

Guild Policy Development Group Minutes

Present: Reece Patrick Roberts (President, Chair), Adam Goldstone (GOG Member), Jess Small (GOG Member), Luke Hilton (Open Place Member), Xuexuan Peng (Open Place Member), Wenting Zhang (Postgraduate Place Member)

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

Apologies: Holly Battrick (GOG Member), Amber Culley (Disabled Student Member), Ken Chan (International Student Member), Jess Rutland (LGBTQ Student Member), Izzy Bygrave (Open Place Member), Hadia Choudri (Postgraduate Student Member)

Absent without apologies: Salim Farah (BME Student Member), Fan Xu (International Student Member), Horace Li (International Student Member), Finn Humphris (Trans Student Member), Nathan Le Blanc (Open Place Member), Miao Zhao (Open Place Member), Cai Lyons (Postgraduate Student Member), Hermione Peace (Woman Student Place)

The Chair 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. It was noted that the meeting was not quorate. It was decided to discuss all submissions with the decisions being ratified via email resolution of the whole group. Therefore all decisions detailed in these minutes are subject to ratification.	Noted
2	Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising	The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and no matters arising were noted.	Noted
3	'Your Ideas' Submissions	The following submissions were circulated for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make UoB Single-use plastic free – Accepted pending ratification of whole group via email. • Enhancement of underutilised green space – Accepted pending ratification of whole group via email. • More flowering plants in the Green Heart to help the bees – Accepted pending ratification of whole group via email. • More microwaves – Accepted pending ratification of whole group via email. • Amend the Pro-choice Policy in the Beliefs and Commitments – RPR requested that this was deferred; the Trustee Board is in the process of seeking legal advice, which will be shared with 	Noted

		<p>GPDG shortly. As such this idea can proceed at this time. This was accepted by those present and would be ratified by the whole Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a Part-Time Parents and Carers Officer – RPR requested that this submission be deferred pending the outcome of the PTO role review – the proposer would be invited to discuss their thoughts as part of the review. This was accepted by those present, and would be ratified by the whole Group. • Yearly approved external speaker requests - Accepted pending ratification of whole group via email. <p>Decisions made here will be ratified by the whole Group at the conclusion of the meeting as it was not quorate.</p>	
4	Beliefs and Commitments	<p>The following Beliefs and Commitments were presented for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing – Final sentence moved to “Giving Blood”. Accepted • Giving Blood – Accepted without amendment • The Student Movement - Accepted without amendment • Israeli/Palestinian Conflict - Accepted without amendment • Mental Health - Accepted without amendment • Prevent – Removal of final paragraph as this is duplicated. Clarity that names will not be passed on to those furthering the prevent agenda. It was made clear that this may have to happen as a result of membership disciplinary processes. • Community – Accepted without amendment • Stereotyping - Accepted without amendment • Postgraduates who teach - Accepted without amendment • Activism - Accepted without amendment • No Platform – Some discussion about whether this was fit for purpose. On balance the Group agreed to accept this. As an amendment, it was accepted that the policy would apply to any nationally proscribed organisation. The section noted ‘British National Policy’ was supposed to read ‘British National Party’. This was accepted and amended. • Immigration - RPR asked that this was removed, so it can be rewritten. This was accepted. • Teaching Excellence Framework - Accepted without amendment • Academic Representation - Accepted without amendment • Facilities - Accepted without amendment • National Campaigns - Accepted without amendment • Healthy Lifestyle - Accepted without amendment • Educational for Sustainable Development - Accepted without amendment • Trade Unions - Accepted without amendment • Postgraduate Experience – Accepted without amendment <p>These decisions are pending ratification.</p>	Noted
5	Ethical, Environmental and Procurement	<p>It was noted that the Ethical and Environmental Committee have updated the policy, which is being presented to the Group for approval.</p>	Noted

	Policy	The Group asked for a tracked changes version of the policy, which would be approved via email resolution with the other submissions after the meeting, but agreed in principle to adopt the policy.	
6	Any Other Business	No other business was declared.	Noted

The Chair closed the meeting at 18:30

Date of next meeting: 12th June (6-8pm) in Mandela