

**Committee Name: Guild Officer Group**
**Date & Time: 29.04.2026 12:00-13:00**
**Present:**

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

	Item for discussion	Questions/Comments/Voting Decision From Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	Noted apologies.	Chair
2	Minutes from the last meeting	Happy to approve minutes from last meeting.	Chair
3	Officer Projects	JD: Going to Parliament for ‘Pay the Placement’ campaign, led by Essex SU. Working on Code of Practise. Worked with AK and LM to campaign for Misogyny as a Hate Crime.	All

	<p>AP: Working on accommodation event for UB Extra. Sports Night on 5 May has been approved by SMT.</p> <p>RR: Completed training for Appointments Panel and has completed interviews.</p> <p>AG: Working with SI on translating pages into Mandarin for plagiarism. Working on third PG&amp;I Forum. Working on research portal with JL after approval from SMT. PG community events with societies and increasing employability on campus.</p> <p>EB: Communicating with Worklink on service growth project. Coop is opening on campus with a focus on employing students. Working on partnerships with Warwickshire County Cricket and Birmingham Football Club for performances from student groups. Supporting Activities department on committee handovers.</p> <p>SI: Win for translations being completed. Planning final PG&amp;I Forum. Working on International Student Strategy for the Guild &amp; UoB. Working on document for prayer spaces in accommodation. Ongoing work with JE on international student inductions.</p> <p>AK: Working on harm reduction project – stalls coming in for first week of May and UB Extra in partnership with Aquarius. Working on poster designs for accommodation. Working on Consent Campaign, webpages are up on website, &amp; new consent ambassadors. Progressing CoL work. Working on disabled student feedback with JE and estates. Event with Jess Phillips MP on 15 May. Working on Renters Rights information for students.</p> <p>MW: Green Week was extremely successful in partnership with the University. Part of Appointments Panel selection process. Submitted Green Impact toolkit – on track to achieve Excellent again with audit coming up in a couple of weeks' time.</p>	
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4	Officer Handover & Training	<p>JB: Incoming Officer Team are starting on 22 June, team are in the process of planning first couple of weeks and looking at handovers. Currently updating handover guidance to be sent to incumbent officers this week. Encouraged reach-out to next year’s officers if necessary for shadowing, but no need to invite them to everything.</p> <p>JL: Handover process is really important for successor to build on foundation/platform. Meetings and handover document to go hand-in-hand. Will be useful for Officers to start thinking about it now.</p> <p>EB: questioned overlap and contract end date.</p> <p>JL: There was an oversight on contract end and start dates. This will be picked up.</p> <p>SI: How would it work practically with two officer teams in the building?</p> <p>JL: this will be worked out for term in office and contract.</p> <p>JB: University staff tend to be keen to meet with Officer Team. We will schedule ‘University Week’ during induction. Ask to Officers to flag any requests from the University over to officertraining mailbox.</p>	JL/JB

		<p>AP: asked what training looks like for Officers that are continuing.</p> <p>JB: we will speak to AP and JD about this separately as some training will still be relevant.</p>	
5	Referendum Update	<p>JL: Discussed at last meeting for NUS Referendum. Outlined postponement from Board and request for review. This will be going to Board in May. Asking GOG on preference on w/c 8 June and w/c 15 June, but does not need a decision at this meeting, as once Board has decided on approach it will come back to GOG for a decision on timeline.</p> <p>AL: would like to move this to next academic year due to potential low engagement.</p> <p>JL: this must be this year due to petition being held this year.</p> <p>MW: Concern about not hitting quorum due to low engagement and invalidating the process.</p> <p>JL: Once Board sign off the options and if it doesn't hit quorum, another petition could be submitted to hold a referendum in the new academic year.</p> <p>AL: wants to discuss at Board whether having a referendum is appropriate.</p> <p>AK: Asked for deadline for campaign materials for review.</p> <p>JL: this is all going to the next Board.</p> <p>JD: View is that engagement is an issue for all sides of the referendum and not those who just want to leave the NUS. There are multiple ways to engage with students especially as this is around UoB Extra and first years/int students will still be here. View is that the referendum should be completed this term.</p>	JL/JB

	<p>MW: Concern is less around ability to campaign, but more around engagement with campaign and whether quoracy will be hit.</p> <p>AL: Concern of fairness and that campaign groups were not able to have campaign materials originally. Proposed to have students to have Yes/No referendum leaflets that the Guild can be approved and wanted to add this as an option for the Board to consider.</p> <p>JD: If this can be approved by the Guild then that's fair – there should be a Guild approval process to avoid Islamophobia and Antisemitism.</p> <p>AL: requested for GOG to make a decision on the Options Paper.</p> <p>JL: wouldn't recommend that GOG decides. GOG hasn't seen the proposal to Board.</p> <p>AK: asked to clarify whether GOG is signing off on an option.</p> <p>JL: This is a Board paper; it is not being presented to GOG - FTOs will see it when papers are circulated but PTOs will not, therefore they don't have all the information in which to make an informed decision, so JL advised that this may be an appropriate vote. Clarified that the options to have campaign budgets/materials is in the paper, and that GOG has not seen the final document.</p> <p>LM: Agrees this is something that Board/FTOs should decide.</p> <p>MW: Based on their opinion this is something that should be moved forward – is not making a decision but is putting forward an opinion.</p> <p>RR: Agrees with LM that this is an FTO/Board decision.</p>	
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6	AOB	<p>JD: FYI for Officers: Deputy PVC for EDI will be replaced by People &amp; Culture. Advised PTOs to go to their liberation groups for feedback and testimonies.</p> <p>AK: Need to ask Deborah whether she will oversee EDI groups or not.</p>	

**The Chair closed the meeting at: 12:56**  
**Date of next meeting: 27.05.2026**