

Committee Name: Guild Officer Group
Date & Time: 29.1.25, 3-4pm
Present:

In attendance	Apologies	Absent without apologies
Syed Sadath – Guild President (Chair) 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 Mariyah Ali - Ethnic Minority Students' Officer Max Williams - Sustainability Officer Also in attendance: Jo Thomas, Chief Executive Officer (or nominee) Jane Baston, Voice and Representation Manager and GOG Secretary	Hope Aquilina - Welfare and Community Officer Ravikiran Rajashekar - International Officer Ritakshi Maheshwari - Postgraduate 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"> ▪ MW has shared the SUSU report with JL ▪ Minutes approved 	
3	Democracy Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PA summarised the update on the democratic system. ▪ PA updated that there had been an action group for Ban Conversion Therapy and Pro-Choice. ▪ PA noted that there are a number of policies that are up for renewal in the next few months. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PA noted that ASV3 opens on Monday. Pro-Choice will be going to ASV 3. ▪ MW asked about the unsociable hours and where that is at? ▪ JB noted that this needed to be raised with HR. ▪ JT asked about the Consultation idea and where that was. ▪ JB to check with Lee about the progress with this and if it needs to be moved forward as this Reception Refresh has been paused. ▪ PA noted that the Ideas that didn't pass SDI can still be re-submitted and looked at by Officers. 	
4	Officer Projects	<p>Standing Item for updates from Officers on projects they're working on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MI noted that she's not been able to make GOG due to timetable clashes ▪ MI is running an event on the 6th March for International Women's Day. This will be a space for women students to come together and do some crafts. ▪ MI noted that she's happy to work with any other Officers if they're interested in running events for this. ▪ MA and LP noted their interest and will be in touch with MI. ▪ MW is working on Go Green Week and setting up event for this. It will be on the 24th March with various Guild events branded as Go Green. ▪ MW and LP are working on a themed Sports Night. ▪ MW is working on how we can engage student groups in running Green related events. ▪ TB noted that Feb is LGBTQ+ History Month. They are running a Film Night and a Trans and NB social. ▪ TB is working on running a quiz night in March. ▪ AKenrick is working on collaboration for awareness week. She'll be working with SANDAM for Neurodiversity week. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ AKenrick has been providing student feedback on emergency evacuation procedures.▪ AKenrick has also been involved with finding a new lead for the disabled student contribution group.▪ LP is working on the Women in Sport project. Looking at getting more student feedback and insight on this to take to UBSport.▪ LP is running a Charity Sports Night again which will support BEAT.▪ RR is working on a food festival that will fall in voting week.▪ RR is running Talk to Ravi sessions for students to come and raise issues.▪ DJ is working on Student Success Stories Podcast at the moment. He's looking for students who can contribute to this podcast.▪ DJ is also working on an Alumni Panel event.▪ DJ is also working on a PhD Portal Project as well.▪ AKeen noted that the Research Project showcase is happening which will be focused on Sustainability.▪ AKeen is working on the refresh of the Student Charter as well and presenting to SEEG next week.▪ AKeen is also working on guidance on use of translators and recording lectures.▪ MA has only just started in her role. She wants to run Chai and Chat events as well as a Decolonisation Reading Group.▪ MA noted that she also wants to work on support for the UOB2 and would like to discuss a statement from the Guild around supporting these students.▪ SS has been working on the podcast with the University which should have multiple people from the University involved.▪ SS noted that they're running the West Midlands Officer Conference tomorrow with Officers from across the Midlands.	
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5	Officer Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JB updated on the upcoming Officer Elections. ▪ MW asked if PGT students can stand in the elections. ▪ JB confirmed that they can but will only be able to be in the role while they are still a student. ▪ JB noted the Incumbent Officer Code of Conduct that any re-running Officers must abide by. ▪ JB noted that if any Officers have ideas for incentives or outreach, they can share them with the Voice Team 	
6	OfS Strategy Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JB noted that the Office for Students are currently consulting on a new strategy for 2025-2030. ▪ JB noted that the OfS is looking at how they're communicating with students and how students know what the OfS does to support them. ▪ LP noted that she wouldn't know what the OfS does or how they support students. 	
7	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AKeen noted that we would like to promote the RGSU International Students Survey via any internal communication channels. ▪ MW noted that the Student Groups newsletter is going out next week and it could go in that. ▪ AKeen to send the information to Student Groups. ▪ MW noted that there is some concern from students about the increased number of redundancies from other universities. ▪ AK noted that the Officer Team are aware of this and have discussed with relevant University colleagues. ▪ MA noted that there was a possible encampment at Bournbrook Pavillion. Would the Guild be responding to that with a statement and is it possible to support? 	<p>AKeen to send the information on RGSU Survey to Student Groups.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ LP noted that it would be useful to know where they are specifically and why they are there. It's difficult to say what we can do until we have more information.▪ AKeen noted that it is likely to come up at their next Joined Up Conversations meeting.	
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The Chair closed the meeting at: 15:56

Date of next meeting: 26.2.25