



## Minutes

The first Joint meeting of Guild Council **THURSDAY 17th May 2007**  
in the Council Chamber, the Guild of Students

### **Laura Morris and Tom Hyner**

The Committee of Independent Chairpersons

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In attendance:

Alexander Wright  
Adam Szasz  
Alan Johnson  
Benjamin Grunberg  
Brigid Jones  
Charmian Werren  
Christopher Wood  
David Bodansky  
Edward Nathan  
Edward Sparkes  
Fabian Guy Neuner  
Graham Carter  
Hannah Lazell  
Jack Hargreaves  
Jessica Blaynee  
John Ritchie

Josh Bloom  
Judith Cherkoff  
Mat Keys  
Neil Boonin  
Paloma Sackman  
Paul McMaster  
Peter Lloyd  
Rhea Keehn  
Richard Charlton  
Sarah Bolt  
Thomas Goff  
Thomas Brown  
Tom Marley  
Tom Guise  
Will Stevens

African Caribbean  
Catholic  
Civil Engineering  
Comac  
Computer and Video Games  
Conservative Future  
Darts  
Duke of Edinburgh  
Film  
Freshers Off Campus  
Guild Musical Theatre Group  
Jewish  
Labour Students

Liberal Democrats  
Links  
Local Government Society  
Muay Thai Boxing  
Niteline  
Niteline  
Paintball  
Photographic  
Purple Mermaid Circus  
Real Ale Appreciation  
Rock  
Science Fiction and Fantasy

Debating  
Debating  
LGBT  
LGBT  
Postgraduate and Mature Students

Redbrick  
Redbrick  
Student Advice  
Student Advice

Elgar Court  
Hunter Court  
Queens Hospital Close

Tennis Courts  
The Beeches

# AGENDA

Chaired by **Laura Morris**

Presentation on University restructure by Les Clarke Pro Vice Chancellor with responsibility for Estates; Tracey Lancaster Deputy Director of Marketing and Dr Jonathan Nicholls Registrar & Secretary.

## **1. Starring of the Agenda and approval of the Executive's Recommendations and all unstarred business from Sub-Quorum**

Starred items 1, 2, 3e, item4. all of 5 item 5b3 not happening; item 6 a, b, f, g, h,

Please note n part 1 was dealt with last meeting in sub quorum.

Other items follow Executive recommendation

## **2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Guild Council held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007**

Joseph Brewer I wasn't at last Guild Council representing Conservative Future

My name is Mark Danks, Anime Mange not Mark Richards

Minutes were carried

## **3. Ratifications**

<b>What this is</b>	<b>What you need to do</b>
Any decisions made on behalf of Guild Council need to be ratified. These are normally motions passed while Guild Council had between 25 and 49 councillors present and elections for specific officers held outside of Guild Council	Look over the decision and make sure you agree, if not raise an objection when the Chair moves to this item.

- a) Motion: Academic feedback  
Sub-quorum **Approved** (simple majority)
- b) Motion: Alternative Prospectus  
Sub-quorum **Approved** (simple majority)
- c) Motion: E-learning  
Sub-quorum **Approval** (simple majority)
- d) Motion: Wireless Internet Access  
Sub-quorum **Approval** (simple majority)
- e) Motion: Guild Councillor Training  
Sub-quorum **Approval** (simple majority)

Procedural Motion to move this to after the elections

Simon Menashy Speech for Procedural Motion – the proposers have just arrived and need some time to prepare.

No speech against

Procedural Motion approved

- f) Motion: Vale Lakeside Path  
Sub-quorum **Approval** (simple majority)
- g) Motion: Make Child Poverty History  
Sub-quorum **Approval** (simple majority)
- h) Motion: Fresh Parade  
Sub-quorum **Referred to Student Activities Exec**
- i) Motion: Intervol Constitution  
Sub-quorum **Referred to Student Activities Exec**
- j) Motion: Exec absences and reports  
Sub-quorum **Question was not put**
- k) Motion: Signage and Enforcement of no-smoking  
Sub-quorum **Referred to Resources Committee**
- l) Motion: Housing Accreditation  
Sub-quorum **Approved** (simple majority)
- m) Motion: Academic Life Membership  
Sub-quorum **Approved** (absolute majority)
- n) Motion: Use of Display Boards  
Sub-quorum **Option 1 fell**

