

Full-Time Officer Group (FTOG)

Mandela Room

Present

Cat Hardiman, Sports Officer **(SO)** (Chair)
Dean Turner, Welfare & Community Officer **(WCO)**
Harry Brooks, Activities & Employability Officer **(AEO)**
Tianjie (Alice) Liu, International Officer **(IO)**
Benjamin Lockley, Postgraduate Officer **(PGO)**

Also in Attendance

Jo Thomas, Chief Executive **(JT)**
Sam Jones, Executive Assistant **(SJ)** (Note taker)

Apologies

Joseph Hill, Education Officer **(EO)**
Amira Campbell, Guild President **(President)**

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

No	Item for Discussion	Notes	Action
1	Minutes of the Previous meeting (19.02.24)	<p>The Chair presented the minutes of the previous meeting, dated the 19th February 2024, for the Officer Team's approval.</p> <p>HB noted their opposition to the pausing of voting during the All Student Vote cycle 3, as discussed at the last meeting. SJ to add to previous minutes.</p> <p>The Officer team approved the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>
2	UEB/Guild Agenda Items & Papers	<p>The Officer Team discussed their planned agenda items for the next UEB/Guild meeting, scheduled for the 11th March 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harm Reduction – WCO • National Student Survey – EO • Campus Masterplan – President • Students at Work report – President <p>SJ to circulate items to the University.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>SJ</p>
3	Birmingham Award	<p>The AEO updated the Team on recent developments with the University's plans for the 'Birmingham Award', where the University was potentially looking to split into the existing award, and the 'Birmingham Award with Distinction', which would require students to upload evidence of their achievements as well as two achievements. The AEO noted plans to integrate other existing Postgraduate awards into the Birmingham Award in future, and roll-out an AI tool for the award platform.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

		The Officer Team discussed the new awarding model and its value to students.	Noted
4	Trustee Board Papers	The Officer Team discussed the current set of Trustee Board papers. The PGO asked about one paper which had been redacted. JT to review.	JT
5	Officer Diaries	<p>The Officer Team discussed their key meetings for the week ahead:</p> <p>IO – Chinese Students & Scholars lunar new-year concert debrief, 1:1 DPVC International, Handover planning, CEO 1:1, UoB Xtra student societies engagement meeting.</p> <p>WCO – Officer Elections promo filming, CEO 1:1, pre-meeting for Harm Reduction Steering Group.</p> <p>AEO – Incidents & Complaints Structure review, Meeting with EPS Student Societies on Welcome Fair involvement, Alumni Impact Fund final awarding panel meeting.</p> <p>PGO – UoB Director of Student Engagement meeting, University Masterplan meeting, SRSAB agenda setting meeting.</p> <p>SO – Officer Development 1:1 meeting, EDI Focus Groups outcomes meeting with UB Sport, Filming with C&M for Officer Elections promotion.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	Officer Projects	<p>The WCO updated the Officer Team on progress for on the Harm Reduction project, which was meeting shortly for a first steering group.</p> <p>The AEO noted that Guild Awards ticket sales had now reached 237, which meant that the event now be guaranteed to go ahead.</p> <p>The AEO updated the Officer Team on a recent positive meeting with the ValeFest Committee on next steps with the event plans for June 2024, and a new Memorandum of Responsibility with the group.</p> <p>The SO noted their promotion and support for the Basketball Super Series Rebellion event.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
7	Schools/Colleges/ Dubai Update	The IO noted a recent positive meeting with the Birmingham International Academy (BIA), where it had been noted that UoB entry requirements for international students had not been lowered, as some other University's had done. The IO noted that the BIA was focusing on recruitment in Shanghai.	Noted
8	Part-Time Officers	No Items Noted.	Noted
9	AOB	The AEO noted a recent news article about the University's decline in the Guardian University Ranking table by 10 places, which had included data that the University spent the lowest amount per	

		<p>student head in the Russel Group. The Officer Team discussed their article.</p> <p>The Officer Team discussed their 360 staff reviews and the Guild Staff Survey. All to complete.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>All</p>
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The meeting finished at 13:00