

Guild Policy Development Group Minutes

Present: Reece Patrick Roberts (President, Chair), Adam Goldstone (GOG Member), Amber Culley (Disabled Student Member), Ken Chan (International Student Member), Fan Xu (International Student Member), Horace Li (International Student Member), Jess Rutland (LGBTQ Student Member), Finn Humphris (Trans Student Member), Izzy Bygrave (Open Place Member), Miao Zhao (Open Place Member), Wenting Zhang (Postgraduate Student Member)

In attendance: Oli Killeen (Democracy Coordinator, Note taker), Adam Sheridan (Director of Engagement)

Apologies: Jess Small (GOG Member), Xuexuan Peng (Open Place Member), Hadia Choudri (Postgraduate Student Member)

Absent without apologies: Holly Battrick (GOG Member), Salim Farah (BME Student Member), Nathan Le Blanq (Open Place Member), Luke Hilton (Open Place Member), Cai Lyons (Postgraduate Student Member), Hermione Peace (Woman Student Member)

The President welcomed everyone and the meeting commenced at 18:05

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	QUESTIONS ASKED	ACTION
1	Welcome	The chair welcomed all present to the meeting.	Noted
2	Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising	No matters arising were noted	Noted
3	'Your Ideas' Submissions	<p>The following submissions were circulated for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More outlets open over summer – This was unanimously accepted. Further clarification was requested from submitter about which exact outlets would like to be requested to be opened over the summer. • Reduce litter in Selly Oak - It was noted that the Community Wardens already undertake many of the initiatives listed in the idea to reduce litter in Selly Oak, including litter picks, junkbusters and a small garden for local residents. The Group suggested that the proposer should be informed of this. The idea was not accepted unanimously, and will therefore be placed online for comment and vote. • Do not implement the society badge system – This idea was not accepted on the grounds that the AEO was elected on a mandate to undertake this reform. Whilst there was some discussion about whether all groups would be able to achieve all benchmarks, it was noted that there are sufficient 	Noted

		others to allow groups to tailor experiences for the group and still achieve tiered benchmarks. It was also noted that Groups have had the opportunity to attend feedback sessions and most of the feedback had been positive.	
4	Policy Submission	<p>JR brought forward a proposal to amend all Society/Group constitutions. The proposal read as follows:</p> <p><i>'To serve in the best interest of our members and to protect victims of sexual harassment, violence, or any unwarranted sexual advances, we will temporarily ban any member of this society if a formal complaint of this nature has been made against them to the Guild. They will not be allowed to attend any formal events hosted by the society and will be banned on social media platforms and online groups chats. This is to protect any victims from having contact with their abuser and to protect members of the society from the accused. Once the complaint has been processed, if the accused has been found guilty, the ban will become permanent, and if they are found innocent, they will be welcomed back without prejudice.'</i></p> <p>It was noted that the original text above had not been circulated to the Group.</p> <p>There was also some discussion about whether GPDG or SGX would be responsible for this and it was acknowledged that a wider discussion would need to take place with other Guild Departments before this can be agreed to or voted on.</p> <p>It was agreed that the full text would be circulated after the meeting to enable the discussion to take place.</p>	Noted
7	Any Other Business	No other business was declared.	Noted

The Chair closed the meeting at 18:30
Date of next meeting: 9th May (6-8pm) in Mandela