

## Executive Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 2-4pm

Location: MH 242

Members: President, Ross Loveitt (RL), Vice-President Education, Alpha Jallow (AJ), Diversity Officer, Paula Couto (PC)

In Attendance: Representation and Advocacy Coordinator, Cassie O'Boyle (COB)

Apologies: Communities Officer, Ashlea-Jayne Mallett (AJM), Guild Manager, Sarah Kerton (SK)

Item	Title
1	Apologies were received and noted from SK and AJM.
2	No conflicts of interest were declared.
3	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4	<p>The action log was updated on Monday.com with all ongoing actions. PC noted the Officers could not check in with student groups using the Guildspace because of Reading Week and Exams.</p> <p>PC and AJ agreed to check Guildspace throughout the following week.</p> <p>PC highlighted a clash between an International and Eco Soc on Thursday.</p> <p><b>Action 4.0:</b> PC to follow up with International Society to sort out the clash.</p>
5	<p>The executive approved the Investment society as a concept. The executive wanted some clarity from the society as to whether they would be interested in doing this as part of the Business society rather than starting their own separate group.</p> <p><b>Action 5.0:</b> COB and RL to meet with Investment society to discuss the progression of the group.</p> <p>The executive approved the Aviation Society as a concept but were interested in how this could be combined within the current Course Based Society structure. COB suggested the society could either join the current Hospitality &amp; Tourism Society or could adopt a non-course based society model approach that sat underneath the Hospitality &amp; Tourism society – similar to Bakery and Food.</p>

	<p><b>Action 5.1:</b> COB to meet with Aviation Society to discuss which route they would like to do moving forward.</p> <p><b>Action 5.2:</b> COB to bring a brief paper updating on Course Based Societies.</p> <p>The executive approved Pakistani Society.</p> <p><b>Action 5.3:</b> COB to contact Pakistani Society to let them know they have been approved.</p>
6	<p>The Executive approved the paper submitted by SK as written. The executive agreed £2K was too low for Liberation groups but was a good starting point to develop from.</p> <p>RL noted that there had been a shift from the University in terms of support for Societies however, he wanted to ensure there was a strategic approach to funding. RL is keen for UCB to commit to a sports strategy that is fully aligned with the Sports department.</p> <p><b>Action 6.0:</b> RL to update the executive on progress related to the Sports strategy/funding in the next meeting.</p> <p>No funding request was received from Cheer regarding Cheer Mats.</p>
7	<p>The Executive received a report written by SK outline the cost to affiliate with the University of Birmingham’s Nightline service. Nightline is a confidential listening service and the University of Birmingham’s service covers both UCB and Aston University. Currently, the Guild pay a 20% contribution to the service but only 3% of the service users come from UCB. As there is a concern about the engagement from students at UCB, the executive agreed to move to ask to renegotiation our contribution to 5%. This contribution would not be unaffordable and would still ensure our students who needed the service, had access to it. If this is unsuccessful, the executive noted from the paper the ability to signpost and promote to other listening services like Samaritans.</p> <p><b>Action 7.0:</b> SK to contact Nightline to discuss this further.</p>

8	<p>PC raised concern over the incident related to Vegan Society being removed from the property during one of their events last week. COB raised that this incident was not be discussed further in the executive meeting to ensure impartiality in the case of the Guild needing to represent this student through the complaints procedure.</p> <p>The executive agreed some campaigns training would be useful for student groups like Vegan Society to be able to access and COB highlighted this was something already in the pipeline for Course Based Societies and Course Reps and therefore could be made available to other societies and the wider student population.</p>
9	N/A
10	<p>The executive received no update regarding tour. RL was keen to communicate to student groups that tour is a privilege and will not be funded by UCB Guild.</p>
11	<p>COB presented a paper on Guild Democracy and how the Guild can better engage students in decision making processes. RL highlighted the similarities with other “zone” forum models that could work well at UCB. The executive approved the introduction of three separate Zones/Councils/Forums – A societies council, an academic council and a community council.</p> <p><b>Action 11.0:</b> COB to provide a further proposal with more information on what each of these councils/groups would look like.</p>
12	<p>AOB</p> <p>PC asked for rules to be created in relation to the booking of Guildspace. RL suggested a proposal was brought to the next executive meeting.</p> <p><b>Action 12.0:</b> PC and AJ to meet to create a proposal on the rules related to Guildspace booking.</p>