#### **Committee Election Ratifications**

- o). LGBT Committee tabled

**All others passed**



#### **4. Reports, questions, communications, and suggestions**

- a) Report from President on Progress of Guild Council Resolutions extant

A report has been tabled on one particular motion as President thought Guild Council might like to be able to take this away

Report approved

Procedural Motion to move item 6 g to before officer reports

James Bowes speech in favour of Procedural Motion

Last Guild Council a member of exec was let of a censure after not putting forward 3 reports. This motion would allow.

Simon Howard LGBT speech against Procedural Motion

I think this would be a bad idea as it would mean 1 strike and you are out and that is harsh. Surely a censure should be for a serious offence not just submitting a report – shouldn't a censure have more value.

Procedural Motion carries

Motion 6 g)

Elaine Bagshaw Lib Dems

I think the motion now it has been amended is much fairer and should be supported by Guild Council

Simon Howard LGBT Speech against motion

This year has seen quite a bit of change with censures. A censure used to mean someone had done something really wrong but now you can get censured if you submit a report 2 minutes late – is that what a censure is meant to be?

Paul McMaster Catholic Point of Information

Remember this motion only allows Guild Council to choose but doesn't force them

Simon Howard LGBT Speech against continued

Does the punishment of censure fit the crime

Sarah Bolt Law Post Grad

If it is allowed then the punishment fits the crime

Simon Howard LGBT Officer speech against continued

It only fits on that basis because of the changes GC have made

Frances Norris Student Advice

I agree Guild Council have been given more powers this year but I feel we have used them wisely

Questions on the motion:

Sarah Bolt Law Post Grad

If this motion goes through is it retrospective

Independent Chair

If this is passed now it is deemed to be policy from this point forward.

Elaine Bagshaw Lib Dem Speech in summation

I think we need to do this to hold officers to account more and not wait until they have 6 censures. Please vote in favour as it needs an absolute majority to get through.

Motion carries

b) Reports:

a. Executive Officers

Reports not received from Ethical and Environmental Officer, Community Action Officer, International Students Officer, Disabled Students Officer, Black & Minority Ethnic Student Officer & LGBT Officer

There is a commendation for Vice President Housing And Community in Presidents report in recognition of her achievement in bringing housing accreditation to Birmingham. I remember talking to Stuart Mathers as Community Officer about a scheme he thought would be great to accredit housing in Selly Oak

Fabian Guy Neuner Resident Executive Committee wish to commend Sally Hinchley Vice President Housing And Community too to say thank you for being amazing. Resident Association committee rose from 3 to 7 people this year – we now have over 90 elected reps, we have great training, Freshers Off Campus Society are amazing, work with private halls is astounding with them taking on the mentor and Resident Association schemes, Resident Association constitution that has passed tonight. This year was very difficult with students living in hotels, Manor House closing, Eden tower being thrown out. Never have we had a Vice President Housing And Community do such a great job. Thank you.

Sally Hinchley Vice President Housing And Community was presented with flowers

Guild Council approved 2 commendations for Vice President Housing And Community

Questions on reports:

Joseph Brewer Darts

I thought to celebrate the reports I would ask officers questions but I notice 2

Sabbaticals aren't here but can I ask

President can you update us on branding the guild?

Vice President Finance and Services what are her views on discipline

President Housing And Community can I enquire on her attempts to get more people to read her report

Vice President Academic Quality and Access well done in Leicester can he give us his thoughts on the result in Birmingham

Vice President Student Activities and Development could you tell us what Student Activities Executive Committee are discussing

President

We have reported to Guild Council previously – we use BUGS as an acronym but it isn't how our students know us so we are seeking to rebrand the Guild to make us more member focussed. There is a Facebook group discussing this issue. A decision will be made before the end of this term to be rolled out over summer and live for welcome week next year

Vice President Finance and Services

Discipline is being looked at in the guild due to the Guild having so many different disciplinary process for staff; officers; students – we are looking at several other unions; NUS and voluntary sector organisations. Members of constitution committee – Braphus Kaalund & Frances Norris are looking at this work.

