

**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), Naomi Morris (Philosophy), Sophie Lipman (English, Drama, ACS), Simon Bor (Biosciences), Chris Nash (Geography), Paula Strauss (Psychology), Hadassah Sheer (Dentistry), Hannah Andrews (Clin. And Exp. Medicine), Hadil Abuwarda (Dentistry), Simon Bensoor (Chemistry), David Remington (Mech Eng), Faris Karouni (Chem Eng), Joseph Jayson (EECE), Rachel Remedios (Phys and Astronomy), Daniel Wallis (Computer Science), Mohammed Hussein (Education), James Arnold (Business), Christopher Richardson-Wright (Government and Society), 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), Malia Bouattia (Postgraduate), Steven Johnson (Postgraduate), Alex Fenton (First Year), Joel Marks (First Year), Nicola Levy (Open Place), Oliver Cosentino (Cultural and Intl), Paris Soloman (Cultural and Intl), 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), Marie Kakha (Volunteering), Tim Lucas (Volunteering), Ralph Jay (Recreational Pursuits), James Robertson (Recreational Pursuits), Dan Joplin (Competitive Sports), James Nutt (Indoor Activities), Laura Thomas (Indoor Activities), Leo West (Arts and Performance), Olly Lock (Arts and Performance), Perry Lee (Aitken Wing and Chelwood), Phil Emmerson (Aitken Wing and Chelwood), Vicky Harris (Elgar Court), John Hilliard (FOCSOC), Hannah Varley (Maple Bank), Sophie Quy (Hunter Court), Dillon Bhaskaran (Jarratt Hall), Freddie Lindesay (Mason Hall), Aimee Humphreys (Pritchatts Park), Sam Delacruz (Shackleton), Phill Coombes (Tennis Courts) Ross Babbington (Victoria Hall), Alexander Montague (LGBTQ), Alaa Elaydi (Interfaith Association), Zuki Majuqwana, Amanda Moorghan, Simon Furse, Mark Harrop, Hugo Sumner, Tim Smith, Luke Reynolds, Leander Jones, Matt Keston (Sabbatical Life Member),

**In attendance:** Jo Thomas (Chief Executive Officer), Michael Garrett (Director of Membership), Tim Owen (Student Community Welfare Manager), Jim Alcock (Representation Co-ordinator) (Secretary), Will Cooling (Representation Co-ordinator), Naomi Maltby (Representation Co-ordinator)

**Apologies:** Sarah Lansdell (Social Policy), Edward Bauer, Dan Zastawny (PGMSO),

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	NOTES	ACTION
1	Count of Quoracy	A Count of Quoracy took place.  57 Guild councillors were in the room.  <b>Guild Council was declared quorate and the meeting was opened.</b>	
2	Starring of the Agenda	Amendments from proposers were submitted to motions:  8a) Resolves 1 was changed from "To support University of	

