

Present: Jack Mably (President), Roberto Sorrentino (Housing & Community Officer), Daisy Lindlar (Representation & Resources Officer), Remy Claustres (Sports Officer), Ross Strong (Welfare Officer), Ben Chapman (Activities & Development Officer), Izzy Lenga (Education Officer), Hayley Graham (Disabled Students' Officer), Adam Elmi (Home Students' Officer), Eleanor Keiller (Satellite Sites Officer), Abdul Shittu (International Students' Officer), Zara Qadeer (Ethnic Minority Students' Officer), Alex Binnie (Women's Officer), Lewis Addlington-Lee (Community Action Officer), Katie Webb (Anti-Racism; Anti-Fascism Officer), Antonia Rossiter-Eaglesfield (note-taker)

Apologies: Chavonne Brown (LGBTQ Students' Officer), Sam Benson (Ethical & Environmental Officer), Rose Bennett (Postgraduate Students' Officer)

| ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| 1. Welcome | JM welcomed everyone to the meeting. | Noted |
| 2. Minutes | JM reviewed the outstanding actions from the previous meeting. Minutes approved. | Noted Noted |
| 3. Officer Verbal Updates | <p>Alex Binnie (Women's Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not On training for RAs • Ran another Not On campaign meeting <p>Adam Elmi (Home Students' Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacting cabinet ministers involved in transport in the local area • Looking at getting more representation around transport/organising student focus groups <p>Eleanor Keiller (Satellite Sites Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking to the University about transport reimbursement for dental students • Held an initial meeting with Guild departments about increasing Guild presence at satellite sites <p>Zara Qadeer (Ethnic Minority Students' Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting work on my manifesto • Work around PREVENT <p>Lewis Addlington-Lee (Community Action Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Cut the Costs lobby day at Westminster; got in contact with Birmingham MPs • Police cuts will now not happen • Working with C&M around a social media campaign alongside Ross Strong (Welfare Officer) & Hayley Graham (Disabled Students' Officer) for | Noted |

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| | <p>mental health campaign and welfare survey in February</p> <p>Roberto Sorrentino (Housing & Community Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training new RA committees • Working with Daisy Lindlar (Representation & Resources Officer) on Go Green Week • Working on a rating site for houses <p>Daisy Lindlar (Representation & Resources Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go Green Week • Planning Gradball • Officer Team Elections (8,000 voter target for 2015/16) <p>Rémy Claustres (Sports Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the University on the new sports hall • Developing the IMF programme <p>Ross Strong (Welfare Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising the mental health campaigning group • Arranging mental health week • Work around sexual health • Transgender guidance for students and staff • Welfare survey due out in February • Designing/developing the support section of the Guild's website <p>Katie Webb (ARAFO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with JSoc to run a holocaust memorial event • ARAF conference is coming up but ARAFO is unable to attend and so advised GOG if anyone else wants to go there is an opportunity to do so • Working with C&M about de-recognition of national party <p>Izzy Lenga (Education Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending University committee meetings • Attending NEC • Outstanding Teaching Awards • PGO full-time officer role • Wednesday afternoon campaign team • Student Rep Conference in January • Working with the University on promoting NSS • QAA Higher Education Review which will take place in February • Looking at reforming study spaces • Religious students campaign (Friday afternoons) • BME attainment gap working group • Working with the University on the new library <p>Abdul Shittu (International Students' Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on international students events | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last term held an event making Christmas cards during one world week • Helping international students • Organising the International Students Festival to take place this term <p>Hayley Graham (Disabled Students' Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health week this term • Ran disability history month which was a success • DAMSA committee work • Awareness events next month (specific disability and LGBTQ related, and a disability and race panel discussion) <p>Jack Mably (President)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending University meetings and committees • Elections working group • EU referendum • One world festival with Abdul Shittu (International Students' Officer) • Junior doctors meeting with BMA • #OneCity tomorrow <p>Ben Chapman (Activities and Development Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give It A Go fair on Tuesday • Student volunteering week in February • Guild Awards on 22nd March and nominations are open now <p>Daisy Lindlar (Representation & Resources Officer) asked what will we do if EU referendum happens in summer?</p> <p>Jack Mably (President) responded that it depends when in summer it takes place, it is possible that it may take place during the next officer team's time in office – currently GOG may just have to focus on voter registration and debates leading up to the final vote.</p> <p>Ben Chapman (Activities & Development Officer) asked Abdul Shittu (International Students' Officer) about whether there is a date for International Students' Festival event yet?</p> <p>Abdul Shittu (International Students' Officer) responded it will take place in March – will check next week with Jack Mably (President).</p> <p>Adam Elmi (Home Students' Officer) stated that there will be a marquee on campus the two weeks before reading week – we could keep it for Ross Strong (Welfare Officer) campaign.</p> | |
| 4. Officer Elections | DL informed GOG that Officer Team Elections campaigning will take place from Monday 29th February – | Noted |

