

Guidance

- Your report should be 1000 words or fewer. You should write in all three sections, but it is up to you to decide how much weight to give each section.
- Your report should be submitted one week before the date of each Scrutiny Panel. Completed reports should be emailed to r.nadeem@guild.bham.ac.uk or l.gill@guild.bham.ac.uk
- You will have two minutes at the beginning of each Scrutiny Panel meeting to supplement your report with a verbal update.

Officer:	Matthew Griffin
Date of panel:	9/12/20

Written Statement action plan

This section is for you to track your progress on your written statement priorities, as outlined in your action plan. The “context” section of the document can remain the same for each panel.

Written Statement Item #1	
'Climate Emergency Campaign'	
Context:	This campaign is one of my main focuses and aims for the year- to lobby the university into declaring a climate Emergency. This is crucial given the climate crisis and the campaign will also aim to encourage greater transparency and action at the University, and educate staff and students about the crisis.
Progress:	Planning has continued, especially in the form of building a network of interested students. At the moment I am drafting emails to send to various external individuals requesting support for the campaign

Written Statement Item #2

Written Statement Item #3	
Context: Organise a collaborative Sustainability Working Group	This is one of my main projects that represents an exciting opportunity for students and staff to shop more sustainably
Context:	Awarding the our manifesto to encourage collaboration between the different Sustainability/climate action groups on campus. We then the mobile shop will likely begin in the new year. This meeting is scheduled for 4/02/20
Progress:	Meeting to report since last scrutiny panel, due to how busy members are. However, I have continued to use the Facebook group chat to encourage collaboration, especially in regards to the organisation of Go Green Week. Planning to have another meeting in January.

Role and responsibilities

This section is for you to write about any projects you have been working on or meetings you have been to that you think are of particular importance to your remit.

Meeting / project	Outcome for students
Go Green Week	Planning is ongoing. Begun dialogue with relevant sustainability groups about collaborative events. First event- with Mental Health soc has been agreed!
Sustainability Steering Group (SSG)	Since the last scrutiny panel this group has met once- I attended and voiced my support for support for total divestment
Sustainability Task Group (STG)	This group has not met since the last scrutiny panel meeting

Ideas and policy

This section is for you to report on progress made to ideas and Guild policy that you have been mandated to work on. You only need to update your actions taken. You can also add ideas or policy as they are passed through the year.

Idea / policy	Action taken since last Panel
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<p style="text-align: center;">Installation of Ecosia at the Guild and University</p>	<p>Progress on this has been slow. Struggled to get a reply from the relevant IT people, so have requested Amie (FTO) to email on our behalf.</p>
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Other student issues, meetings or projects to note:

- Event in collaboration with 'Sustainable Water Use Birmingham' scheduled for Thursday the 10th of December at 7pm. The webinar features a talk from Professor David Hannah who is the UNESCO Chair on Water Science. Would welcome the attendance of scrutiny panel members!
- **Reducing Guild Plastic Use-** In discussion with the Guild and the society 'Plastic Free UoB' to phase in reusable cups at sports night and fab events. Following discussions with Guild management, the president of Plastic Free and myself are preparing a report to convince various people at the Guild of its importance and validity.
- **Student Composting-** Working to find a solution for student's to compost food waste. Planning a campaign with BUCV to encourage student's to use the community garden composting facilities. At this point we are awaiting delivery of new compost bins- planning for the campaign to begin in the new year! Also planning a long term, council start up scheme for better composting facilities in Selly Oak.
- **Catering plans- Carbon footprint labelling and Palm Oil Commitment-** Working with James Johnson, who is undertaking a review of catering at University of Birmingham, we have discussed my ideas. The next step is to consider implementation. Planning to push these ideas into Guild policy post-January. Also planning a small-campaign (hopefully with Vegsoc) about going vegan/veggie in 'veganuary'. Also working with a student on the E&E Committee to try and work with the Guild to get Joe's bar to a commitment in its reduction of red meat. Discussions are in their infancy.
- **Encouraging more Sustainable commuting-** Raised this issue at an SSG meeting when discussing new travel plans. Have also ran a successful webinar in collaboration with Sustrans (sustainable travel charity) on air pollution in Birmingham. Planning to introduce better signposting and cycle lanes to connect campus with the cities 'Superhighway'
- **Addressing Fast Fashion-** Planning to make this an element of GO Green Week. Also have the plan to hold a clothes swap in collaboration with Sorcha, Em and Alex. Planning to create a location for easy student donations, as well as continuing to work with 'Hazaar' to promote their sustainable clothes (and other items) swapping app. Recently ensured that Hazaar featured on the University Instagram stories.
- **Biodiversity Working Group-** attend my first meeting of this working group. Important discussions about how to engage staff and students on biodiversity.
- **Hedgehog competition-** as part of a litter picking competition to make university areas better for hedgehog's, I will be litter picking (scheduled for 5/12/20).
- I have played an important role in the launch of two campaigns:

- 1) Fossil Free UoB- as a group we are lobbying the university to divest from fossil fuels. I have arranged a meeting with the person at the University undergoing a review of the University's finances (scheduled for 22/01/21).
 - 2) Undoing Borders UoB- as a group we are lobbying the university to pledge to end hostile borders on campus
- **Sustainable Christmas-** working with 'Plastic Free UoB' and Embrace the waste to create 12 tips for a sustainable Christmas, to go on the University Instagram stories.
 - **Talk-** Delivered a talk to UoB Amnesty International on behalf of Greenpeace about the climate refugee crisis.