		<p>Birmingham UCU in any potential industrial action that this ballot may lead to." To</p> <p>"To support University of Birmingham UCU in the industrial action of the 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup> of March."</p> <p>Resolves 2 was changed from "To send official delegations to any staff pickets" to</p> <p>"For member of the officer team visit any staff pickets and express support."</p> <p>8b) Resolves 2, 3, 4 and 5. Where added to the motion saying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Students will have the option of voting yes, no or in abstention.</li> <li>3. During this referendum the Guild will provide equal funding and support to a Yes and a No campaign.</li> <li>4. The Sabbatical Officer Team will remain neutral during campaigning</li> <li>5. Information will be provided alongside the ballot to inform students of the possible implications of their decision.</li> </ul> <p>8g) Amended to 'That where a Guild Officer is a committee member of a student group, then they are required to make a declaration of a conflict of interest where appropriate.'</p> <p>8i) Believes 1. Was changed to "To the Guild should have no stance or policy on the Israel - Palestine conflict"</p> <p>Resolves 1. Was changed to "To re-ratify the motion initially passed in 2008 and to add renewed emphasis to impartiality on the Israel - Palestine conflict. Also to update it to reflect the changes in Guild structures since this time"</p> <p>8j) Resolves 3. Was changed from "That the Guild continues to make available no less than 3 healthy eating options, suitable for vegans and gluten free in its 'daily specials' circulation. The choice and form of these options are to be at the discretion of the Guild but are to be made with the input of the Vice President (Sport) as per the remit of his mandate." To</p> <p>"That the Guild continues to make available a range of healthy eating options, suitable for vegans and gluten free in its 'daily specials' circulation. The choice and form of these options are to be at the discretion of the Guild but are to be made with the input of the Vice President (Sport) as per the remit of his mandate.</p>	
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		<p>Jonny Kirby (VPHC) stars motions 6) and 8b)</p> <p>Dave Glenwright (Departmental) stars motion 8a)</p> <p>motion 8i) was starred</p> <p>Ash Chambers (VPDR) stars motion 8d)</p> <p>motion 8l) was starred</p> <p>A vote was held to pass all unstarred business.</p> <p>Votes For: 88%                      Votes Against: 12%</p> <p>The vote passed.</p> <p><b>All unstarred items were approved.</b></p>	<p><b>VPDR to enact all unstarred items</b></p>
3	<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	<p>The minutes of the meeting of Guild Council 18/11/10 were viewed.</p> <p>The following mistakes were identified:</p> <p>Pages 4,5,6: Zuki Majuqwana's name was spelt incorrectly.</p> <p>Page 6: Ash Chambers (VPDR) amends to 'Guild spent £1200 out of the £2000 budgeted'.</p> <p>Page 9: For motion 8i) note Rachel Chetwynd-Cowieson stepped down.</p> <p>A Vote was held on the accuracy of the minutes from the last meeting.</p> <p>Votes For: 96%                      Votes Against: 4%</p> <p>The vote Passed.</p> <p><b>The minutes of the meeting 18/11/10 were accepted as an accurate record.</b></p>	<p><b>Student Voice to update previous meetings minutes</b></p>
4	<b>Elections</b>	<p>An election was held for six positions for the Guild Council Working Group.</p> <p>Dave Glenwright (Departmental), Steve Johnson (Postgraduate), James Robertson (Recreational Pursuits), Chris Richardson-Wright (Government and Society), Adam O'Connell (Open Place) and Phil Emmerson (Aitken Wing and Chelwood) nominated themselves for a position in the Guild Council Working Group.</p>	

		<p>A vote was held.</p> <p><b>Dave Glenwright (Departmental), Steve Johnson (Postgraduate), James Robertson (Recreational Pursuits), Chris Richardson-Wright (Government and Society), Adam O'Connell (Open Place) and Phil Emmerson (Aitken Wing and Chelwood) were elected to the Guild Council Working Group.</b></p> <p>An election was held for the single position on the appointments panel.</p> <p>Johnny Davis (VPW) nominated Chris Richardson-Wright (Government and Society) for a position on the appointments panel.</p> <p>A vote was held.</p> <p><b>Chris Richardson-Wright was elected to the appointments panel.</b></p> <p>Rob Sassoon stepped down from the Chair.</p> <p>An election was held for four positions on the nominations committee.</p> <p>Rob Sassoon, Chris Bates, Alaa Elaydi, Phil Emmerson, Edd Bauer (in absentia), Alice Matthews and Alice Swift were nominated for a position on the nominations committee.</p> <p>A vote was held.</p> <p><b>Rob Sassoon, Alice Swift, Alaa Elaydi and Chris Bates were elected to the nominations committee.</b></p> <p>Rob Sassoon retakes the Chair.</p>	
5	<b>Actions Outstanding</b>	<p>Rob Sassoon (Chair of Council) reported that following an investigation into two censures given under the Officer Blogging Policy in November, the VPS had his censure withdrawn as he had fulfilled the policy's requirements, but the Women's Officer's censure stood.</p> <p>As well as this, the President did not receive a censure as she has also fulfilled the policy's requirements of blogging once a month</p>	
6	<b>Questions, Suggestions and Scrutiny Communications</b>	<p>Rob Sassoon (Chair) reported that he and Rachel Chetwynd-Cowieson could now be reached via email and that Guild Council was now available on Facebook.</p> <p>Birthday wishes were communicated to Adam Paige (Maple Bank), Sara Thomas (Tennis Courts) and Adam O'Connell (Open Place).</p> <p>Joseph Moses (ARAF) reported that the Interfaith event Myth Busters was due to take place on 16/03/11.</p>	