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| | <p>Friday 4th March. Results night will take place on Saturday 5th March.</p> <p>Officers are encouraged to get involved, this year's voter target is 8,000.</p> <p>There are nominations stalls and drop in sessions over the next few weeks – could any part-time officers come along at the vale?</p> <p>Trying to do more targeted emails (liberation emails) – if it's something officers want to do then please get in touch with DL or C&M.</p> <p>Conversation corners for liberation positions during nominations period is another idea. LA-L suggests contacting committees to also assist in these. DL agrees it's a good idea.</p> | <p>P-T Officer to give availability to DL</p> <p>Liberation Officers to contact DL or C&M</p> <p>DL to contact committees re: conversation corners</p> |
| <p>5. Birmingham Pediga demo</p> | <p>Katie Webb (ARAFO) approached by Hope Not Hate about a counter demo against Pediga. The Guild have also been asked to sign a pledge as well as take action in this demo.</p> <p>Discussion in GOG regarding taking part/involvement.</p> <p>L A-L, HG & ZQ raised concerns about involvement with Hope Not Hate; concerns about affiliation. It was discussed that Guild Council in 2014/15 voted against affiliating with Hope Not Hate.</p> <p>GOG agree to put a statement out against Pediga.</p> <p>GOG agree to not take part in the counter demo organised by Hope Not Hate.</p> | <p>KW/GOG to arrange the release of statement</p> |
| <p>6. Business cards for officers</p> | <p>If officers want to request business cards please contact Jack Mably (President).</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>7. Introduction of full-time staff to part-time officers</p> | <p>Jack Mably (President) offered a tour of full time staff for officers if this would help.</p> <p>Part-time Officers stated they feel they were given a brief tour during summer training, but the next team could probably have an extended tour, networking with people in the building, etc.</p> <p>Alex Binnie (Women's Officer) raised the point that the main issue is not who people are, but is who is relevant to talk to.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |

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| | <p>Abdul Shittu (International Students' Officer) asked whether staff resource could be dedicated to part-time officers? Jack Mably (President) confirmed that next year the Guild may be doing a mentoring system for part-time officers, assigned a staff member.</p> <p>Daisy Lindlar (Representation & Resources Officer) – full-time officer buddy can help.</p> | |
| 8. International Student Festival | <p>Abdul Shittu (International Students Officer) asked team to discuss this with any societies or groups they have links with.</p> <p>Ben Chapman (Activities & Development Officer) invited Abdul Shittu (International Students Officer) to megaforum next week.</p> | Noted |
| 9. AOB | <p>Abdul Shittu (International Students' Officer) - Approached by a company last week called i-witness (a free app for reporting hate crime) – a representative for Birmingham is willing to come talk to GOG to promote the app. Jack Mably (President) suggested C&M can do background research/checks and advised Abdul Shittu (International Students' Officer) send onto C&M.</p> <p>Eleanor Keiller (Satellite Sites Officer) asked when Gradball is. Daisy Lindlar (Representation & Resources Officer) responded 9th June.</p> <p>Daisy Lindlar (Representation & Resources Officer) discussed issue around quoracy for liberation Your Ideas. Alex Binnie (Women's Officer) asked if we could we take numbers from the association as a population?</p> <p>Daisy Lindlar (Representation & Resources Officer) discusses the two liberation Your Ideas which passed during the first cycle, around delegates sent to lgbt conference and trans conference.</p> <p>Hayley Graham (Disabled Students' Officer) advised this should be discussed with Chavonne brown (LGBTQ Students Officer). Alex Binnie (Women's Officer) stated that should the Guild take into consideration all liberation conferences together. Ross Strong (Welfare Officer) stated that for the last few years we have struggled to get people to go to these conferences, it would be great to send more but money may limit this – if lgbtq association can fund some places that would be good.</p> <p>Meeting to discuss this issue was proposed. Jack Mably (President) will communicate to GOG.</p> | <p>AS to send details to C&M for background check.</p> <p>JM to arrange follow up meeting.</p> |