

Executive Meeting

Date: 15th May 2020 Time: 3pm

Location: Online

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

In Attendance: Guild Manager, Sarah Kerton (SK), Representation and Advocacy Coordinator, Cassie O'Boyle (COB)

Item	Title
1	RL introduced the meeting.
2	There were no conflicts of interest declared.
3	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on 6 th May 2020 by AJM and PC.
4	The action log was updated.
5	There were no new societies to approve.
6	There were no society finance requests to approve.
7	<p>PC asked about societies that might want to start in January. SK confirmed that societies would be supported to develop starter budgets. AJM asked if funding raised by a society could be carried over to the next year, SK confirmed that funding raised by the society could be carried over, but no Guild funds could be transferred to the next year. Regarding leftover funding at the end of the year, SK confirmed that a % would relate to the fundraising and society spend.</p> <p>There is an expectation that societies will support themselves financially and that the Guild could subsidise some costs, but not all. The Executive noted that there was strategic value in Course Based Societies and Liberation groups and so they would be given full subsidies. The executive agreed that the system being fair was a priority, however, there would need to be some review of the current funding mechanism.</p> <p>SK noted the financial decisions would be being made by the Societies Forum.</p> <p>COB updated the Executive on the plans for the training and development of societies over the summer period.</p> <p>AJM noted the importance of having a document that was easy for societies to read and understand.</p>

	<p>AJM suggested a failsafe was built into the budget to ensure that societies were not able to overspend.</p> <p>SK added that potentially fundraising that had not been met would have to come out of the second semester society budget.</p> <p>The Executive agreed that the Guild would not give advances on fundraising. Societies would only have access to the funding that they have been given by the Guild.</p> <p>AJ asked how the Guild would respond if students wanted to receive refunds because they were not receiving a service. SK noted that we needed to keep an eye on this moving forward but that we should encourage student groups to walk before they start running.</p> <p>SK asked whether the Executive wanted the CBS to attend Education Forum or the Societies Forum.</p> <p>AJM and RL agreed that all societies should be kept together. Funding within the Societies Forum could be divided up into different areas and the societies forum still has control over the funding for CBS and liberation but with the rules that CBS and liberation still must be free. SK noted that it would be great to see a collective responsibility to drive the student community to engage. The Executive agreed that the funding decisions should all be values based.</p>
8	There was no additional business.