

Present: Rob Sassoon (Chair), Rachel Chetwynd – Cowieson (Deputy Chair), Dora Meredith (President), Ash Chambers (VPDR), Rob Hunter (VPEA), Jonny Kirby (VPHC), Julian Adeniran (VPS), Matt Lamb (VPSAD), Johnny Davis (VPW), Joseph Moses (ARAFO), Laura Beckmann (EEO), Emma Cooper (LGBTQO), Nina Paul (WO), Rachel Rogers (History), Sasha Graham (Lang, Cult, Art History and Music), Alex Green (Law), Sophie Lipman (English, Drama, ACS), Simon Bor (Biosciences), Oliver Jackson (No Constituency), Paula Strauss (Psychology), Hadassah Sheer (Sportex), Sammy Korc (Mathematics), David Remington (Mech Eng), Faris Karouni (Chem Eng), Joseph Jayson (Elec Eng), Rachel Remedios (Physics and Astronomy), Mohammed Hussein (Education), James Arnold (Business), Christopher Richardson-Wright (Govt and Society), Sarah Lansdell (Social Policy), Laura Morgans (Open Place), Elliott Park (Open Place), Hannah Minsky (Open Place), Adam O'Connell (Open Place), Avinoam Shina (Open Place), Benjamin Curtis (Open Place), Kathryn Wain (Open Place), Steven Johnson (Postgraduate), Alex Fenton (First Year), Joel Marks (First Year) Oliver Cosentino (Cultural and International), Paris Soloman (Cultural and International), Nathan Crossan-Smith (Departmental), Dave Glenwright (Departmental), Rachael Twumasi (Campaigning and Political), Sam Murphy (Campaigning and Political), Eve Minsky (Religious and Faith), Joe Hopkins (Religious and Faith), Felicity Cross (Media Groups), Andrew Wright (Media Groups), Tim Lucas (Volunteering), James Robertson (Recreational Pursuits), James Nutt (Indoor Activities), Laura Thomas (Indoor Activities) Tom Petrie (Elgar Court), Lauren Currier (Focsoc), Stephanie Heath (Hunter Court), Zukile Majuqwana (Maple Bank), Andrea Petruta (Mason Hall), Tom Defraime (Pritchatts Park), Hugh Hopkins (Tennis Courts) KM Sulola (BEMA), R Furniss (DAMSA), Alaa Elaydi (Interfaith), Ivan Oravec (International Students), Alex Montague (LGBTQ), Emma O'Dwyer (No Constituency)

In attendance: Jo Thomas (Chief Executive Officer), Michael Garrett (Director of Membership), Tim Owen (Student Community Welfare Manager), Jim Alcock (Representation Coordinator) (Secretary), Nick Cooper (Representation Coordinator), Will Cooling (Representation Coordinator)

Apologies: Oliver Lock, Kelvin Rose, Malia Bouattia, Naomi Morris, Chris Nash, Leo West, Omar Murad, Marie Khaku, Sophie Bailey, Olivia Goodman, Shim Bensor

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	NOTES	ACTION
1	Count of Quoracy	A count of Quoracy took place. 51 Guild councillors were in the room. Guild Council was declared quorate and the meeting was opened	
2	Starring of the Agenda	Amendments from proposers were submitted to motions; 8a) Mandates 1. was removed in its entirety 8b) Mandates 2. was changed to 'The President and VPEA to bring the sustainable excellence proposal back to Guild Council for discussion before voting on it in university council and senate' 8e)Mandates 1b) to remove 'and make the Guild's investment choice dependent on Guild Council approval' 8i) Mandates to include 'The Guild to investigate the possibility of having a private list of suppliers that do not comply with the Guilds ethical beliefs and working practices'.	

