

Committee Name: Guild Officer Group

Date & Time: 27.05.2026 12:00-13:00

Present:

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

	Item for discussion	Questions/Comments/Voting Decision From Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	The Chair opened the meeting.	AL
2	Minutes from the last meetings for approval: 29.04.2026 13.05.2026	Both sets of minutes are approved.	All
3	Officer Projects	EB: Handover meeting with chairs. Careers network project to handover to Sean – helping committee members with employability. Working with Uni PR team – secured payment from Deborah. No update from Worklink.	All

		<p>MW: Audit for Green Impact Accreditation, hoping to stay with Excellent rating. Tying up loose ends of manifesto. Invited to speak/run a workshop at UoB School for Sustainability Symposium. Has been away briefly for health reasons.</p> <p>SP: Has been on annual leave for exams for two weeks. Unfortunately due to this, missed Birmingham Pride. Been working on Campus Pride parade on 8 June and banner making on 4 June. Going to have ice cream vans and crepe vans. Smaller scale than Birmingham Pride but hoping to do this annually going forward. Budget for this to be discussed later. Working Group for Pride later on today.</p> <p>LM: Focusing on comms campaign with Report & Support – Q&A on IG, breast cancer awareness. Working on campus lighting although may not be as prevalent now. Working with AK, walking a 3k for RSVP. Went to Pride on Saturday.</p> <p>AL: Has been off a bit this month and has been quite committee-heavy. Has had some progress with Action Groups.</p> <p>SI: Working to see if PG&I Forum will be possible. Working on International Student Strategy.</p> <p>AK: Working on Harm Reduciton partnership with the Uni, and stalls around campus. Working on We Love Consent project with positive feedback. Event with Jess Phillips MP 'Chat for Change' which was insightful. Cost of Living Working Group with the University. Put an idea into the Democratic System for Disabled Students. Looking to do a report for the Guild on disabled issues.</p> <p>RR: Working on a summer social with AG for PG and EM students during the summer period.</p>	
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		AP: Working on Halls event with Reslife and UB Sports. Working on UB Extra with different activities.	
4	Campus Pride update & budget discussion	<p>Pride Parade and Drag Disco on 8 June – hoping to get budget sorted before the call. May not need the Officer budgets, but wanted to ask the Officers whether they would be willing to support financially from their budget.</p> <p>LM asked for clarification on what this meant.</p> <p>SP confirmed they were asking for budget requirements.</p> <p>LM and MW are happy to support financially.</p> <p>JB recommended that the Officers let the Voice team know on upcoming spend/forecasting to enable this for Pride.</p> <p>All Officers are happy to support Pride.</p>	SP
6	Officer Handover Update	<p>JL: Spoke through internal working group for Officer Induction and circulation of handover documents. Intention is to also send this to PTOs. Scheduling for handover/induction sessions are underway and has some moving parts.</p> <p>JB: Handover guidance has also been sent over to Staff Buddies for support. We will email PTOs regarding laptops being handed back in.</p> <p>AK: Is currently working on OB's Disabled Students' Officer handover.</p>	JL/JB
7	NUS Referendum Update	JB: Clarified vote has been confirmed for Referendum dates of the w/c 8 June. We have informed students of this; there is a news article on the website. We have worked on docs such as regulations, budget guidance, campaigns guidance and complaints process. Have set up sign-ups for campaign teams and have scheduled campaign team briefing next Tuesday. Voting is 8-12 June. Currently working on outreach planning with comms and physical	JL/JB

		<p>outreach. As it is a less busy time for students, we are looking at alternative options.</p> <p>JL: Confirmed they have been appointed as Returning Officer for the Referendum.</p> <p>AK: Asked if GOG could get an idea on campaign team sign-ups.</p> <p>JB: Confirmed this is not in double digits. Reminded Officers they are able to campaign and are not politically restricted.</p> <p>AK: Asked if we have got any graphics the Officers can use.</p> <p>JB: We will find these.</p> <p>JL: Webpage is due to go live on 1 or 2 June with a lot more information on the Referendum.</p> <p>SI: If Officers are joining a campaign team, is this in their own time or during work hours?</p> <p>JL: We have not got an answer yet – need to clarify with JT. Hoping for an answer by EOD today.</p> <p>AK: Asked whether we are doing campaign leaders.</p> <p>JB: Yes, we will be doing them. The sign-up form asks for interest in this. The intention is that at the briefing, teams will choose a leader there. Leaders are responsible for budgets. We will be looking at providing banner material similar to Elections, and Referendum leaflets.</p>	
8	AOB	<p>JB: Next GOG is a handover meeting with the incoming Officer team.</p> <p>AK: On 1 June, BCU, Aston & the Guild are holding a Birmingham Students Safety Consortium. Looking for volunteers on who can go on behalf of the Guild in their place and asked</p>	AL

		Officers to let them know. Will email details around.	
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The Chair closed the meeting at: 12:34
Date of next meeting: 26.06.2026