Vice President Housing And Community

I am delighted to tell you that 14 people read my report this week

Vice President Academic Quality and Access

Thank you for your congratulations I will say about Birmingham it was a shame some of our own guild members who stood as candidates not win. I think it would be great for our students to stand and be elected as candidates in next year's local elections.

Vice President Student Activities and Development

Student Activities Executive discuss grant allocation & the criteria; approve society constitutions; role of standing societies and associations and how the guild supports them

Please note that the tabled document from Peter Mason Vice President Academic Quality and Access is in addition to his report and if you approve the reports you are approving the nominations this contains.

All received reports were approved

Sally Hinchley Vice President Housing And Community Speech in defence of motion of censure for Ethical and Environmental Officer

Guild Council, he is probably one of our best and most productive Non-Sabbaticals in terms of his environmental work and vale festival. The last resources agreed the new environmental policy for the Guild that Nick has been part of writing. I don't think Guild Council should censure him at this time

Censure fell

Gary Hughes President Speech in defence of motion of censure for Community Action Officer

Yes we have been here before with Ryan Giddings but he has engaged with the Guild really positively to ensure the Guild can support this Non-Sabbatical position must more productively in the future and is being active in the handover to the new Community Action Officer.

Paul McMaster History 2 speech for censure of Community Action Officer

I accept the Guild may have some responsibility in this but all other officers have managed to submit 1 report – most have submitted all. He knows Guild Council are not happy with him and he still hasn't submitted much at all. If you see Laura's report it is 2 lines but show's she still respects Guild Council. We have no idea what Ryan is doing so I think we have to censure him.

Ryan Giddings Community Action Officer was censured for not submitting this report

This now triggers a vote to remove from office.

Tom Marley History 2 Speech against removal from office

We often hear the Executive Committee defending each other however I want to do this as a Guild Councillor. I think the Guild must take responsibility for not engaging him in this role as Community Action Officer. If we remove him from officer then are we saying to students that if you don't engage with us we are going to cut you off? If we are serious about engaging students should we do this?

Shaz Greene Purple Mermaid Speech in favour of removal from office

We have not seen Ryan Giddings at a single Guild Council or received a single report but we have had many people speaking on his behalf – we did not elect him or them to do that. I think he has failed Guild Council in his role as Community Action Officer. He is still very active in theatre – playing several roles this year but has not found time to attend 1 Guild Council.

Ryan Giddings was removed from office as Community Action Officer

Sally Hinchley Vice President Student Activities and Development

Speech against censure for International Student Officer

Tomi Ashiru-Balogun hasn't been involved much lately but did instigate an amazing multi cultural week. I would also ask you to look around the chamber to see how many of you are international students so how many of you would have actually seen her work?

Tom Brown Business Speech in favour of censure for International Student Officer

I am fed up of hearing the excuses of exams & deadlines – we have them too and we are here

Censure falls for International Student Officer

Alana Tooze Muay Thai Boxing Speech against censure for Disabled Students Officer

He has done lots of work this year and I think he has been disillusioned that others don't get censured for not putting in reports so has put his course first

James Bowes Disabled Students Officer Speech for censure for Disabled Students Officer

I could use the excuse of exams but when others do that it doesn't impress me so that would be hypocritical. I knew what I was supposed to do; I didn't so censure me if you want to.

Censure falls for Disabled Students Officer

Sabrina Francis Vice President Finance and Services Speech against censure for Black and Minority Ethnic Students Officer

I am speaking for Jennifer due to the huge amount of work she has done for example she managed to turn 7 Black and Minority Ethnic students into 200 at an abolition of slavery event; we have Birmingham poet laureate in the Guild; we have active Black Minority and Ethnic Guild Councillors; I think this year has been an amazing success for Black Minorities Ethnic students. She isn't here to day as she is representing Birmingham students at a conference this weekend

Paul McMasters Catholic Speech for censure for Black and Minority Ethnic Students Officer

I am delighted the Black and Minority Ethnic Students Officer is doing this work but she hasn't told us so how would we know? Also this isn't the 1<sup>st</sup> time she hasn't submitted a report. She needs to tell us she is doing her work.

Censure falls for Black and Minority Ethnic Students Officer

Simon Howard LGBT Officer Speech in defence of censure for LGBT Officer

2 Guild Councillors I beat a vote to remove me from office and I agreed to get on with my LGBT Officer work. For the last Guild Council I submitted a report a day late and was censured. This time I didn't submit a report because I am suffering from depression and am seeking mitigation for my course. I have been doing work and am trying to promote LGBT Officer work. I am trying to do the job I was given. Sorry I haven't submitted a

report and for that you can censure me but I think I have done the best that I can to fulfil the promise I gave to you Guild Council.

Sarah Bolt Law Post Grad Speech in favour of censure for LGBT Officer

Once again the LGBT Officer hasn't made a report and we don't know what he is doing. I am sorry he is suffering from personal issues but we need to know what he is doing. We only ask for a 2 minute email we all have deadlines at the moment.

Censure falls for LGBT Officer

b. Executive Committee

Report approved

c. Observers to Resources comments on Resources Committee report

Tom Marley History 2 Question to Convenor

How do you feel resources you are happy with how resources committee have progressed and have you had all the relevant information

David Borland Convenor to the Observers of Resources

We have had some issues but we have discussed them and resolved them it is more about content

**Observers to Resources comments on Resources Committee Report approved**

Observers to Resources comments on Resources Committee Report 22 Feb report

Vote to approve those sections recommended for approval by Observers – carried

David Borland Convenor to the Observers of Resources Speech to refer this section of the report back

The observer asked for a report on the proportion of sales compared to percentage of student population to compare

Gary Hughes President Speech against referring this section

Resources committee have been provided with information that we are the 25<sup>th</sup> highest seller in the UK of NUS Xtra cards but there are many variables for example Coventry University bought all of their 1<sup>st</sup> years an NUS Xtra card. Members of resources were happy with the information they were provided.

That section of the report was referred back

d. Observers to Resources comments on Resources Committee report  
March 27<sup>th</sup>

c. Opportunity for Questions, and Suggestions

Catherine Goode Computer Video Games

I have had an email recently saying 24 May we have an all guild event this means Community Video Games will not be able to access the Guild on that night. If the guild isn't following its own procedures where is Community Video Games going to go?

Gary Hughes President

The communication I have put in front of you is the best that we can do. We apologise to Community Video Games.

Ruth Wadsworth Student Activities and Development

I believe it has only happened to you

Tom Brown Darts

There was a motion from darts at the last Guild Council that required you to write a letter has this been done?

Ruth Wadsworth Student Activities and Development

Sorry I can't give you a definite answer as Hannah P has been mandated to do it

Sarah Bolt Law Post Grad

Can I suggest that as President you don't pick our individuals in your report like you have Stephen Heywood

Gary Hughes President

100's of people voted for Stephen Heywood to attend NUS conference, the Guild paid for his attendance and with no notice at all he did not attend. We have spent time holding Executive Committee to account I do not believe it is unacceptable to do the same with an NUS delegate. I do not apologise for naming him in the report.

Joseph Brewer Darts

Question to Disabled Students Officer – do you have anything you would like to say?

Question to Vice President Finance Services – there is a guild rebranding exercise going on and over the past years one has been going on in Plymouth. Plymouth put the decision to the people of Portsmouth – why isn't the Guild doing this?

Vice President Finance Service sorry I am not familiar with the Portsmouth situation however currently we are not at the decision stage and people will be consulted throughout the process. As elected officers we are making the decision as we were elected to do

Question to Vice President Academic Quality Academic – I asked him 2 Guild Council's ago and asked him about top up fees and he said he wasn't aware of the impact they have had on students from lower socio economic groups. His campaign is that 17,000 students would be missing from Higher Education due to top up fees. The facts are that there are an additional 20,000 this year. Are you in favour of access or against top up fees as I don't think you can be both?

Vice President Academic Quality and Access I think it is incredible that the previous Chair of Conservative Future suggesting he has policy on Higher Education funding when clearly his party does not. If you live in the West midlands 26% go into Higher Education when the national average is above 40% so is access to he fair I think the answer is no

Can I challenge a quote in Core that says that 5000 votes have been cast in Guild elections this year and that is more than in local elections – well 5000 is cumulative for those Guild elections and local elections are 1. I can offer statistics that show that is a lie

Joseph Roberts Real Ale

We are hoping to hold a beer, wine & cider festival for RAG week – what type of cider would the Executive Committee like to see?

Gary Hughes President

Perry or dry

Fabian Guy Neuner Social Sciences

We know that 2 delegates did not go to national conference. Did they send apologies and if they did not will there be any consequences

Garry Hughes President

We had apologies from Adam Glass and we agreed he wouldn't be able to attend. As I was a day late attending conference due to attending Resources committee that made me able to fill Stephen Heywood's position. The consequences will be that Stephen Heywood will not be able to represent Birmingham at NUS events again.

## 5. Elections

- a) Officers of the Guild
  - i. By-election for Independent Chairperson for session 06/07.

Nominations

Peter Lloyd

Thomas Brown

RON

Procedural Motion to suspend standing order 16.3.2 and 16.3.2.1

Josh Bloom Humanities Speech in favour of Procedural Motion  
It would be quicker and doesn't need to be secret

Tom Brown Business Speech against Procedural Motion  
Would be thoroughly embarrassing

Procedural Motion carries

Peter Lloyd was duly elected Independent Chairperson for session 2006/07

- ii. Election for Independent Chairpersons for session 07/08.  
Requirements: 3 full members (secret ballot)

Need a temporary chair to chair for this election ONLY

Martin Shapland  
Peter Lloyd  
Alana Tooze  
Tom Brown  
Sarah Bolt  
RON

Procedural Motion that the question be put  
Richard Charlton Psychology 2 Speech for procedural motion  
Can we just get on with this please it is quarter to nine and we still haven't started on the motions and I have an exam tomorrow?

No speech against Procedural Motion

Procedural Motion passes

Peter Lloyd was duly elected Independent Chairperson for this election

Peter Lloyd took over as chair at this point

Nominations  
Fabian Hyner  
Hannah Lazell  
Peter Mason  
Will Stephens  
Laura Morris  
Josh Miller  
Thomas Brown  
RON

Procedural Motion to suspend the standing order to allow questions

Sarah Bolt Law Post Grad Speech in favour of Procedural Motion  
This is the most important election for Guild Council and I think we should be allowed to ask questions of the candidates

Richard Charlton Psychology 2 Speech against Procedural Motion  
It is important but it just isn't fair if not all the candidates and not all the candidates are here

Procedural Motion falls

**William Stevens, Hannah Lazell and Fabain Neuner were duly elected  
Independent Chairperson for session 2007/08**

- iii. Senior Treasurer (secret ballot) Nominations: Cillian Ryan  
Gary Hughes President  
He is the professor of European economic with extensive experience of governance and would be a great asset to Resources Committee

Cillian Ryan was duly elected

iv. Auditor (secret ballot) Nominations: Baker Tilly  
Baker Tilly were approved

b) Committees and sub-committees of the Executive

i. Society Recognition and De-recognition Committee. Requirements: 3  
full members

Nominations  
Simon Menashy  
Richard Charlton  
Steve Streatfield  
Paul McMaster  
Ed Sparks  
Shaz Greene  
RON

Ed Sparkes, Simon Menashy and Steve Streatfield were duly elected to Society  
Recognition & De-recognition Committee

ii. Entertainments Committee. Requirements: 2 full members

Nominations  
Frances Norris  
Simon Menashy  
Aaron Wright  
Tom Brown  
RON

Frances Norris and Simon Menashy were duly elected to Entertainments Committee

Procedural Motion to close the meeting

Sally Hinchley Vice President Housing and Community Speech in favour of Procedural  
Motion to close the meeting

It is the middle of May and mid exams and I am aware that the last Guild Council went  
on until 1am it is also Laura's birthday and we have reached sub quorum so anything we  
need to decide has to be voted on at the next Guild Council anyway

Aaron Wright LGBT speech against Procedural Motion to close the meeting

Most of us have sat here to get to the motions and I think people would be happy to  
stay

Tie for & against so casting vote goes to the President who decided Procedural Motion  
would fall & the meeting would remain open

## 6. Motions

Procedural Motion to change the order paper to discuss motion 6B

Gary Hughes President speech for Procedural Motion

I feel there are a lot of people here who have stayed just for this motion so if we move it  
then we could close afterwards to allow people to focus on their studies.

Charlotte Fairbain REDBRICK Speech against

We have sat here for 4 hours to debate the motions can we just debate the motions

Procedural Motion passed

b) Motion Gender Neutral Toilets

Alex Wright LGBT Officer Elect Speech for

Good evening guild council, so here we are again. Some of you may be having slight  
deja va over the issue of gender neutral toilets. Well the LGBT aren't convinced we  
managed to express properly last time what they are and why they're important so

please look at the motion anew, its not the same text as in December and it warrants your attention. GNTs are not trans-specific toilets solely for use by trans students. They are not unisex facilities replacing male and female facilities. They are a 3<sup>rd</sup> facility void of any gender insignia that any member of the guild choose not to, define in any traditional gender roles and to force them to can be construed as discriminatory. We make allowances for this in guild surveys and feedback, why not in the union building itself? If you look at the motion you'll find text from previous GC motions on trans rights and equality that gives a strong, moral indication towards having GNTs. In fact NUS LGBT conference, held here only a few weeks ago voted unanimously for LGBT students to call for them; for the duration of this conference certain guild toilets were made gender neutral and I assure you the sky did not cave in as a result. If this had not been done for the duration of the conference we would have been simply unable to cater for the needs of all LGBT students. I truly believe that passing this motions makes out guild a more welcoming and open place for trans students.

Similarly this is not a question of money or practicality. When the guild is redeveloped in the next few years there will have to be toilet facilities on all floors. Having one as a gender neutral facility is really no difference to deciding what colour they should be. Likewise, GC, you are not being asked to vote based on proposed cost, location or layout of a GNT, only the principle that having one installed upon redevelopment is the right thing to do. Birmingham should be able to pride itself being a leader in liberation and equality and make GNTs a permanent fixture upon the next redevelopment of the building. LGBT students have shown they want and need this on a national level and we cannot afford to reject this idea again just because it isn't what we're used to. Tonight you are going to hear a lot of joke motions that don't seek to make a positive change for students but right now you have the opportunity tonight to make a real difference. I urge you, vote for this motion.

Amendment to add Guild Council believes 5 accepted

Paul McMaster History 2 Speech against motion

I am not anti this motion and I think it is a much better motion than the one that was previously submitted however I do have some concerns over whether people would really be comfortable to use it and this may lead to discrimination of trans people as they will be more easily identified. I am also anxious that the facility would be misused – I'm not saying trans people are more likely to misuse the facility

Kate Law LGBT

Point Of Information Gender specific toilets are not always used for their exact purpose

Paul McMaster History 2 speech against continued

I am not anti trans or prejudiced I am trying to protect people from being open to more discrimination

2<sup>nd</sup> round of speeches

Aaron Wright LGBT Speech in favour

This toilet is not going to say gender neutral toilet it will just say toilet. Mens toilets are hyper masculine toilets and as a gay man I often feel uncomfortable in those hyper masculine environments. University should be a place of new thinking and new liberation and I think we should be at the forefront of this. If you live in a mixed sex house you have a gender neutral toilet. If you live in a same sex house but a person of the other sex visits then you have a gender neutral toilet. This is also about being sensitive to trans people who may look to the uninitiated as a man in a dress so this is about considering their needs to feel welcome in the Guild

Tom Brown Business Speech against the motion

As a business student I am wondering how many trans people there are at the University and what is the cost of this per head

Point Of Information this isn't about numbers but representation

Point Of Information without

Tom Brown Business speech continued

My 2<sup>nd</sup> point is that these facilities may be abused on a Fab n Fresh night – writing on the wall; I don't believe this will be good for the Guild

Gary Hughes President Point Of Information

In terms of costing to the Guild it could be just about turning a sign

Peter Mason Vice President of Academic Quality and Access Point Of Information  
If the Guild did everything on a business case it wouldn't run the ARC; Job Zone;  
Student groups

Paul McMaster History 2 Speech in abstention

I spoke against originally as I had some concerns but most of them have been abated and this is a much improved motion. I am still concerned about the cost of this and the welfare issues I mentioned earlier so I am going to abstain.

Questions

Simon Menashy Paintball

In practical terms how is a gender neutral different to unisex?

Aaron Wright LGBT

It is the same practically but the terminology of unisex is wrong

Simon Menashy Paintball

How is this going to make any one feel more comfortable if the same other people are using the toilet?

Stuart Bran LGBT

We aren't asking for a set up current male & female toilets but just one cubicle toilet with one access door that was transgender similar to disable toilet facilities

Catherine Good Computer Games

Is it a separate toilet in a separate room or within current toilets?

Aaron Wright LGBT

Ideally something like they have in nightingales would be amazing but it will depend on Guild development plans

Joseph Brewer Darts

Do we know how many trans students there are at Birmingham?

Aaron Wright LGBT

The research suggests 1 in a 100 but the question is not asked directly so we don't know

Gary Hughes President Speech in summation

About 2 years ago as a Non-Sabbatical I wrote the motion this one quotes and I was shaking as I thought I hadn't been clear and had been misunderstood but it was voted through. This isn't about numbers but if there is one student who could be helped with this then surely we should try to help them. This motion is aspirational. It is about providing a place for people to go to the toilet not a sex shop, not a place to abuse but a toilet. Please vote for this motion

Motion passed

Tom Goff Law Speech for Procedural Motion to defer Guild Council training motion to next meeting

No speech against

Procedural Motion Carries

a) Motion: Use of Display Boards  
(Exec Recommendation: Approval)

**Simple Majority**

Ruth Wadsworth Vice President Student Activities and Development Speech in favour  
Procedural Motion to defer to the next meeting

No speech against

Procedural Motion carries

b) Motion: dealt with earlier in the meeting

c) Motion: RA Constitution

**Absolute Majority**

Approved (Exec Recommendation: Approval)

d) Motion: Burn fm. Com refurbishment Simple Majority  
(Exec Recommendation: Approval)

Approved

e) Motion: Time on our Hands Simple Majority  
(Exec Recommendation: Approval)

Approved

f) Motion: GMTG Constitution **Absolute Majority**  
(Exec Recommendation: Starred for discussion)

Procedural Motion the question be put

Stuart Brown LGBT Speech in favour of Procedural Motion that the question be put

They sound like standard changes and I say we just vote it in

Catherine Gode Computer Video Games speech against

I feel there are issues about the webmaster being responsible for updating the website.

Procedural Motion Passed

Motion passed

g) Motion: Moved earlier in the meeting

h) Motion: Society Voting **Simple Majority**  
(Exec Recommendation: Approval)

Charlotte Fairbain REDBRICK Speech for

This is about how we get members engaged to vote in society committee elections –  
how we ensure we are being inclusive; have Independent Chairs to

Gary Hughes President speech in abstention

I didn't like the aspersions the motion cast upon the editorial scheme however I think  
what is being put forward is very complex and does it aid democracy for a candidate to  
run round collecting proxy votes on the run up to the election?

Charlotte Fairbiarn REDBRICK

With Redbrick being an association that means every student can vote for our  
committee – this is about how we can include them.

Motion passed

i) Motion: Walsall **Simple Majority**  
(Exec Recommendation: Rejection)

Proposer & seconder were not present so the motion could not be discussed

j) Motion: Diagnosis of Food Ailments **Simple Majority**  
(Exec Recommendation: Rejection)

Approved

Meeting closed at 22:51