

Committee Name: Guild Officer Group
Date & Time: 28th November 2024, 2-3pm
Present:

In attendance	Apologies	Absent without apologies
Syed Sadath – Guild President (Chair) Hope Aquilina - Welfare and Community Officer Lara Parker - Sports Officer Devansh Jhamnani – A&E Officer Alex Keen – Education Officer Trinity Barson - LGBTQ+ Students' Officer Abby Kenrick - Disabled Students; Officer Mimia Islam - Women's Officer Abi Pain - Trans and Non Binary Officer Also in attendance: Jo Thomas, Chief Executive Officer (or nominee) Jane Baston, Interim Voice and Representation Manager and GOG Secretary	Max Williams - Sustainability Officer Ritakshi Maheshwari - Postgraduate Officer Ravikiran Rajashekar - International Officer	

	Item for discussion	Questions/Comments/Voting Decision From Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SS welcomed everyone to the meeting. 	
2	Minutes from the last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JB will edit the minutes to denote who is speaking from AKeen and AKenrick JB to change references to short-talks Minutes approved pending those changes 	
3	Officer Projects	Standing Item for updates from Officers on projects they're working on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP ran the TDoR vigil, and it went very well. TB has run another Coffee social with approximately 20 people in attendance. Another one will be running next mont. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ TB is running a film night next Friday. TB is also looking at planning for next Semester.▪ AKenrick has been leading the disabled student's contribution group with the first meeting on Monday. They've put together a pitch for the AOG to share the feedback from the group.▪ AKenrick is running Mindful and Merry, a craft event for disabled students.▪ SS has been working on Coffee with the President podcast. This has been slight delayed due to a meeting being rearranged.▪ SS is also working the West Midlands Conference that is scheduled for next week.▪ DJ is working with the Careers Network on an Alumni event and sharing their experiences with current students. This is currently scheduled for the end of January.▪ DJ is also working creating a portal for PhD students to share their research and recruit volunteers. He is building a business case for this and meeting with the Ethics Team at the University.▪ DJ is also working on a podcast on career success stories.▪ DJ is working with Worklink to expand job opportunities and make these more accessible for students.▪ AKeen is working on NSS planning with the Guild and the University.▪ AKeen and HA have been meeting with the University about how they will be sharing the additional survey on sexual misconduct that is at the end of the NSS.▪ AKeen is working on the research showcase with 2 event planned. The first will be focused on Sustainability and is at the Guild.▪ AKeen, HA, and AKenrick meet with SANDAM to discuss the experience of disabled students.	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AKeen has also been working with RGSU on the international student experience. ▪ HA and AKeen meet with Al Carns, Selly Oak MP, which was a positive meeting. They talked about various issues including housing and safety. ▪ HA has another meeting with Al Carns scheduled for February. This will be off the back of a housing event that HA is running. ▪ HA is also working on some social media content to give students resources and tips on keeping their houses warm & safe over the Christmas break. ▪ HA attended a mental health conference last week. There were some talking points around how to make students feel safe off-campus late in the evening. ▪ HA is looking in to providing resources outside the Officers Office including sanitary products. ▪ HA noted that the SOS-UK survey on Drugs and Alcohol is currently running. This will feed in to work with the University on Harm Reduction. ▪ HA worked with Student Voice is provide evidence to the Renters Rights Bill Committee. ▪ LP has been working on the Sports Access Fund. Allocating the funds is still in progress. ▪ LP has been attending the BUCS West Midlands meetings. They've been working on encouraging more Universities to engage with BUCS. ▪ LP is working on the Women in Sports project. This is up on the Ideas Platform for upvoting at the moment and will be useful to provide evidence on this. ▪ LP has been working on the Club Executive Group with UBSport and working with them to develop a cultural calendar as well. ▪ HA noted that the Guild Hardship Fund is open until the 13th December. 	
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4	Honorary & Officer Life Memberships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JL noted that we discussed this at the last meeting. ▪ JB noted that RM has said that she'd be interested in doing this. ▪ DJ and HA also volunteered to be involved in this group. ▪ TB and AKenrick volunteered to be involved with this. ▪ JB to email PTOs after the Bye-Election. 	JB to email PTOs after the Bye-Election for interest.
5	Budgets Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JB noted the Officer budgets. ▪ JL noted that this is supposed to enable Officers to support their project and campaigns. ▪ JB noted that it is one pot of money split across the entire Officer Team. It can be moved between Officers if GOG agrees to do so. 	
6	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SS noted that Palestine Solidarity is going to the next All Student Vote that opens on Monday. ▪ JL noted that this topic is likely to generate discussion on campus. ▪ JL noted that we're looking at resources that we can provide to students about this topic. ▪ JL noted that we will be getting in touch with the University and relevant Student Groups to inform them that this is going to the ASV. ▪ JL noted that Officers are allowed to take stances and campaign on items that go to the All Student Vote. ▪ JB shared the specifics of what the motion is asking the Guild to do. ▪ AKeen asked for some clarification surrounding supporting lawful demonstrations on campus. ▪ JL clarified that the motion requires the Guild to support demonstrations as far as permitted by general law and charity law. ▪ HA noted that she has been working with a student group who are running a christmas hamper making day for older people living in Selly Oak. Christmas 	

		<p>Card making is happening on Wednesday if anyone wants to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ HA will circulate the information on this.▪ JB checked if doing GOG meetings once a month for 1 hour still works for everyone?▪ Agreement that this works.▪ AP noted that they are resigning from their role as of tomorrow.▪ GOG noted thanks to Abi for her work and being an active member of Guild Officer Group.	
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The Chair closed the meeting at: TIME
Date of next meeting: TBC