

**Committee Name: Guild Officer Group**
**Date & Time: 14.12.21**
**Present:**

In attendance	Apologies	Absent without apologies
Mikey Brown – Guild President Josephine Conway – A&E Officer Jules Singh – Education Officer Danielle Murinas- Postgraduate Officer George Christian - Sports Officer Aaliyah Simms - Welfare and Community Officer Wei-Lun Chen - International Officer  Adam Dorey - Campaigns Officer Robin Hayward - Trans and Non Binary Officer  Also in attendance: Tom Snape, Policy and Campaigns Coordinator and GOG Secretary Lucy Gill, Voice and Representation Manager		Imogen Mann - Disabled Students; Officer Rachel Boucher - Ethical and Environmental Officer Manisha Kaur - Ethnic Minority Students' Officer Eleanor Thomas - LGBTQ+ Students' Officer Louisa Martin - Women's Officer

	Item for discussion	Questions/Comments/Voting Decision From Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MB opened the meeting.</li> </ul>	
2	Minutes from the last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved as an accurate record</li> </ul>	Approved
3	Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MB asked if Part Time Officers have been receiving the minutes of FTOG – they had not. MB stated he would chase this up.</li> <li>FTOs have been liaising with the University RE the new COVID variant and potential for taking online exams.</li> <li>Negotiations are ongoing with the University regarding a five year funding</li> </ul>	<b>MB</b>

		<p>settlement to allow The Guild to grow services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drink spiking responses remains a focus of the team, and changes implemented so far have gone down well.</li> <li>▪ JC stated that this is not because the issue has gone away – but because procedures are more robust, and Guild staff are more able to support and respond.</li> <li>▪ MB noted that everyone should reflect on their achievements so far, and publicise their successes.</li> <li>▪ Danielle updated on the work ongoing with the Graduate School to build postgraduate community activity, and postgraduate wellbeing work.</li> <li>▪ AD asked how the campaign for mandatory consent training is going.</li> <li>▪ JS updated on communication with the Reclaim campaign group. There are people in the University open to this, so it may be possible. Work has also been done to compare this with other Russell Group Universities.</li> <li>▪ AD asked that he be looped into these discussions as it lines up with a focus of his, a member of the campaigns committee, and the Amnesty Society.</li> <li>▪ RH updated on their work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They're trying to arrange a swimming event for Trans people, timings for this have been tough but it is coming.</li> <li>○ A forum for Trans students is coming.</li> <li>○ Other planned activity for the new year is coming</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ AD updated on their work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Main focus at the moment is to plan out campaigns activity for the next academic year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>TS to arrange a LGBTQ+ history month event this week.</p>	<p><b>TS</b></p>
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4	Disabled Students' Commission Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MB updated on the DSC report and Disability History Month.</li> <li>▪ AS has raise the DSC in Dignity and Respect Oversight Group, and is trying to establish a working group to push for change on this.</li> <li>▪ JS noted the report has taken the interest of a lot of senior university staff, and to establish a task and finish group to push this forward. The aim is to set up some separate conversations on this, rather than trying to slot it into existing conditions.</li> <li>▪ DM is attempting to ensure this this work isn't forgotten in PG spaces, and is working on pushing areas of concern in PG spaces.</li> <li>▪ TS noted that GOG are empowered to bring outputs from the commission through the democratic procedure should they wish.</li> <li>▪ MB noted that this may need some more thought.</li> <li>▪ TS noted that there is a section of the report relating to The Guild, and that this may be the focus of any outputs to the democratic procedure.</li> <li>▪ GC noted that UBSport are also considering how they can improve accessibility in light of the report.</li> </ul>	
5	Scrutiny Panel Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ RN noted the panel are keen to meet in person, and asked if Officers would be happy for this to occur (COVID permitting).</li> <li>▪ Officers were largely happy with this, so long as it lines up with where people are working ect.</li> <li>▪ RN reminded that the deadline for the next reports is that 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of January.</li> <li>▪ RN asked if the Panel could be allowed to flex whether the two scrutiny sessions are for Full or Part Time officers. This was also approved.</li> </ul>	

6	Officer Elections and Democracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ RN gave an update on officer elections, recommend a friend, and register an interest.</li> <li>▪ LG updated on regulations relating to officers who a re-running. Any officers who are considering re-running should contact LG or RN.</li> <li>▪ RN noted on the officer team need to decide on how they will action the All Student Vote item regarding the Uyghurs</li> <li>▪ MB noted that it is likely to be appropriate for him to lead in the lobbying work – this was agreed.</li> </ul>	<b>MB</b>
7	Change In Mind Campaign Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TS gave an update on the progress of the campaign, and the new aim to pivot to January to re-launch the listening campaign in UoBe festival.</li> </ul>	
8	Referendum Result & Industrial Acton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MB noted the results of the UCU referendum, which was overwhelmingly in support of the UCU.</li> <li>▪ MB noted that other Russell Group Unions were surprised that The Guild was able to meet quorum.</li> <li>▪ There is currently no clarity on what next steps of the strikes or industrial action will look like.</li> </ul>	
9	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It was noted that LG was due to leave in March. GOG noted their thanks for her hard work at The Guild over her time here.</li> <li>▪ AD asked for an update on the questions asked relating to Trans Rights and the incoming Vice Chancellor. This has not yet been moved forward but MB committed to moving this forward before Christmas.</li> </ul>	<b>MB</b>

**The Chair closed the meeting at: TIME**  
**Date of next meeting: TBC**