

Committee Name: Guild Officer Group

Date & Time: 26.06.2026 14:30-15:30

Present:

In attendance	Apologies	Absent without apologies
<p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Antonia Listrat – Guild President (Chair) Simrah Inamdar – International Officer Lucy McCabe – Women's Officer Abhijeet Patel – Sports Officer Abby Kenrick – Welfare & Community Officer Sakshi Palve – LGBTQ+ Students' Officer Aliasgar Gandhi – Postgraduate Officer Olivia Bonner – Disabled Students' Officer Emeline Brown – Activities & Employability Officer (arrived at 15:00) Jacob Dyke – Education Officer (arrived at 15:00)</p> <p>Also in attendance:</p> <p>Molly Purcell – Senior Voice Coordinator (Secretary) Jane Baston – Voice and Representation Manager James Lindsay – Director of Community & Representation</p> <p>Incoming Officers in attendance: Olly Ashton – Incoming Guild President Nyamesumpa Abbey – Incoming Welfare & Community Officer Ahmed Sidahmed – Incoming International Officer Abhishikha Waghchoure - Incoming Postgraduate Officer Jess Pawlus – Incoming LGBTQ+ Officer Lee Waterhouse – Incoming Trans & NB Officer Dipanshi Gagh – Incoming Women's Officer</p>	<p>Max Williams – Sustainability Officer</p> <p>Ronak – Ethnic Minority Students' Officer</p>	

	Item for discussion	Questions/Comments/Voting Decision From Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	Opened the meeting and welcomed the new Officer Elects as observers.	AL
2	Minutes from the last meeting for approval	Happy to approve minutes.	All

3	Officer Projects	<p>AP: Collab with reslife and UB Sports. Great attendance at sports centre. Looking at engagement for next year. Club exec is increasing from 6 to 10 members for next year.</p> <p>AK: Working on the drug and alcohol campaign with lots of engagement & success. Hoping to roll out something similar next year. Been speaking with BCC on waste/bin situation, working with the enforcement team, resuming patrols in Selly Oak.</p> <p>SI: Final PG&I forum next week. Working on international student strategy.</p> <p>SP: Pride on campus this month which was a great success. 25 people in the parade and 3 societies for the social.</p> <p>AL: Working on implementing arms trade policy. Finishing up work with Russell Group Students Unions. Finishing up casework with Guild Advice.</p> <p>AG: Working with JL on research portal. Working on PG&I Forum for the semester. Working with registry on appeals.</p> <p>LM: Wrapping role up and working on comms pieces & EHRC guidance.</p> <p>OB: reviewing documentation relating to reasonable adjustment plans.</p>	AL
	University Defence Alliance and Removal of exclusions from the Responsible Investments Policy	<p>AL outlined the alliance. 25 Universities have applied themselves. Received 4m in funding to support careers. Wanted to get GOG's thoughts on making a GOG statement on Arms Trade policy & investments which is a mandate in the policy.</p> <p>AK: happy to do a statement.</p>	

		<p>JB shared the policy for GOG to read.</p> <p>NA mentioned it would be good to hear others' opinions.</p> <p>AL mentioned there was a working group on the policy at the start of the year.</p> <p>AG asked for more context. AL spoke through the policy and that it's something to consider.</p> <p>AG: asked for clarity on the purpose of the statement and whether this was for lobbying.</p> <p>OA: asked the current officers what they think the impact of a statement may be.</p> <p>AG: said that the more statements we make, the less impact, so we must be sure.</p> <p>SI: agrees with AG; isn't sure how well this will go with the student body.</p> <p>AK: mentioned they are not well-read on the points it offers. Will need to do more reading on the topic.</p> <p>LM: hard to make their own opinion and would need to do reading up.</p> <p>OB: agrees.</p> <p>SP: Agrees.</p> <p>NA: asked whether not doing a statement would delegitimise the policy.</p> <p>JL: would be good to understand where the campaign is at, and what the statement will achieve. More clarification on the lobbying effort and how this aligns.</p> <p>AL: Lobbying has been unsuccessful; this was not put to the student body as part of</p>	
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		<p>the alliance. There was not the opportunity. Thinks it would be good to change tactics to inform students.</p> <p>AK: Has been difficult for the rest of the officers to understand the campaign and lobbying as they haven't been involved in the campaigning. A statement may not make sense.</p> <p>AL: It's not about the lobbying aspect, and as a Guild we should tell students as a starting point.</p> <p>JD: defence funding is specific and isn't actively for making arms.</p> <p>SI: asked exactly what they want to achieve by putting a statement out.</p> <p>AL: we are mandated by the policy to oppose recent changes. It would be more of an information statement.</p> <p>AG: asked for the recent changes information. AL mentioned it's on the university website.</p> <p>OB: Asked whether reducing certain employers would affect some students in certain disciplines.</p> <p>JL: The policy was created in a way to create some flexibility to ensure that students were not detrimented.</p> <p>JL: made note that the incoming officers will be the ones actioning anything coming out of this.</p> <p>JD: asked for clarification on what part they are asking GOG to make a statement on. AG: still feels uninformed on the policy.</p>	
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The Chair closed the meeting at: 15:30
Date of next meeting: