

GC.6.15.3

Present: Chair of Council, Deputy Chair of Council, Poppy Wilkinson (President), Joe Armer (VP Education), Wadim Wesolek (VP Activities and Development), Jack Mably (VP Housing & Community), Frankie Greenwell (VP Welfare), Molly Browne (VP Sports & Nutrition)

Rachel O'Brien (CAO), Nora Selmani (WO)

School: Letty Key (Computer Science), Rosie Foulger (Education), Mae Rohani (Government and Society), Dipali Shah (Maths), Kitty Howse (Mechanical Engineering), Sacha Johnstone (Philosophy, Theology and Religion), Dwayne Spiteri (Physics and Astronomy).

Student Staff: Joe Harrison (Student Staff- Venues)

RAs & Associations:

Aitken Wing (Alex Hinks), Elgar Court (Jessica Levy), Liberty Court (Chris Wilkinson), Jarratt Hall (Tom Walsh), Mason Hall (Serena Soobadoo), Pritchatts Park (Matthew Ribbans), Tennis Court (Jess Hinds).

DAMSA (Chames Zaimeche), Women's Association (Hayley Graham), BEMA (Azfar Shafi).

Mini Forums: Ollie Collins (Religious), Joe McDowell (Media), James Phillips (Media), Joe Taylor (Departmental), Chris Davey (Outdoor).

Sport Mini Forums:

Open Place: Izzy Lenga (Open Place), Ed Sainsbury (Open Place), Adam Goldstone (Open Place), Elen Kochkanyan (International Place), Olga Dzedziak (International Place), Eleanor Keiller (Women's Place), Zoe Paterson (Disabled Place), Michael Foley (Disabled Place), Chris Forster (Disabled Place), Sarah Dougherty (LGBTQ Place), Lewis Addlington-Lee (LGBTQ Place), Alex Deam (Mature Place).

In Attendance: Naomi Atkin (Director of Engagement), Dylan Williams (Student Voice Manager), Sunita Goddard-Patel (Representation Coordinator), Antonia Rossiter-Eaglesfield (Representation Coordinator), Shelby Whitehead (Representation Coordinator)

Apologies: Erin Lee (Parents & Careers Association), Jeffrey Yip (ISO)

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<p>1 Welcome and Count of Quoracy</p>	<p>The Chair Welcomed students to the meeting and introduced a video on appropriate behaviour guidelines for Guild Council.</p> <p>The voting cards were tested.</p> <p>26 Councillors Present.</p> <p>As Guild Council was declared sub-quorate the Chair moved to a round of speeches to proceed:</p> <p>Joe McDowell (Media Miniforum) spoke for proceeding sub-quorate</p> <p>Chames Zaimeche (DAMSA) spoke against proceeding sub-quorate</p> <p>A vote was taken to proceed sub-quorate:</p> <p>For 92% Against 8%</p> <p>Guild Council proceeds sub-quorate.</p>	
<p>2) Starring of the Agenda</p>	<p>6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9f were starred.</p> <p>Guild Councillor attendance:</p> <p>Robert Eagleton gave a speech against their removal as a Guild Councillor.</p> <p>No speech against.</p> <p>Moved to vote to reinstate Robert Eagleton (First Year Guild Councillor):</p> <p>For 88% Against 12%</p> <p>Councillor reinstated.</p> <p>There was a vote to pass all unstarred items:</p> <p>93% For, 7% Against</p> <p>All unstarred items were approved.</p>	
<p>3) Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting</p>	<p>There was a vote to approve previous minutes:</p> <p>96% For, 4% Against</p> <p>The minutes were approved.</p>	
<p>4) Appointments Panel Report</p>	<p>Poppy Wilkinson (President) spoke for the Report.</p> <p>No one spoke against the Report.</p> <p>Vote to approve report:</p>	

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	<p>97% For, 3% Against</p> <p>The report was passed.</p>	
<p>6) Good Governance Working Group Election</p>	<p>Jack Mably (VPHC) introduced the election explaining the roles being elected.</p> <p>Nominations were taken from the floor.</p> <p>Candidates were:</p> <p>Eleanor Keiller</p> <p>Joe Harrison</p> <p>Re-Open Nominations</p> <p>Each candidate gave a 1 minute speech on their suitability for the role.</p> <p>Chames Zaimeche (DAMSA) asked a question.</p> <p>Each of the candidates answered.</p> <p>Alex Deam (Mature Students) asked a question.</p> <p>Each of the candidates answered.</p> <p>Voting was conducted by secret ballot.</p>	
<p>7) Communications</p>	<p>Poppy Wilkinson (President) announced applications for student trustees (x3) are now open on the website. If any further information is required please email.</p> <p>Poppy Wilkinson (President) declared she felt the social media app Ekho has become really dangerous, has targeted officers and recently been targeting RAs. President would encourage all students to not use this social media app. President praises those present who have supported her when she published comments made on Ekho and also expresses her disappointment in the lack of solidarity from others in the room on this issue.</p> <p>Poppy Wilkinson (President) stated that earlier in the year a part-time officer (Ethical & Environmental Officer) resigned. However since then it has come to President's attention that they have continued to use their official ethical and environmental officer title. President declared this is dangerous and not acceptable as the person in question is still proclaiming to represent those people without any accountability.</p> <p>Rachel O'Brien (CAO) announced that it would be positive if more women and BME applications were received for student trustees and encourage Guild Councillor to publicise this opportunity to under-</p>	

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	<p>represented groups.</p> <p>Wadim Wesolek (VPAD) stated they have lost access to their officer account on Facebook so advised students not to contact them on Facebook for the time being.</p> <p>Rachel O'Brien (CAO) announced on Saturday the Women's Association are doing a counter-protest against March for Life; meeting in Chamberlain Square in Birmingham city centre at 2pm.</p>	
<p>8) Questions and Scrutiny</p>	<p>Alex Deam (Mature Students) asked a question to Joe Armer (VPE) regarding the Birmingham Asks manifesto; how the responses were gathered and is there a way in future to create a petition so students can send this onto their candidates, to make it more public. Alex Deam (Mature Students) also asked what the process was behind which points went into the final manifesto.</p> <p>Jack Mably (VPHC) responded that BCU took the lead in talking to local councillors as it was a joint manifesto. Decisions on what was included came from speak week responses from both UoB and BCU. Felt it was important to get a city wide manifesto with increased student backing.</p> <p>Chames Zaimche (DAMSA) asked the Officer Team whether the Guild will need to take on the role of criticising the conservative government in the future.</p> <p>Poppy Wilkinson (President) agrees and stated the lobbying act has restricted Students Unions this year. The work conducted by NUS on lead up to General Election was positive.</p> <p>Alex Deam (Mature Students) questioned Poppy Wilkinson (President) about the human rights act and working with the law department to see if they can work together using their expertise.</p> <p>Poppy Wilkinson (President) confirmed they have spoken to Law School but have not received a response as yet. Human Rights Act will probably fuel more debates over the course of next year.</p> <p>Joe Harrison (Student Staff Venues) responded that if the Guild is going to be negative against conservations how are they going to ensure they don't upset students who vote conservation.</p> <p>Poppy Wilkinson (President) responded that whilst students have the right to have a political view so should the officers have political views. Jack Mably (VPHC) confirmed that looking at policy rather than party would be preferable.</p> <p>Joe Harrison (Student Staff Venues) asked for an update on the Living</p>	

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	<p>Wage campaign.</p> <p>Poppy Wilkinson (President) provided an update in their previous officer report. It has been re-identified again as a priority. They are waiting to meet with the living wage foundation.</p> <p>Joe Harrison (Student Staff Venues) stated the newly implemented Fire Evacuation Procedure is putting too much pressure on senior student staff and asked if anything can be done about this.</p> <p>Wadim Wesolek (VPAD) confirmed they sit on the committee responsible and confirmed there will be training provided to student staff. As part of the role of senior student staff they are responsible for this area but Wadim Wesolek (VPAD) will follow up on these concerns.</p> <p>Rachel O'Brien (CAO) stated that during a Women's Association event there was an issue that they were not allowed to have access to the sink in Beorma Bar which also has access to the lights. Can the procedure for this be established?</p> <p>Wadim Wesolek (VPAD) this room has access to the back of the bar in the stock room which can be used as storage facility. Wadim happy to look into this.</p> <p>Hayley Graham (Women's Association) asked Frankie Greenwell (VPW) about their Officer Report which has detailed updates about the Guild website design progress, is there any idea of timescale on this?</p> <p>Frankie Greenwell (VPW) confirmed they currently have 65% of the structure and wording to go onto the website, but they are still waiting on the University for their input. It is happening and aware it is taking some time and apologies.</p> <p>Hayley Graham (Women's Association) asked Joe Armer (VPE) about Neurosciences and the proposed cuts, clarification on what is happening and any progress in student consultation.</p> <p>Joe Armer (VPE) responded neurology and pharmacology (experimental medicine) has announced cuts. Currently this is out for staff consultation so they are prohibited from declaring much detail. Originally they said they would consult with students with an email address, however VPE stated consultation with students on major changes policy meant they need to consult with student reps across the affected programmes. They are now arranging meetings with the Head of College.</p> <p>Molly Browne (VPSN) commends Hayley Graham (Women's Association) for raising mental health awareness during their Officer</p>	

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	<p>campaign and in recent weeks for exam period.</p> <p>Chames Zaimeche (DAMSA) asked what is happening with the Guild of Pirates on social media.</p> <p>Frankie Greenwell (VPW) confirmed this is no longer active.</p> <p>Mae Rohani (Government & Society) asked if the Guild servers are secure.</p> <p>Frankie Greenwell (VPW) confirmed the data the Guild of Pirates had accessed was anything that anyone with a student group account could access. There had been no breach of data. Frankie Greenwell (VPW) stated that they do not know who is responsible.</p> <p>Wadim Wesolek (VPAD) commends Rachel Clements (ARAFO) for consistently showing massive commitment to their role and always attending GOG meetings and volunteering for various committees.</p> <p>Joe McDowell (Media Miniforum) commends Frankie Greenwell (VPW) and Jack Mably (VPHC) for their work on accommodation open day.</p> <p>Jack Mably (VPHC) commends all RAs for their work on accommodation open day.</p> <p>Joe Harrison (Student Staff Venues) commends Joe Armer (VPE) and Wadim Wesolek (VPAD) for organising General Election night in Joe's Bar.</p> <p>Hayley Graham (Women's Association) asked about the building work on campus and the accessibility issues it's causing with students with mobility issues, especially near the library building.</p> <p>Molly Browne (VPSN) sits on a group which may be related, so is more than willing to relay this back to the working group as an issue.</p> <p>Rachel O'Brien commends Nora Selmani (Women's Officer) for all their hard work on Women's History Month.</p> <p>Daniel Longhorn (Tennis Court RA) commends Frankie Greenwell (VPW) for hosting ResExec on his own.</p> <p>Izzy Lenga (Open Place) commends Joe Armer (VPE) for being team leader for the UoB delegation for NUS national conference.</p> <p>Hayley Graham (Women's Association) commends Poppy Wilkinson (President) for her statement on Ekho and the steps she took in raising awareness that this is not acceptable.</p> <p>Residents Associations comment the Officer Team - RA's have been targeted on Ekho and would like to commend Officer Team for</p>	

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	<p>shielding them from the attacks online.</p> <p>Joe Harrison (Student Staff Venues) commends Chair and Deputy Chair for doing a great job managing social media and chairing all year.</p> <p>Edward Sainsbury (Open Place) asked Joe Armer (VPE) about Speak Week report.</p> <p>Joe Armer (VPE) confirms there have been delays and apologies for this. Joe Armer (VPE) wants to produce a report by next week.</p>	
<p>Motion 9a) Comments After Speeches</p>	<p>Dwayne Spiteri (Physics & Astronomy) spoke for the motion.</p> <p>Jack Mably (VPHC) spoke against the motion.</p> <p>Alex Deam (Mature Students) asked a question.</p> <p>Poppy Wilkinson (President) responded.</p> <p>Dwayne Spiteri (Physics & Astronomy) asked a question.</p> <p>Frankie Greenwell (VPW) responded.</p> <p>Hayley Graham (Women's Association) asked a question.</p> <p>Dwayne Spiteri (Physics & Astronomy) responded.</p> <p>Joe McDowell (Media Miniforum) asked a question.</p> <p>Dwayne Spiteri (Physics & Astronomy) responded.</p> <p>Alex Deam (Mature Students) asked a question.</p> <p>Frankie Greenwell (VPW) responded.</p> <p>Procedural motion to go to a vote. 5 voting cards shown. No objections.</p> <p>Moved to vote to approve motion 9a</p> <p>59% For, 38% Against, 3% Abstain.</p> <p>Motion approved</p> <p>ACCESS BREAK</p> <p>Guild Councillor attendance:</p> <p>Rosie Booth gave a speech against their removal as a Guild Councillor.</p> <p>Moved to vote to reinstate Rosie Booth (LGBTQ):</p>	

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	<p>87% For, 13% Against</p> <p>Councillor reinstated.</p>	
<p>Motion 9b) Enable a Freer Press at Guild Elections</p>	<p>Chair reads accepted amendments to Guild Council.</p> <p>Amendment to motion 9b 'Enable a Freer Press at Guild Elections' 3.7.3. add 'Active members of campaign groups may not be part of Elections Coverage, or participate in comment publications.' – amendment accepted.</p> <p>Amendment to motion 9b 'Enable a Freer Press at Guild Elections' 3.7.2. add 'And may only be published online'</p> <p>3.7.4. add 'This reply should be, where possible, published within 48 hours of the initial article, or, if possible, preferably within 24 hours.'</p> <p>3.7.5. add 'Prior to the publication, both the Returning Officer (and/or their nominated persons) and the candidate will be informed of the article at least 24 hours before release to allow time to formulate a response or reply.'</p> <p>3.7.6. add 'No more than 48 hours but preferably 24 hours of them being supplied. – amendment accepted.</p> <p>James Phillips (Media Miniforum) spoke for the motion.</p> <p>Jack Mably (VPHC) spoke against the motion.</p> <p>Procedural Motion for another round of speeches proposed by James Phillips (Media Miniforum). 5 voting cards shown. Objection raised by Wadim Wesolek (VPAD).</p> <p>James Phillips (Media Miniforum) spoke in favour of procedural motion.</p> <p>Wadim Wesolek (VPAD) spoke against procedural motion.</p> <p>Moved to vote on procedural motion to have another round of speeches before questions.</p> <p>65% For, 35% Against</p> <p>Moved to additional round of speeches.</p> <p>James Phillips (Media Miniforum) spoke for the motion.</p> <p>Poppy Wilkinson (President) spoke against the motion.</p>	

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	<p>Eleanor Keiller (Women's Open Place) asked a question.</p> <p>Sabrina Dougall (No constituency) responded.</p> <p>Eleanor Keiller (Women's Open Place) asked a question.</p> <p>Joe McDowell (Media Miniforum) responded.</p> <p>Eleanor Keiller (Women's Open Place) asked a question.</p> <p>Chair reads an accepted amendment to Guild Council.</p> <p>Amendment to motion 9b 'Enable a Freer Press at Guild Elections'</p> <p>Remove 3.7.5 – amendment accepted</p> <p>Rachel O'Brien (CAO) asked a question.</p> <p>Joe McDowell (Media Miniforum) responded.</p> <p>Joe Harrison (Student Staff Venues) asked a question.</p> <p>James Phillips (Media Miniforum) responded.</p> <p>Chames Zaimeche (DAMSA) asked a question.</p> <p>Poppy Wilkinson (President) responded.</p> <p>Chames Zaimeche (DAMSA) clarified their question.</p> <p>Jack Mably (VPHC) responded.</p> <p>Poppy Wilkinson (President) asked a question.</p> <p>James Phillips (Media Miniforum) and Sabrina Dougall (No constituency) responded.</p> <p>POC asked by Joe Harrison (Student Staff Venues). James Phillips (Media Miniforum) clarified.</p> <p>Eleanor Keiller (Women's Open Place) asked a question.</p> <p>Molly Browne (VPSN) asked a question.</p> <p>James Phillips (Media Miniforum) responded.</p> <p>POI Rachel O'Brien (CAO) given.</p>	