		<p>8g) Resolves 1. 'per calendar month' replaced with 'every 30 days'.</p> <p>Chris Richardson Wright (Government and Society) stars motion 8b)</p> <p>Johnny Davis (VPW) stars motion 8c) and 8f)</p> <p>Ashley Chambers (VPDR) stars motions 8e), 8i) and 8h)</p> <p>David Remington (Mechanical Engineering) stars motion 8a)</p> <p>Ashley Chambers (VPDR) proposes that motions 8b) and 8h) be heard together and that Guild Council either vote for 8b), 8h), neither or abstain.</p> <p>A vote was held on the proposal.</p> <p>For 27 Against 23</p> <p>The proposal passes.</p> <p>A problem was discovered with the voting cards and voting was conducted with hands raised from this point on.</p> <p>A vote was held to pass all unstarred business.</p> <p>The vote clearly passed</p> <p>All unstarred items were approved.</p>	<p>VPDR to enact all unstarred motions</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes</p>	<p>The minutes of the meeting of Guild Council 14/06/10 were viewed.</p> <p>The following mistakes were identified:</p> <p>Page 3: Rachel Chetwynd-Cowieson was recorded as 'Rachel Cice'.</p> <p>Page 4:'Officer Team' should read SOG</p> <p>Page 7 Motion 8f) states that an action has been given to the 'VPDR' when it should read VPEA.</p> <p>A vote was held on the accuracy of the minutes of the last meeting.</p> <p>The vote clearly passed.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting 14/06/10 were accepted as an accurate record.</p>	<p>Student Voice to amend minutes of meeting 14/06/10</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Elections</p>		

		<p>An election was held for two positions on the appointments panel.</p> <p>Rob Sassoon stepped down from the chair.</p> <p>James Arnold nominated Rob Sassoon for a position on Appointments panel.</p> <p>No other nominations were received.</p> <p>A vote was held.</p> <p>Rob Sassoon was elected to the appointments panel.</p> <p>Rob Sassoon returned to the chair.</p> <p>An election was held for the single first year position on elections panel.</p> <p>Joseph Moses (ARAF) nominated Alex Fenton for the first year position on elections committee.</p> <p>A vote was held.</p> <p>Alex Fenton was elected to elections committee.</p>	
5	Actions Outstanding	<p>Ashley Chambers (VPDR) reported that the Guild had signed up to the Workers Rights Consortium.</p> <p>Rob Hunter (VPEA) reported that the University now has an action plan to replace the lift in the Law School.</p>	
6	Communications	<p>Johnny Davis (VPW) reported that NUS delegate elections nominations were currently open.</p> <p>Johnny Davis (VPW) reported that Guild By-elections for unfilled officer posts were currently open.</p> <p>Johnny Davis (VPW) reported that the Know Your World cultural event starts Monday 22nd at the Guild.</p> <p>Ashley Chambers (VPDR) reported that Resident's Association election nominations were currently open.</p> <p>Ashley Chambers (VPDR) reported that the next round of Open Forums starts on 29th November.</p> <p>Dora Meredith (President) introduced a video about Mike Terry.</p> <p>Dora Meredith (President) thanked Zuki Mujuqwana, Chris Bates, Tom Petrie and Tom Defraine for their help in organising the trip down to the national demo in London.</p> <p>Dora Meredith (President) also thanked Sarah Lansdell, Steph Heath, Sandhya Trott and Rachel Chetwynd-</p>	

		<p>Cowieson for their help with the trip.</p> <p>Joseph Moses (ARAF) communicates that the co-existence trust are recruiting two campus ambassadors, one Jewish and one Muslim, please contact Joseph or check out his blog for more details.</p> <p>Laura Beckmann communicates that the UCU are holding a protest at the clock tower on the 24th November and that they have invited students to attend.</p>	
7	Questions, Suggestions and Scrutiny	<p>The Chair announces censures for failing to blog in accordance with Guild Policy for;</p> <p>The VPDR, VPEA, VPHC, VPS, VPSAD, VPW and Women's Officer.</p> <p>The VPS objects to his censure on the grounds that he has blogged.</p> <p>The Chair resolves to look into this.</p> <p>The President questions whether she should receive a censure.</p> <p>The Chair resolves to look into this.</p> <p>The Women's Officer objects to her censure on the grounds that it has not been two months since Welcome Week.</p> <p>The Chair resolves to look into this.</p> <p>Rob Hunter (VPEA) presents the Student Reps System Policy</p> <p>Chris Richardson-Wright (Government and Society) asks what the coverage of the Student Reps System was in Government and Society as the last time he had checked it didn't exist in Government and Society.</p> <p>Rob Hunter (VPEA) asks if Chris is referring to the MyStudentRep system.</p> <p>Chris Richardson-Wright (Government and Society) confirms that he is.</p> <p>Rob Hunter (VPEA) relates that the MyStudentRep system is not available in Government and Society as it is in a trial phase this year. Depending on its success it may be rolled out next year.</p> <p>A vote was held on the SRS policy.</p> <p>The vote passed.</p> <p>Guild Council accepted the SRS policy</p>	<p>Chair to look into the censure of the VPS's, Presidents and Women's Officer's blogs.</p> <p>SRS Policy to go to the Guild Trustee Board</p>

Dora Meredith presents the report of the Appointments panel.

