

Committee Name: Guild Officer Group
Date & Time: 7th December 2023, 2-3pm
Present:

In attendance	Apologies	Absent without apologies
Amira Campbell – Guild President (Chair) Dean Turner - Welfare and Community Officer Cat Hardiman - Sports Officer Harry Brooks – A&E Officer Joe Hill – Education Officer Tianjie Liu (Alice) - International Officer Aoife O’Driscoll-Paton - Disabled Students; Officer Semmer Preet Singh - Ethnic Minority Students’ Officer Ismael Rodriguez Foronda - Ethical and Environmental Officer Robin Hayward - Trans and Non Binary Officer Also in attendance: Jo Thomas, Chief Executive Officer (or nominee) Jane Baston, Senior Voice Coordinator and GOG Secretary Scott Dawson, Voice and Representation Manager	Ben Lockley - Postgraduate Officer Safina Amira - Women’s Officer Trinity Barson - LGBTQ+ Students’ Officer	Chetna Rajendra Khandare - Campaigns Officer

	Item for discussion	Questions/Comments/Voting Decision From Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AC welcomed everyone to the meeting. ▪ AC noted that CRK and SA would be finishing their roles as Officers this week as they are graduating. ▪ AC thanked Chetna and Safina for their work as Officers. 	
2	Minutes from the last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes approved. ▪ AC noted that all need to send event info to JB when they happen. ▪ SD/JB to send out democratic calendar. ▪ AC to send list of buddies to JB. ▪ JB noted that GOG meetings are on the agenda. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statement on solidarity with trans students has not been shared. It is being worked on by a couple of Officers. ▪ IRF asked for a round-up of what's happening. ▪ RH summarised that there was a statement being worked on to show solidarity with trans students. It has been delayed due to waiting to the internal resolution on a process that is ongoing. ▪ HB updated that they are awaiting an update before this can be progressed forward. 	
3	NUS Reform Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AC summarised what the four-nation policy means. ▪ AC noted that the current NUS structures reflect how the current Governmental Structures work. ▪ AC noted that they are considering how the Officer Executive works within NUS and what those roles are. ▪ AC started with questions for clarification. ▪ IRF asked what the liberation convenor mean. ▪ AC clarified ▪ DT asked if there would be both. ▪ AC clarified that there would likely be just one role and not both. ▪ TL asked what the current liberation structures are. ▪ AC clarified that there is one VP Liberation. ▪ TL asked where international students are usually considered and discussed. ▪ AC clarified that international student policy tends to be discussed between each of the ▪ RH asked where the decisions lie for four nation policy. ▪ JB clarified ▪ AC noted that there is a lot of devolved policy and therefore the nations can sometimes make decision based on devolved policy. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AC asked how the group wanted to see four nation policy made ▪ Agreement that we don't see a need to change how it's currently done. ▪ AC moved on to the different NUS UK roles and how they could be structured. ▪ HB asked what work NUS does for FE at the moment. ▪ AC spoke to the work that NUS does with supporting FE colleges ▪ CH expressed a preference for Constituent based + UK President ▪ SS – Portfolio no UK ▪ RH – Portfolio + UK ▪ IRF Portfolio no UK ▪ HB – Combination between 3&4 Portfolio based + UK pres ▪ JH – Constituent + UK Pres ▪ AOD – Agreed with HB ▪ TL – Constituent + UK Pres ▪ DT – Portfolio + UK ▪ AC – Constituent no UK ▪ TL expressed a desire for an international student role but that there would be a need for more roles within that. ▪ AC asked if there was a desire in the room for an FE role. ▪ General agreement on the need for an FE role. ▪ AC asked if there was a desire to have an England President. ▪ TL noted that the name doesn't full express the role. ▪ AC express a view that having an England President would allow for a flat structure within the team. ▪ AC noted that having a UK President would allow for them to represent students in Government. ▪ AC asked if there was value in the VP HE role. ▪ AC summarised that GOG was happy with the current structure with a preference for an international student role. 	
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3	Officer Projects	<p>Standing Item for updates from Officers on projects they're working on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC asked Officers to send any updates that they have to JB 	All to send JB project updates.
4	Comms	<p>Standing Item for communication updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC noted that there were no urgent updates. 	
	Democracy Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD noted that some of the PTOs wanted to share some thoughts on the Democracy Review. • SD noted that they can share the slides with some outcomes from the review meetings. • RH asked about what the next steps will be. • SD noted that the survey and the workshops in combination create a number of recommendations that need to go to the Guild Trustee Board. • SD noted that the FTOs have already seen the slides. The two pieces of consultations mirror each other. • AC asked if it would be useful for a space for PTOs to be talked through some of the outcomes. 	<p>SD to share slides with Democracy Review Outcomes.</p> <p>SD to arrange a time for the PTOs to share feedback.</p>

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7	Intro to Dubai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TL noted that she has asked the Dubai student leaders to the next GOG meeting. • TL talked through a brief introduction to the Dubai student leaders and their role. • TL is in regular contact with them via the Dubai Student Forum. • TL noted that the priorities of the Dubai Student Leader team are to enhance the connections between Dubai and Edgbaston campus. • TL noted that they also want to work on the gap in experience between the two campus. • TL noted that they also want to look at creating media groups and enhancing the activities provided. • TL noted that there are differences in the way that the Dubai SA is run. They are supported by University staff in Dubai. • TL also noted that there are some legal differences with Dubai. • JT talked through the campus in Dubai and the spaces provided for students. • JT noted that TL and JL are likely visiting Dubai in the new year. • JT mentioned that the building is built in a sustainable way to keep the building cool. • JT noted that the Association has some space of it's own within the building • JB to circulate slides to the group. • TL noted that within the Bye-Laws there is a regular student forum that she attends. The student leaders give an update on their work and TL updates on the work that is being done in Edgbaston. • TL noted that they want to strengthen the connections with Dubai. • TL noted that the way the student leaders work on and talk on their campaigns is different than how we work in Edgbaston. 	JB to circulate slides.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS noted that there can be cultural differences between the two institutions. • AC noted that the student leaders will be at the next meeting. 	
8	Next Semester Meeting Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB noted that GOG dates for the next Semester are in the agenda and are in everyone's calendars. • JB asked if Officers would find it valuable to extend GOG meetings by half an hour. • Agreement to extend GOG meetings by half an hour. • AC asked if we can extend the next meeting to be 2 hours. 	<p>JB to extend GOG meetings by half an hour.</p> <p>JB to extend the January GOG to 2 hours.</p>
	AOB	N/A	

The Chair closed the meeting at: TIME
Date of next meeting: xxx