		<p>Nina Paul (WO) reported that the Black and Ethnic Officer was unable to attend the NUS Women's' Conference and that her place was therefore open.</p> <p>Sophie Bailey (DSO) reported that the MAD events on 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> would be reported in the Redbrick and on the Guild website.</p> <p>Rob Hunter (VPEA) reported that tickets were currently on sale for the March for the Alternative on the 26<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Rob Hunter (VPEA) reported that Guild Officers would soon be involved in rewriting the University's policy on personal tutors and would therefore like feedback.</p> <p>Dora Meredith (President) reported that the Vice Chancellor Debate would be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> in Guild Council Chambers.</p> <p>Bryn Gough reported that a debate on the UK Immigration Policy would be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Chris Bates reported Comedy Society and Carnival Rag will be holding a Comedy Relief event on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.</p> <p>Leander Jones reported that on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm a meeting will be held on a campaign for climate change.</p> <p>Julian Adeniran (VPS) reported that the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> was BUCS weekend and that the Women's Hockey was in the final.</p> <p>Julian Adeniran (VPS) reported that the Guild ping pong table would be available from April.</p> <p>Julian Adeniran (VPS) reported that Wagamamas would be on a promotional campus tour on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Ash Chambers (VPDR) reported that the election turnout was a record 7193. He thanked the elections committee for their hard work.</p> <p>Ash Chambers (VPDR) reported that the week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> held another round of open forums.</p> <p>Laura Beckmann (EEO) reported that the Guild of Students achieved a Gold Award in the NUS Green Audit thanks to Ash and Dora.</p>	
7	<b>Questions, Suggestions and Scrutiny</b>	<p>Rob Sassoon makes Council aware that the new blogging policy is in effect.</p> <p>The Chair announces censures for failing to blog in accordance with Guild Policy for:</p>	







