# Executive Meeting

## Date: 10th June 2020 Time: 2pm

## Location:

Members: Vice-President Education, Alpha Jallow (AJ), Communities Officer, Ashlea-Jayne Mallett (AJM), Diversity Officer, Paula Couto (PC)

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

Apologies: Guild Manager, Sarah Kerton (SK)

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| 1 | PC introduced the meeting. RL was not present in the meeting as from 9th July, he was furloughed from the Guild of Students. |
| 2 | AJM noted the conflict of being part of a society committee next year. |
| 3 | The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. |
| 4 | COB updated the executive on the action log. COB and SK gave an update to the executive on society elections and the progress of each group.  SK noted some consideration would need to go to student groups that would typically do face-to-face contact activity such as sports teams. It could be possible that societies had a free membership model in the first semester to grow community and engagement.  SK advised that most activity would need to be outdoors for societies unless there are small groups and all students will need to follow social distancing rules.  The Executive also approved the BLM statement. |
| 5 | There were no new societies to authorise. |
| 6 | There were no society funding proposals. |
| 7 | SK suggested that the by-laws are discussed at Trustee Meeting rather than in the Executive. This meeting would be hosted on 19th June 2020. |
| 8 | The final sign-off of the society constitution will happen via e-mail and has been edited by SK. |
| 9 | SK gave an update on UUK and NUS’ line regarding university campuses being open. Both organisations have asked for feedback from Students’ Union’s and there was an opportunity for the Guild to feed into this. AJM noted it would depend on different student priorities as to when campus should open for them and how they might engage with it. AJ noted that Universities were a place with a lot of contact, and it could be dangerous for campuses to be open without a vaccine.  SK highlighted a potential for an increase in rules and regulations from the University as well as from the government.  Regarding tuition fees, the University will be held to a high standard of scrutiny in terms of value for money and so a big part of the Guild’s work will be quick and efficient feedback.  The executive agreed that we need to manage the risk of leaving people behind that live in vulnerable households or are vulnerable themselves.  SK noted the importance of executive officers as supporting the University in managing their reputational risk.  Action 9.0: Ask the University for the plan in place for if a student gets COVID-19. |
| 10 | AJM updated the Executive on the RISE document that is being created by the University as well as the opportunities for online engagement and community building. COB noted that she would lead on the development of a fresher’s plan.  SK noted that AJM and PC would be engaged within this process as trustees rather than as executives. COB advised that all trustees joined the Young Trustees Movement to benefit from the network and connections with other trustees across the country. |
| 11 | NUS have a letter to the treasury that they have asked all Students’ Union’s to sign as well as lobbying the University to potentially sign too. It outlines demands to the Government about additional hardship funds for students, debt relief for home students and a targeted relief package for further training and skills training. It outlines that students do not have government support now whereas people in unemployment or on furlough now are governed under current government support.  AJM asked for some more information and advice for students that may be on deferral now and at what point might there be a fee charge related to this.  The Executive signed this document and COB suggested a conversation was had with the officer elects to see if they are interested in signing up. |