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	<p>Rosie Booth (LGBTQ) asked a question.</p> <p>Joe McDowell (Media Miniforum) responded.</p> <p>Dwayne Spiteri (Physics & Astronomy) asked a question.</p> <p>James Phillips (Media Miniforum) responded.</p> <p>Frankie Greenwell (VPW) asked a question.</p> <p>POI given by Joe McDowell (Media Miniforum).</p> <p>James Phillips (Media Miniforum) responded.</p> <p>Chris Wilkinson (Liberty Court RA) asked a question.</p> <p>James Phillips (Media Miniforum) responded.</p> <p>Amendment to motion 9b 'Enable a Freer Press at Guild Elections'</p> <p>3.7.7 amend to add 'the candidate' to the following sentence 'The returning officer as well as the relevant candidate may accept or decline a publication.' – amendment rejected.</p> <p>Eleanor Keiller (Women's Open Place) spoke for the amendment.</p> <p>James Phillips (Media Miniforum) spoke against the amendment.</p> <p>Moved to vote to approve amendment;</p> <p>43% For, 57% Against</p> <p>Amendment not approved.</p> <p>Moved to vote to approve motion 9b</p> <p>55% For, 39% Against, 6% Abstain.</p> <p>Motion Approved.</p>	
<p>Motion 9c) Tax Responsibility</p>	<p>Alex Deam (Mature Students) spoke for the motion.</p> <p>Chames Zaimeche (DAMSA) spoke against the motion.</p> <p>Wadim Wesolek (VPAD) asked a question.</p> <p>Alex Deam (Mature Students) responded.</p>	

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	<p>POI given by Wadim Wesolek (VPAD).</p> <p>Poppy Wilkinson (President) asked a question.</p> <p>Alex Deam (Mature Students) responded.</p> <p>Procedural motion to pause for an amendment. 5 voting cards shown. No objections.</p> <p>Chames Zaimeche (DAMSA) submits the amendment which is accepted by the motion proposer.</p> <p>Edit – 'Those that engage in extreme or demonstrative tax avoidance or evasion.'</p> <p>The Chair reads the accepted amendment to council.</p> <p>Vote to approve motion 9c</p> <p>69% For, 28% Against, 3% Abstain.</p> <p>Motion Approved</p> <p>ACCESS BREAK</p>	
<p>Motion 9f) Hustings</p>	<p>Deputy Chair steps down.</p> <p>Alex Deam (Mature Students) spoke for the motion.</p> <p>Daniel Longhorn (Tennis Court RA) spoke against the motion.</p> <p>Chames Zaimeche (DAMSA) asked a question.</p> <p>Procedural motion to move to another round of speeches. 5 voting cards. No objections.</p> <p>Alex Deam (Mature Students) spoke for the motion.</p> <p>Daisy Lindlar (No Constituency) spoke against the motion.</p> <p>Chames Zaimeche (DAMSA) asked a question.</p> <p>Daisy Lindlar (No Constituency) responded.</p> <p>Alex Deam (Mature Students) asked a POC. Jack Mably (VPHC) responded.</p>	

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	<p>Hayley Graham (Women's Association) asked a question.</p> <p>Chames Zaimeche (DAMSA) responded.</p> <p>Joe Armer (VPE) POC.</p> <p>Chris Forster (Disabled Students) asked a question.</p> <p>Jess Levy (Tennis Courts RA) responded.</p> <p>Alex Deam (Mature Students) asked a question.</p> <p>Hayley Graham (Women's Association) responded.</p> <p>Chames Zaimeche (DAMSA) responded.</p> <p>Jess Levy (Tennis Court RA) asked a question.</p> <p>POI given by Daniel Longhorn (Tennis Court RA)</p> <p>Procedural motion to go to a vote proposed by Joe Harrison (Student Staff Venues). 5 voting cards shown. No objections.</p> <p>Vote to approve motion 9f: 35% For, 58% Against, 8% Abstain.</p> <p>Motion not approved.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>	