

Committee Name: Guild Officer Group
Date & Time: 11.02.2026 12:00-13:00
Present:

In attendance	Apologies	Absent without apologies
<p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Antonia Listrat – Guild President (Chair) Emeline Brown – Activities & Employability Officer (arrived at half past) Aliasgar Gandhi – Postgraduate Officer Abhijeet Patel – Sports Officer Abby Kenrick – Welfare & Community Officer Simrah Inamdar – International Officer Max Williams – Sustainability Officer Ronak – Ethnic Minority Students' Officer</p> <p>Also in attendance: Molly Purcell, Senior Voice Coordinator (Secretary) Jane Baston, Voice and Representation Manager James Lindsay, Director of Community & Representation</p>	<p>Jacob Dyke – Education Officer</p> <p>Lucy McCabe – Women's Officer</p> <p>Sakshi Palve – LGBTQ+ Students' Officer</p>	<p>Olivia Bonner – Disabled Students' Officer</p> <p>Sabrina Ahmad – Trans Students' Officer</p>

	Item for discussion	Questions/Comments/Voting Decision From Discussion	Action
1	Welcome		AL
2	Minutes from the last meeting	Minutes approved.	AL
3	Officer Projects	<p>MW: Finalising Green Week – all events are planned. Continuing to work on Green Impact & Guild Awards. Looking at writing Sustainability Strategy for the Guild. People & Planet submission – will find out next week.</p> <p>RR: Chai, Chaat and Sustain and Bollywood evening organisation. Panellist for BME event.</p> <p>AP: Work for disabled students engagement. Working with Reslife.</p>	All

		<p>AK: SHaG Week this week, society events are this week. Themed Sports Night, academic talks and consent workshop. Working on harm reduction on statement with the VC.</p> <p>AG: Working Groups for PGR & PGT. Working on research portal.</p> <p>AL: hosting movie screenings in March, The Encampments and Sudan Remember Us.</p> <p>Action Group in Right to Protest.</p> <p>SI: Working with external relations on awarding gaps. PG&I Forum is coming up in 2 weeks.</p>	
4	<u>Appointments Panel PTO Selection</u>	<p>MW would like to register interest for appointments panel.</p> <p>Voice to action engaging with other PTOs on interest.</p>	MP/JB
5	<u>NUS Liberation Collective PTO Selection</u>	<p>Adjourn to next meeting as relevant members are not at GOG.</p> <p>Voice to action briefing relevant GOG members after meeting and check registration deadline.</p>	MP/JB
6	NUS Referendum	<p>JB outlined referendum process. A referendum petition has come through which has been validated by Systems Team. Document attached highlights timeline possibilities – Options 3 & 4 are no longer possible. JB recommended Option 1; it is up to GOG to decide on the timeline.</p> <p>JL: consideration for staff capacity has been recognised in the timelines.</p> <p>AK: question about voting period. JB informed them it would be the exact same as Voting Week.</p> <p>AL: question around campaign teams.</p> <p>JB: plan to allow for campaign teams.</p> <p>Consideration that only students can participate and campaign. Communications would be provided regarding signing up to be a part of a campaign team and the team will select a leader. The Guild as an organisation is neutral, and will provide neutral cases for yes/no.</p> <p>Officers are allowed to campaign and have an opinion on referendums.</p>	JB/MP/JL

	<p>AL: raised concerns about NUS sending staff to campaign for No.</p> <p>JL: Only UoB students are permitted to be involved in campaign. NUS will be notified of regs and be asked to not send representatives to campus. We can ask the University to remove people from private land, but this is not our decision. Inviting externals onto campus requires other processes which will help manage concerns.</p> <p>AK: who will be reviewing neutral explainers?</p> <p>JL: AS is appointed as Returning Officer, who will review in first instance to ensure clarity and neutrality.</p> <p>JB gave example on UCU strike referendum on the Yes/No campaign explainers being factual and unbiased.</p> <p>AL: highlighted that GOG can call referendum. Mentioned issues with implementing Arms Trade policy and to run Arm Trade Referendum at the same time as NUS Referendum. Asked whether GOG would be interested in this.</p> <p>MW: asked whether referendum would surpass ASV.</p> <p>JB: Yes, but the quoracy is higher.</p> <p>SI: question around implementation & policy.</p> <p>AL: Hasn't had much progress since policy came into place.</p> <p>AK: what is the main reason why this hasn't happened?</p> <p>AL: In meeting minutes with the University they have noted it doesn't have mass student voice on the topic.</p> <p>AG: asked whether GOG is voting on timelines.</p> <p>AL: voting today on timelines for NUS and whether to go ahead with Arms Trade.</p> <p>AK: feels Officer team have not exhausted campaigning opportunities and that it could undermine the ASV process.</p> <p>AG would like to make their decision after JL shares operational concerns.</p> <p>AL: operations are not a concern for GOG.</p> <p>MW: Posed concerns around too many democratic processes and non-quorate risks.</p> <p>AL: said this would not delegitimise the process.</p>	
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The Chair closed the meeting at: 13:07
Date of next meeting: 18.03.2026