

Executive Meeting

Date: 22nd April 2020 Time: 2pm

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	PC introduced the meeting. There were no apologies.
2	No conflicts of interest were declared.
3	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. AJM abstained from approval as she was not present at the previous meeting.
4	The action log was updated. In relation to Freshers, SK noted that nobody knows what they are planning on doing regarding freshers. SK is attending a meeting next week to discuss this further with other CEOs. The Executive noted that it is unlikely Freshers would be the same as has always been because of social distancing measures and risk assessments in relation to this.
5	There were no new societies to authorise.
6	There were no society funding requests to approve.
7	COB asked the executive for an update regarding the S.O.S Campaign. The Executive discussed each point of their recommendations individually. 1. All students in UCB halls should not pay rent from 23 rd March – the date lockdown was announced. It was noted that this had been partly achieved after the University had agreed to release students no longer living in the Maltings/Cambrian from their contracts. However, students living in accommodation were still paying the full price. SK suggested we begin to collect stories of students as a campaign tactic. The Executive noted that this had been raised by a student signed letter that had been sent to Accommodation. AJM and PC agreed to respond to this letter and ask the student if there was anything the Guild could do to support them.

2. All students should be safe from eviction, and not have to pay rent for accommodation they cannot make use of.

AJM asked if there was anything more we could be doing to support students in rented accommodation. The Executive agreed to support NUS in their national lobbying which includes work focused on the private rent sector.

4. All UCB students, no matter what they study, should have online access to professional counselling support.

5. All students should have the right to defer without penalty or impact on their studies.

COB noted that this was an option for students, however, they were being advised that this had been defined by the University as the last resort. However, this is currently with penalty. COB noted that some students had been contacting the University regarding this. RL asked that COB followed up with these students to check in with them. RL suggested that a meeting with Kim from Registry and Stephen Wordsworth may be beneficial.

6. All students should be guaranteed the grade they have achieved so far and should not get a lower grade for this semester.

7. Students should be able to finish their course if they are able to and UCB should prioritise these students.

8. Students should be provided with high quality support and guidance to be able to make these decisions effectively.

9. All student staff should be furloughed, and the university should pay 100% of their wages.

AJ asked that we ask for clarification from the University about their numbers of student staff.

10. The University should be transparent about the uncertainty of our current situation with students, and give clear and regular up to date information

11. The University should ensure all graduation ceremonies are delayed until such time as they can be fulfilled properly, in person.

12. Students should be refunded this semester's tuition fee by the government. They should be eligible for a further semester's fee and maintenance support if they choose to defer.

The Executive noted that for most recommendations, a meeting with Alice Wilby and Paul Doherty would be helpful to hear more about the Universities position and provide them with student feedback.

Action 7.0: PC & AJM to draft response to student written accommodation letter.

	<p>Action 7.1: RL to arrange a meeting with Stephen and Kim to discuss recommendations related to academic experience. This should be scheduled after the meeting with Alice and Paul.</p> <p>Action 7.3: COB to pull out data from NUS research for the Officers to use when meeting with the University</p> <p>Action 7.4: RL to arrange a meeting with Alice and Paul.</p>
8	<p>Accommodation student letter</p> <p>This agenda item was discussed in the 7th item on the agenda.</p>
9	A.O.B