	<p>Jonny Kirby (VPHC) responds that their training on Guild Council was kept basic in order to merely put it on the RA's radar, but that more should have been done.</p> <p>Phil Emmerson (Aitken Wing and Chelwood) comments that he attended a later RA training session was given no Guild Council training.</p> <p>Jonny Kirby (VPHC) accepts the criticism of the training.</p> <p>Sam Murphy asks Joseph Moses (ARAFO) what the Guild relationship with the UAF is.</p> <p>Joseph Moses (ARAFO) responds that UAF has not approached him as yet, and that he is currently working with Searchlight to help tackle racism and fascism on campus.</p> <p>Joseph Moses (ARAFO) was asked that if in his office he has taken steps to tackle campus Islamophobia.</p> <p>Joseph Moses (ARAFO) answers that no incidents have been reported as of yet, but he has been promoting Islamic involvement through campus events such as 'Myth Busters'.</p> <p>Tim Lucas (Volunteering) asks Jonny Kirby (VPHC) if he could have feedback on how the new RA system is going.</p> <p>Jonny Kirby (VPHC) reports that it is going well.</p> <p>Guild Council thank Tim Lucas (Volunteering) for his hard work.</p> <p>Laura Beckmann (EEO) asks Ash Chambers (VPDR) for an update on the democratic structures.</p> <p>Ash Chambers (VPDR) concedes that he has not done a lot, but will do more after the elections have finished.</p> <p>Luke Reynolds asks Ash Chambers (VPDR) why a student was being reprimanded for selling tickets in halls if it is a Guild initiative.</p> <p>Ash Chambers (VPDR) responds that he has not authorised the selling of tickets in Halls.</p> <p>Zuki Majuqwana asks the Officer Team why the emphasis has been taken off students with the change of VPSAD title to VPAD.</p> <p>Johnny Davis (VPW) responds that it was a decision taken by the previous Officer team, and that it didn't reflect a change in emphasis rather a response to an anomalous title as all Officers represent students.</p> <p>Hugo Sumner proposes to commend Ash Chambers (VPDR)</p>	
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		<p>for his work on the elections and the turnout of 27%.</p> <p>A Vote is taken.</p> <p>Votes For: 41%                      Votes Against: 59%</p> <p><b>The commendation falls.</b></p> <p>James Arnold (Business) proposes to commend Joseph Moses (ARAFO) for Holocaust Memorial Day.</p> <p>A vote was held.</p> <p>Votes For: 88%                      Votes Against: 12%</p> <p><b>The commendation passes.</b></p> <p>Sandhya Trott (CAO) asks Julz Adeniran (VPS) what efforts are being made to improve the food choice on the menu in Joe's.</p> <p>Julz Adeniran (VPS) reports that he has attended the Food Tradeshow and that there are now three vegetarian/vegan/gluten free options on the menu.</p> <p>Malia Bouattia (Postgraduate) asks Joseph Moses (ARAFO) what has been organised for Black History Month.</p> <p>Joseph Moses (ARAFO) responds that nothing has been organised yet and apologises.</p> <p>Ed Bergen (EMO) states that Black History Month also falls under his remit and that they are working with BEMA to organise events which have so far had poor attendance. The EMO suggests that the whole officer team publicise events in future.</p> <p>Jess Sarfas (Hunter Court) asks Jonny Kirby (VPHC) when the posters from Vale Management regarding ticket sales within Halls will arrive.</p> <p>Jonny Kirby (VPHC) assures that they are coming.</p> <p>Johnny Dolan (Maple Bank) asks Jonny Kirby (VPHC) what the Guild is doing to keep the Gunnies open.</p> <p>Jonny Kirby (VPHC) responds that nothing is being done, as it is owned by the University and will be replaced with sports facilities. The VPHC points out that there are plenty of other establishments and that Birmingham should be more concerned with maintaining its reputation as third best at sport.</p> <p>Sophie Bailey (DSO) point out that The Gunnies has no wheelchair access.</p>	
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		<p>Leander Jones speaks on behalf of the proposer (absent) to amend Resolves 1 and 2.</p> <p>The VPSAD proposes a meeting directive to move straight to a vote on Motion 8a)</p> <p>A vote is held on the meeting directive.</p> <p>The vote is passed.</p> <p>A vote is held on motion 8a)</p> <p>For: 53% Against: 28% Abstain: 19%</p> <p><b>Motion 8a) passes.</b></p> <p><b>Motion 8b) Referendum on UCU Strike Action</b></p> <p>A vote is held on motion 8b)</p> <p>For : 72% Against: 20% Abstain: 7%</p> <p><b>Motion 8b) passes.</b></p> <p>Rob Sassoon steps down from the Chair.</p> <p><b>Motion 8d) A Picture Paints 1000 Words, But Not in a Blog...</b></p> <p>An amendment is proposed that Non-Sabbatical Officers need only blog 100 words.</p> <p>The proposer accepted the amendment.</p> <p>Zuki Majuqwana proposes an amendment that stipulates that the respective 100 and 200 words may be a cumulative total over a 30 day period.</p> <p>The proposer accepted the amendment.</p> <p>Paula Strauss (Psychology) proposes a meeting directive to move straight to a vote on motion 8d)</p> <p>A Vote is held on the meeting directive.</p> <p>The vote is passed.</p> <p>A vote is held on motion 8d)</p> <p>For: 62% Against: 19% Abstain: 19%</p> <p><b>Motion 8d) passes.</b></p> <p>Rob Sassoon returns to the Chair.</p> <p><b>Motion 8e) Holocaust Education Trust</b></p>	<p>VPDR to enact</p> <p>VPDR to enact</p> <p>VPDR to enact</p>
