# Executive Meeting

## Date: 1st March 2022, Time: 5pm

## Location: Moss House

Members: President, Alice Young, Diversity Officer, Leilani Courtney

In Attendance: Guild Director, Sarah Kerton (SK), Membership Services Manager, Cassie O’Boyle (COB)

Apologies: Vice-President, Blessing Osasogie

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| Item | Title |
| 1 | AY introduced the meeting. Apologies were received from BO. |
| 2 | No conflicts of interest were declared. |
| 3 | The minutes of the previous meeting were tabled for the next meeting. |
| 4 | AY presented the open letter to Universities UK. This has been pulled together by the President group chat and had a member of NUS in attendance. The Executive discussed the letter and noted that they need to consider the next steps of negotiation between UUK and the Presidents group. The Officers agreed that for the Guild this would be NUS and having their support would be important but understood that other Union’s may not want to be included in the work with NUS.  The Executive Officers also agreed to send amendments to the letter. The Executive Officers agreed that it may be a good idea to do a letter from the West Midlands.  AY has had a conversation with Alice Wilby and the University is already providing support to all affected students and has agreed that the Guild can signpost onto AW directly.  **Action/Decision:** AY agreed to contact the West Midlands Students’ Union’s to discuss a regional response to the conflict in Ukraine. |
| 5 | LC has picked up the Awarding Gap plan on behalf of the Guild and has amended the action plan.  LC presented that she has added additional actions to the plan including launching the cultural calendar, culture day, an event for mental health for black students and relevant liberation forums.  The Executive agreed they should begin to plan to launch a Cousins scheme at UCB where older students would provide guidance to newer students. |
| 6 | This part of the agenda was confidential. |
| 7 | There was no additional business. |