

## Guild Officer Group (GOG) Minutes

**Voting Members Present:** **Joshua Williams** (President) [JW], **Amanda Sefton** (Education Officer) [AS], **Cho Park** (International Officer) [CP], **Josh Dooler** (Sports Officer) [JD], **Millie Gibbins** (Welfare & Community Officer) [MG], **Ryan Ginger** (Activities and Employability Officer) [RG], **Tobiloba Adeyemi** (Postgraduate Officer) [TA], **Jules Singh** (Commuter Students Officer) [JS], **Tukeer Hussain** (Ethnic Minority Students' Officer) [TH],

**Also in attendance:** **Lucy Gill** (Student Voice Manager), **Tom Snape** (Policy and Campaigns Coordinator and GOG Secretary) [TS]

**Absent with Apologies:** **Alice Fowle** (Disabled Students' Officer) [AF], **Em Andress** (Trans Students' Officer) [EA], **Shirley Ibegbulam** (Women's Officer) [SI],

The meeting commenced at: 17:30

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTION
1	<b>Welcome</b>	JW opened meeting.	
2	<b>Strike Action</b>	<p>JW updated group on situation regarding strikes re-commencing in January. He particularly highlighted the difficulty in trying to seek a mandate to potentially support them in the current structures.</p> <p>A discussion was had about whether or not the Guild should take a stance.</p> <p>RG suggested that the next GOG be early in the month so as to allow the team to make a decision with more information. It was agreed that at the next GOG, in the week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, an agreement would be reached regarding the strikes.</p> <p>TH asked about the implications for a 'support' stance on interactions with students. JW clarified that the Guild would support students as normal.</p> <p>The importance of collective responsibility was also discussed.</p>	<b>Agreed timing of next GOG. Action TS</b>
9	<b>Campaigns Pot</b>	<p>Due to JW having to leave, the Campaigns Pot proposal was moved to earlier in the meeting. JW proposed the creation of a priority campaign pot.</p> <p>There was unanimous agreement.</p>	<b>Approved</b>
4	<b>Global and Inclusive Task</b>	<p>JW explained the role of the Task and Finish Group and asked for volunteers.</p> <p>TH expressed an interest.</p>	

	<b>and Finish Group</b>	Due to low numbers of PTOs it was agreed that TS would put out a call for additional volunteers.	<b>Action TS</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Guild Elections</b>	MG took over chairing. LG updated on the current state of play with the main guild elections. She invited officers to consider how they could support in promotion. A code of conduct for re-running officers will be distributed. There is also an informal social session planned.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Officer Question Time</b>	JS articulated the frustration of the PTOs in the format of the combined Officer Question Time (OQT) and Scrutiny Panel (SP). Many of the PTOs felt like an afterthought. LG stated that in future the PTOs would be at the start in order to prevent this. She also said she will talk to the panel in order to ensure effective and appropriate PTO scrutiny. A discussion was had on the reasons for merging OQT and SP. LG explained that turnout was poor to OQT by itself. A discussion was held on the merits of paid/elected SP members. LG explained that this was a trial. TA said she believed the panel performed well. A discussion was held on how OQT might be promoted in the future. CP suggested that promotion be around issues. MG stated that she would have not come along to OQT as a student and that it's important that it's clear that there are no 'stupid' questions. It was agreed that officers should do more than just share the event on facebook. It was also agreed that the events should be online sooner.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Minutes from the previous meeting.</b>	They are approved.	<b>Approved</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Buddy Meeting Update</b>	Officers gave a brief update. TH stated he is excited for his plans next semester.  JS stated he is proud of his wins so far.	
<b>11</b>	<b>FTOG/GPDG Update</b>	No questions regarding FTOG. GPDG did not pass any policy.	
<b>12</b>	<b>AOB</b>	It was highlighted that Climate Action and Amnesty International are running a petition to ask that UoB Declare a Climate Emergency. It was agreed that the Guild Officer Group will back this.	

**The chair closed the meeting at 18:40**

**Date of Next Meeting:**