-term project for the Guild to host 2 nd hand materials for students. The WCO agreed to circulate draft guides for students on saving money ahead of welcome week.	Noted
EB updated the Officer Team on plans for the University's upcoming open day for Saturday 10 th September, including opportunities for a presentation about the Guild.	Noted