

## Executive Meeting

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020, Time: 2pm

Location: Online

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), President, Ross Loveitt (RL)

Item	Title
1	AJM introduced the meeting. Apologies were received from SK and RL.
2	No conflicts of interest were declared.
3	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4	The action log was updated in the meeting. AJM asked for a visual way of representing our progress on the campaign.
5	There were no new societies to be approved.
6	There were no society budgets to approve. The Executive discussed the costume request from Cheer. The Executive discussed that it was not possible to stop Cheer attending the trip. However, the Executive agreed to provide Cheer with the information regarding our insurance and COVID-19 so that they were able to make their own decisions. The Executive agreed that they will be supported to use their funding as soon as they safely can.
7	<p>The Executive discussed the COVID-19 policy:</p> <p>The Executive agreed adjustments should be made to the rent payments of students that are staying in halls. This should be reduced because they are not receiving the experience that they signed up to when they moved to the Maltings or to Cambrian. It was noted that most staff are student staff that are not being paid in cash but with a reduced rent package.</p> <p>The Executive agreed to give the University feedback regarding return of keys. That it is not safe to attempt to return keys to the University and that contracts should be cancelled regardless, and keys should be returned.</p> <p>The Executive asked for RL to update the Executive on the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the policy regarding private rent.</p>

	<p>Regarding counselling, the Executive agreed the Guild needed more information on what the current situation with counselling was.</p> <p>The Executive noted that the deferral was under normal circumstances and was only being made available for students that could not continue their course in the ways provided by the University. The Executive agreed this was not acceptable and a penalty free option should still be made.</p> <p>The Executive agreed that students should not be able to achieve a lower grade than they on average would have achieved.</p> <p>The Executive agreed that the 7<sup>th</sup> point had been agreed by the University.</p> <p>AJM noted that there was serious concern for student's welfare now more than ever.</p> <p>AJ had contacted Hired regarding furloughing of students. Hired said they were in contact with senior management about furloughing staff. AJ agreed to lead on this area of the policy.</p> <p>Regarding the 10<sup>th</sup> point of the policy, the Executive agreed there was still problems with the communication from the University and this should be addressed.</p> <p>The Executive asked for an update from RL regarding lobbying the government to pay tuition fees.</p> <p>The Executive agreed an e-mail should be sent to the University to follow up on the above and to ask that the Guild be invited to meetings that the University discuss and strategize regarding COVID-19.</p>
8	There was no additional business.