

Full-Time Officer Group (FTOG)

Officer's Office

Present

Dean Turner, Welfare & Community Officer (**WCO**) (Chair)
 Harry Brooks, Activities & Employability Officer (**AEO**)
 Amira Campbell, Guild President (**President**)
 Tianjie (Alice) Liu, International Officer (**IO**)
 Joseph Hill, Education Officer (**EO**)

Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, Chief Executive (**JT**)
 Sam Jones, HR Coordinator (**SJ**) (Note taker)
 Scott Dawson, Student Voice & Representation Manager (**SD**) (Agenda Item 8 only)

Apologies

Benjamin Lockley, Postgraduate Officer (**PGO**)
 Cat Hardiman, Sports Officer (**SO**)

The Chair welcomed everyone and the meeting started at 12:05.

No	Item for Discussion	Notes	Action
1	Minutes of the Previous meeting (12.02.24)	The Chair presented the minutes of the previous meeting, dated the 12 th February 2024, for the Officer Team's approval. The Officer team approved the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.	Noted Approved
2	Coole Insights Job Fair	The Officer Team discussed their attendance at the upcoming Coole Insights Job Fair in April 2024. SJ to support with travel arrangements.	SJ
3	Officer Away Day	The Officer Team agreed to rearrange their upcoming Officer Away Day for Tuesday 26 th February.	Noted
4	Officer Diaries	The Officer Team discussed their key meetings for the week ahead: IO – University Misconduct Hearing, University of Amsterdam Visit, Guild Awards Winners Panel. EO – Catch-Up with Michael Grove, University Quality Assurance Committee, Newcastle SU Meeting. President - Reclaim the Night March, NUS Delegate Priorities meeting, Good Campus Relations WCO – Reclaim the Night March, CAL Education Committee Meeting, MMT & Officers Lunch.	Noted Noted Noted Noted

		AEO – Guild Awards Winners Panel, Birmingham Award Studies Meeting, Shortlisting Panel for Alumni Impact Fund.	Noted
5	Officer Projects	<p>The WCO updated Officers on plans to submit a paper on Harm Reduction to the next UEB/Guild meeting. The Officer Team discussed the agenda for the upcoming meeting.</p> <p>The President updated the Officer Team on discussions with the University on expanding the Medical School Chamberlain Award Bursary, and securing funding for the scheme in the long-term.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	Schools/Colleges/ Dubai Update	The President noted a recent positive meeting of the MDS College Education Committee, where it had been noted that recent cohorts of medical students had seen an increase in drop-outs and degree failures. The President agreed to share data with the rest of the Officer team.	Noted
7	Part-Time Officers	The IO noted that a number of prospective part-time officer candidates had attended recent international social events, which had been very positive to see.	Noted
8	AOB	<p>The President noted that a new University Council member had invited the Officer Team to attend an introductory meeting.</p> <p>SD joined the meeting at 12:35. SD updated the Officer Team on the current All Student Vote process of re-adoption of current Guild Beliefs & Commitments through the members democratic process. SD updated the Officer Team that no substantial policy items for the next All Student Vote, noting that there was an expectation of difficulties meeting quoracy based on the two previous rounds of voting.</p> <p>SD proposed that the planned third All Student Vote (ASV) of the year was stood down as a voting process and replaced with an alternative piece on promoting the members democratic process in its place. SD presented a number of options for next All Student Vote process. SD noted capacity pressures in the Student Voice team, which was focused on Officer Elections as the main priority. SD noted the option of re-phasing the planned All Student Vote timetable for 2023/24, with the last cycle of the year taking place outside of term time and focusing on Postgraduate issues. The Officer Team discussed the options, agreeing to pause the voting process for the next ASV.</p> <p>SD updated the Officer Team on progress for nominations with elections, which was significantly higher than the previous year across most Guild Officer roles. The Officer Team discussed promotion of the Officer elections.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

The meeting finished at 13:00