Zuki Mujuqwana leaves the room.

Hannah Minsky (open place) asks why Zuki must leave the room?

Dora Meredith (President) explains that Guild Council may wish to raise points on the report which they may not feel comfortable doing in front of Zuki.

A vote was held on the report of the appointments panel.

The vote passed.

Guild Council accepted the report of the appointments panel

Steven Johnson (post graduate) asks Ashley Chambers (VPDR) why the Guild only achieved a bronze in the Student Union Evaluation Initiative?

Ashley Chambers (VPDR) replied that the Guild did well in certain areas but there are some areas that the Guild can improve on for SUEI 2. Specific areas identified as under achieving were communications and visibility of Sabbatical Officers.

Emma O'Dwyer asked the VPDR how the Guild did badly when it was in the first intake to SUEI?

Ashley Chambers (VPDR) answers that a bronze is an achievement but the Guild wants gold and has prioritised the achievement of this via its strategic plan.

Ed Bauer proposes a censure for the President and VPEA for failing in their mandate by not meeting with other unions to build a base against the government's proposals for tuition fees.

A vote was held

The censure falls

Alex green (Law) proposes a commendation for SOG for their conduct on the march in London.

A vote was held

The commendation passes

Zuki Mujuqwana proposes a commendation for Jonny Kirby (VPHC) for removing the RAs VIP privileges.

A vote was held

		<p>The commendation passes</p> <p>Laura Beckmann (EEO) ask why SOG has not met its mandate to lobby the University to sign up to the Workers Rights Consortium.</p> <p>Ashley Chambers (VPDR) replies that SOG has been working on this but that the University are wary of signing up to the WRC when no other universities have.</p> <p>Oliver Jackson asked (on behalf of Chris Nash (GEES)) how much of the £560 put aside for Guild Councillor candidate budgets were spent?</p> <p>Ashley Chambers (VPDR) replied that he couldn't say off the top of his head but that it was not all spent and that he will email Chris with a proper figure.</p> <p>Oliver Jackson asked (on behalf of Chris Nash (GEES)) that in the face of some poor turnout at some elections is it not true that the Guild Council elections were neglected?</p> <p>Ashley Chambers (VPDR) replied that ideally the voting would be online which would improve things and that the Guild is working on this, but that with such a disparate collection of candidates and schools coordination on this scale was very hard. The Guild is looking into what can be done.</p> <p>Tom Defraime (Pritchatts) proposed a commendation for Jonny Kirby (VPHC) for his work during fresher's week.</p> <p>A vote was held.</p> <p>The commendation passes</p> <p>Ed Bauer asks why the Guild ignored email correspondence from him regarding particular companies who were flouting the Workers Rights Consortium guidelines?</p> <p>Dora Meredith (President) replied that she had engaged with Ed over the WRC but had not received anything on this particular issue.</p> <p>Laura Beckmann (EEO) asked SOG why the Ethical and Environmental committee has not been set up?</p> <p>Ashley Chambers (VPDR) replies that he has been working on it and will speak to Laura outside of the meeting.</p> <p>Laura Beckmann (EEO) replies that she has elected two people onto the committee and it does not look good that it still hasn't been set up.</p> <p>Ashley Chambers (VPDR) that the committee does not appear in the by-laws.</p>	<p>VPDR to email Chris Nash with final figure spent on Guild Council candidates budgets</p>
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		<p>James Arnold (Business school) asks what progress has been made with regards to the library opening hours?</p> <p>Rob Hunter (VPEA) replies that following the Library's unexpected budget cut the Guild is now renegotiating what it wants from the library in terms of extended opening hours. As part of this there is a survey on opening hours on the Guild website, the deadline for replies being on the 20th November.</p> <p>Steven Johnson (post graduate) asks if there are to be any healthy options introduced into Joe's?</p> <p>Julian Adeniran (VPS) answers that he is meeting with the director of business to look into healthy options.</p>	
8	Motions	<p>Motion 8a) Guild Council Representation and Accountability</p> <p>A vote was held on the motion.</p> <p>The vote fell</p> <p>The motion was rejected by Guild Council</p> <p>8b) Cuts and Fees and 8h) Birmingham Students say NO to Cuts and Higher Fees</p> <p>Ed Bauer proposes that motion 8h) is amended so that it also contains the amendment he added to motion 8b) (that 'The President and VPEA to bring the sustainable excellence proposal back to Guild Council for discussion before voting on it in university council and senate').</p> <p>The proposer of motion 8h) rejects the amendment.</p> <p>A vote is held.</p> <p>The amendment falls</p> <p>A vote is held on the two motions.</p> <p>Motion 8b) falls</p> <p>Motion 8h) passes</p> <p>Alex Green (Law) calls quoracy</p> <p>A count of quoracy is taken</p> <p>Guild council is found to be quorate with 41 members in the room</p> <p>Tim Lucas (volunteering mini forum) calls a meeting direction to move straight to Motion 8f) Guild Council</p>	<p>VPDR to enact Motion 8h</p>