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		<p>Chris Richardson-Wright proposes an amendment that it should not be mandatory to attend if the individual has a personal reason not to. To change the wording of Mandates 2 from 'if possible' to 'if willing'.</p> <p>The proposer accepts the amendment.</p> <p>Rachel Rodgers proposes an amendment to build in the promotion of the issues raised on campus after the trip by those who attended.</p> <p>The proposer rejects the amendment.</p> <p>A vote is held on the amendment.</p> <p><b>The amendment falls.</b></p> <p>James Robertson proposes a meeting directive to go to a vote on motion 8e).</p> <p>A vote is held on the meeting directive.</p> <p>The motion passes.</p> <p>A vote is held on motion 8e)</p> <p>For: 45% Against: 51% Abstain: 4%</p> <p><b>Motion 8e) falls.</b></p> <p><b>Motion 8i) No Policy Policy</b></p> <p>Matt Lamb (VPSAD) proposes an amendment to change Believes 1 to 'That the Guild should have no stance or policy on the Israel-Palestine conflict' and Resolves 1. to 'To re-ratify the motion initially passed in 2008, and to add renewed emphasis to impartiality on the Israel-Palestine conflict. Also to Update it to reflect the changes in Guild structure since this time.'</p> <p>The proposer accepts the amendment.</p> <p>Bryn Gough proposes an amendment to include a clarification clause.</p> <p>The proposer rejects the amendment.</p> <p>A vote is held on the amendment.</p> <p><b>The amendment falls.</b></p> <p>Amanda Moorgham proposes an amendment.</p> <p>The proposer rejects the amendment.</p>	
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		<p>A vote is held on the amendment.</p> <p><b>The amendment falls.</b></p> <p>Faisal Ishaq proposes an amendment to remove all references to the Israel-Palestine conflict and to replace it with 'all international conflict'</p> <p>The Chair rejects the amendment on the grounds of substantial change to the motion.</p> <p>A challenge was made to the Chair's ruling.</p> <p>Rob Sassoon steps down as chair.</p> <p>A vote is held on the challenge of the Chair's ruling.</p> <p>The vote falls.</p> <p>The Chair's ruling is upheld.</p> <p>Rob Sassoon returns to the Chair.</p> <p>Nina Paul (WO) proposes a meeting directive to go straight to a vote.</p> <p>A vote is held on the meeting directive.</p> <p>The vote passes.</p> <p>A vote is held on motion 8i).</p> <p>For: 73% Against: 16% Abstain: 11%</p> <p><b>Motion 8i) passes.</b></p> <p><b>Motion 8i) It Doesn't Matter if You're Black or White</b></p> <p>Simon Furse proposes an amendment to remove all references to the EUMC Definition of Anti-Semitism from the motion.</p> <p>The Chair rejects the amendment on the grounds of substantial change to the motion.</p> <p>A challenge was made to the Chair's ruling.</p> <p>Rob Sassoon steps down as chair.</p> <p>A vote is held on the challenge of the Chair's ruling.</p> <p>The vote falls. The Chair's ruling is upheld.</p> <p>Rob Sassoon returns to the Chair.</p> <p>Matt Lamb (VPSAD) proposes an amendment to change</p>	<p><b>VPDR to enact</b></p>
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		<p>the wording from 'to use the EUMC definition' to 'to consider'.</p> <p>A vote is held on the amendment.</p> <p>The amendment falls.</p> <p>Matt Lamb (VPSAD) proposes an amendment to change Believes 2 from "That any student group which invites a speaker (whether internal or external) on to campus who goes on to make a racist, sexist or homophobic statement should be, on receipt of a complaint, subject to the usual investigative and disciplinary process" to "That any student group which invites a speaker (whether internal or external) on to campus who goes on to make a racist, sexist or homophobic statement should be, on receipt of a complaint, subject to the usual investigation by the Guild President and 1 other nominated Officer."</p> <p>The proposer accepts the amendment.</p> <p>Amanda Moorghan proposes an amendment.</p> <p>The proposer rejects the amendment.</p> <p>A vote is held on the amendment.</p> <p><b>The amendment falls.</b></p> <p>A vote is held on motion 8i).</p> <p>For: 71%      Against: 20%      Abstain: 9%.</p> <p><b>Motion 8i) passes.</b></p> <p>The Chair thanked Guild Council and closed the meeting.</p>	<p><b>VPDR to enact</b></p>

Date of next meeting 14/06/11 @ 1800 hours