

Present: George Hughes (Chair), 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), Abdul Shittu (International Students' Officer), Alex Binnie (Women's Officer), Lewis Addlington-Lee (Community Action Officer), Rose Bennett (Postgraduate Students Officer), Chavonne Brown (LGBTQ Students' Officer), Sam Benson (Ethical & Environmental Officer), Rose Bennett (Postgraduate Students' Officer); Oli Killeen (note-taker)

Apologies: Eleanor Keiller (Satellite Sites Officer), Zara Qadeer (Ethnic Minority Students' Officer), Katie Webb (Anti-Racism; Anti-Fascism Officer)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>The room was also informed of important debates taking place in national politics during the day including a Westminster Hall debate on banning Donald Trump from the UK, and a House of Commons vote on university maintenance grants, which was passed by 14 votes.</p>	Noted
2. President Vlog & Questions	<p>President's Vlog was played.</p> <p>Q: What is your perfect Sunday? A: To have a lie in and reflect on the week ahead.</p> <p>Q: Following the vote in Parliament on the scrapping of university maintenance grants, what more can the guild do to campaign on the issue? A: The Guild is currently in touch with Lord Billimoria in an attempt to try and lobby the House of Lords to overturn the issue, Although there is not much likelihood of this. Other strategies are being looked at.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3. ADO Vlog & Questions	<p>Activities & Development Officer's Vlog was played.</p> <p>Q: Can the ADO provide an update on Give it a Go Fair A: Give it a Go Fair was held in the Great Hall today. It was very successful. Over 80 societies attended, and over 2,000 students attended throughout the day.</p> <p>Q: Are there any statistics available on how many people signed up for societies? A: That is something that can be looked into using MSL our website provider. Unfortunately, there were no sign ups on the day because there were technology issues on the day.</p> <p>Q: What is the plan for societies going forward? A: Taster sessions run previously have been successful, so there are plans to run more. Any suggestions on other ideas</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>ADO to look into the possibility of getting statistics on membership</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>are welcome</p> <p>Q: Can the use of technology at societies fairs and other events been looked at, as on the day sign up can be useful for societies? A: The Guild recognise the problems that not having tills at the Give it a Go Fair was a problem, but there are security issues about handling large amounts of cash. But a token system is currently being looked into.</p> <p>Q: Is it possible to for societies to have better access to their finances online? A: The ADO has not aware of particular issues on society access to financial statements, but it is something that can be looked into.</p>	<p>ADO to provide updates going forward</p> <p>ADO to provide updates going forward</p>
4. EO Vlog & Questions	<p>Education Officer's Vlog was played.</p> <p>Q: Can an update be provided on changes to timetabling and bunched assessment deadlines? A: The University have now agreed to publish assessment deadlines and method of assessment before students choose modules, this does put the onus on students to be aware of this and manage their time effectively. This is a long process and will be being piloted before a large roll out.</p>	Noted
5. HCO Vlog & Questions	<p>Housing & Community Officer's Vlog was played.</p> <p>Q: Are there any plans to run Winter Spectacular again next year? A: Overall, the feedback from this year's event has been positive, so there are plans to run it again in the future.</p> <p>Q: What is currently being done to address the increase in crime Selly Oak? A: Discussions are currently being had with West Midlands Police and patrols in the area have been increased. The Guild is working with the Community Wardens to provide advice on crime prevention. It is important for students to remain vigilant and lock all valuables out of sight and keep their homes secure.</p> <p>Q: Can an update be provided on the provision of compensation to students living in Chamberlain Hall that is currently unfinished? A: The Guild is working with the University to ensure that all students affected are represented.</p> <p>Q: Is there any recourse for students to complain about the lack of maintenance being carried out in halls? A: Any student with issues can pass their details to the HCO who can chase it up on their behalf.</p> <p>Q: Can an update be provided on the work of the RAs, now that by-elections have been held to fill vacancies?</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>A: The new RAs are working well. The main ideas when planning events will come from residents' feedback – reacting to what residents want and then the RAs can take the lead on implementing this.</p> <p>Q: Can an update be provided on Go Green Week? A: Meetings are being held regularly with the RRO and we are working together on a series of events including "Meat Free Monday".</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>6. SO Vlog & Questions</p>	<p>Sports Officer's Vlog was played.</p> <p>Q: Lockdown was mentioned in the vlog. What exactly is Lockdown? A: Lockdown is a large Basketball tournament, involving both men and women, there is also potential to involve wheelchair basketball if there is capacity. It was really popular last year with around 1,000 people participating.</p> <p>Q: Can the SO explain the decision behind the new Sports Centre name? weren't students given the opportunity to vote on the name? A: Students were given the opportunity to vote on the name of the Gym, this will still be named after an individual on the panel. 360 was chosen as the name for the Sports Centre overall, as this corresponds to the fresh 3-step programme being run by the Sports Centre,</p> <p>Q: Does the SO have any ideas about how to get more students involved with IMS? A: IMS was stripped back to the basics at the beginning of the year – seeing what works and what doesn't. Commitment is on a voluntary basis, and the RAs have been informed to circulate around university residences. Arrangements have been made for UoB Sport to phone captains in advance if they are aware of another team's non-attendance. Other comments and suggestions are always welcome.