		<p>Frequency</p> <p>A vote was held on the meeting direction</p> <p>The vote passed</p> <p>Motion 8f) Guild Council Frequency</p> <p>A vote was held on the motion</p> <p>For 10 Against 20 Abstentions 6</p> <p>The vote falls</p> <p>Motion 8f) is rejected by Guild council</p> <p>Motion 8c) Changing the name of the HSBC room to the Harvey Milk room</p> <p>An amendment is proposed by Johnny Davis (VPW) to change resolves 1. to 'To rename the HSBC room the Harvey Milk room whilst the room remains a bookable space. Should it no longer be a bookable space the Guild to look into other rooms to re-name.'</p> <p>The amendment was accepted by the proposer.</p> <p>An amendment is proposed by Dave Glenwright (departmental Miniforum) proposes an amendment to remove believes 1.</p> <p>The amendment was accepted by the proposer.</p> <p>A vote was held on the motion.</p> <p>The vote passes.</p> <p>Motion 8c) is accepted by Guild council</p> <p>Motion 8e) Ethical investment</p> <p>An amendment is proposed by Ashley Chambers (VPDR) to remove mention of alcohol, tobacco and gambling from believes and resolves.</p> <p>The amendment was rejected by the proposer.</p> <p>A vote is held on the amendment.</p> <p>The vote passes.</p> <p>The amendment is included in the motion</p> <p>A vote was held on the motion.</p>	<p>VPDR to enact Motion 8c</p>
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		<p>The vote falls.</p> <p>The motion is rejected by Guild council</p> <p>Motion 8i) Amendments to the suppliers list</p> <p>Johnny Davis proposes a meeting direction; that an extra two minutes is added to the proposer's speech and the speech against.</p> <p>A vote is held on the meeting direction.</p> <p>The vote passes.</p> <p>An extra two minutes is added to speeches.</p> <p>Steven Johnson (post graduate) proposes a meeting direction to move straight to the vote on motion 8i).</p> <p>A vote is held on the meeting direction.</p> <p>The vote falls.</p> <p>Speeches and questions continue.</p> <p>A vote is held on the motion.</p> <p>For 13 Against 5 Abstentions 6</p> <p>The vote passes.</p> <p>The Guild to change current suppliers list in consultation with student development, RAs and student groups and to investigate the legal possibility of having a private list of suppliers that do not comply with the Guilds ethical beliefs</p> <p>Motion 8i) is accepted by Guild Council</p> <p>Motion 8k) Emergency motion: Mobility and Access Policy</p> <p>An amendment is proposed by Rai Furniss (DAMSA) to change the name of the proposed working group and the motion itself from 'Disability' to 'Mobility and Access'</p> <p>The amendment was accepted by the proposer.</p> <p>A vote was held on the motion.</p> <p>The vote passes.</p> <p>Motion 8k) is accepted by Guild council</p> <p>The Chair thanked Guild Council and closed the meeting.</p>	<p>VPDR to enact Motion 8i</p> <p>VPDR to enact Motion 8k</p>
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