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>7. RRO Vlog & Questions</p>	<p>Representation and Resources Vlog was played.</p> <p>Q: Now that cardboard is no longer allowed for making signs during elections, is its use also no longer allowed in other ways such as on clothing or costumes? A: The ban on cardboard was only meant to apply to signage, as this caused problems with the Estates Office. You are able to use cardboard on costumes, but a nominal fee may apply. Ask for clarity.</p> <p>Q: Can an update be provided on the changes to the democratic structure? A: The Your Ideas platform has had a lot of engagement, with 30 ideas submitted on the last round. Proposers are now being sent tips on how to campaign for their ideas. This is a new system that will take some time to bed in but hopefully pick up speed soon.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>Q: Can any feedback be provided on the last round of Ideas? A: Only the liberation ideas submitted reached quoracy. Those that were close to the required number have been invited to resubmit their ideas for consideration again.</p> <p>Q: How will ideas that do reach the quoracy be implemented? A: If Ideas reach the quoracy figure, the relevant officer will be in touch with proposer to discuss how best to implement the idea.</p> <p>Q: Would it be possible to receive confirmation on submitted? A: Yes – that is something that would be possible.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>8. WO Vlog & Questions</p>	<p>Welfare Officer's Vlog was played.</p> <p>Q: When is the next Mental Health Awareness Campaign Group meeting? A: The next meeting will be this Friday at 6pm in the Guild Council Chambers We will be planning a social media campaign to launch alongside the welfare survey.</p> <p>Q: Can an update be provided on full-time welfare tutors within each department? A: The university are in the process of recruiting full-time welfare tutors. Work is being done to put together their training programme.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>9. PTO Questions</p>	<p>Community Action Officer Verbal update provided Working on the #CutTheCosts Campaign – attended the Westminster Lobby Day to raise the issue with local MPs. Previously been lobbying MPs on the cuts to community policing in the West Midlands – cuts no longer happening. Currently working with DSO and WO on Mental Health Awareness Campaign and the Time to Change Campaign.</p> <p>No further questions</p> <p>Women's Officer Verbal update provided Working on the 'Not On' Campaign – having various meetings with the university about this. Planning is underway for Women's History Month – taking place in March. The Women's Association will be having a number of 'Open Mic' nights. There are also plans to attend an Abortion Rights Counter Demonstration in Birmingham very soon.</p> <p>No further questions.</p> <p>LGBTQ Students' Officer</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>Verbal update provided Various meetings had with a local charity to promote 'Queer Friendly' role models within schools. There have been some difficulties in obtaining a URL for 'Q-chat' – this is being worked on. Work is being done to devise mentoring training that is LGBTQ friendly. Planning a Drag Awareness event in conjunction with the Barber Institute Also planning to hold an Intersex Awareness Conference</p> <p>No further questions</p> <p>Postgraduate Students' Officer Verbal update provided Sat on first meetings of Council and GSMB The age cap on Postgraduate loans has been lifted It's also very exciting that the Guild will soon have a full-time Postgraduate Students' Officer.</p> <p>Q: Will the new Postgraduate Students' Officer be elected in the upcoming Officer elections cycle? A: Yes – but the term dates will run slightly differently from September to the following August.</p> <p>Ethics and Environment Officer Verbal update provided Currently working on the Fossil Free on campus campaign. Currently consulting with the university on the green space that will result from the demolition of the old library. Students can expect to be consulted on this soon.</p> <p>Q: Can an update be provided on Go Green week? A: Contact has been made with people and planet. Some of the resources they sent were not necessarily appropriate for university contexts. There has been no real movement on this.</p> <p>International Students' Officer Verbal update provided Consulting with the university on provision of accommodation for international students in Prichatts Park Working on careers event for international students and putting together an international students' forum. Planning for the international festival is continuing and is going well.</p> <p>No further questions</p> <p>Disabled Students' Officer Verbal update provided Work so far has centred on raising awareness of Disability History Month – through discussion panels/film nights and social media. Working this term on the Mental Health Awareness</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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<p>10. Further Questions</p>	<p>Q: Can an update be provided on IT services in the Guild and whether any more improvements are planned? A: Work is currently being done with OCM – the Guild's IT support service and there are also plans to expand the university wifi network.</p> <p>Q: Can any advice be provided on running a successful Officer elections campaign? A; EO – Make the most of every minute, but remember to look after yourself. HCO – remember to enjoy yourselves ADO – Be creative with your campaign RRO – Make sure your policies and manifestos are well thought out and deliverable. President – Speak to current officers beforehand for information and advice WO: Make use of deadline extensions available, but remember this only applies to work where questions are set in advance. Plan workload accordingly.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>