

Scrutiny Panel Officer Report 2021/22

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:	George Christian, Sports Officer
Date of panel:	19th January 2022

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.

Changes to UoB Parasports Offering and Disabled Student Sport			
The overall offering from UBSport to students who identify as disabled is lacking.			
Context:	 Details: Promote adaptive and inclusive sports for disabled students. Enable clubs to host disabled student taster sessions and facilitate training. Offer support to students playing with invisible disabilities. Benefit to Students: Clubs are more inclusive to disabled students UoB wins BUCS points in a para-sport event Disabled students feel included Larger and more varies sports offering 		
Progress (03.11.21):	 Have spoken to Imogen Mann (DSO) and to external figureheads of Disabled Sport (e.g. Hannah Webber, UoN Sport) to discuss implementation to UoB and broadening of UoB offering Have created form to gauge opinions of students on the current offer at UoB and how it can be improved – shared with DAMSA, pending share with Fab N Fresh (delaying for optimal uptake) 		

	 Initial plans with club dev team have been formed as to how operationally any changes may look Incorporation of ideas into future UBSport strategy
Progress (12.01.22):	 Set of recommendations for disability sport shared with UBSport SMT, based off Disabled Students Commission Data This is to be supplemented with a survey going out shortly to assess the experience of disabled students within sport at UoB. All major stakeholders within UBSport and Guild have been consulted.

Positive Changes to Club Communications both Public/Front-Facing, and with UBSport

Sports clubs struggle to understand processes within UBSport, do not have an optimal relationship on the whole with UBSport staff, have an altered perception of the Guild of Students, and more can be done to better their public image.

	Details: More club networking and mixed club opportunities Regular officer updates promoting clubs on social media Communicating what the Guild is and provides with Sports Students.
Context:	 Benefit to Students: More streamlined club committees and autonomy, and better relationship with UBSport Better outreach of clubs for recruitment and promotional purposes Ability to use Guild services more widely e.g. employability advice, guild advice
Progress (03.11.21):	 Creation of network for Sports Club Relevant committee members Consultation in usage of UBSport photography ambassadors going forwards PresNet on Thursday 28th – more discussion into practicalities of greater exposure and info on how to take advantage/better social media Encouragement of clubs to attend Brand Identity sessions
Progress (12.01.22):	 Good uptake in some brand identity sessions. Involvement in discussions for BUCS Marketing – encouraging UBSport so share all pictures taken by photographers with respective clubs. Push for more student staff within UBSport (club dev, participation & marketing), which will improve relationship with students overall.

Creating Opportunities for Exercise Welfare Support outside of Sports Clubs

There is an identified gap in signposting to university and Guild welfare resources for students who partake in exercise/fitness/usage of UBSport facilities, but who are not a member of a sports club, yet have a related welfare concern

Context:	 Details: Create opportunities for exercise welfare support outside sports clubs Clarification of sports club welfare officers' role (and possibly the inclusion of an inclusivity officer within that committee position) Benefits to Students: Sport-specific welfare advice signposting delivering students to Guild and University welfare services Leadership opportunities for students taking up positions of responsibility Improved signposting to Guild and University welfare resources which improve general student wellbeing Addition of "and Inclusivity" role into Welfare Officer Role or equivalent change
Progress (03.11.21):	 Consultation with chair of UOBFWS into the importance of role, and their support in idea (as they are most relevant student group) Discussion of club welfare officer role with club development – agreement on it being addressed before AGMs
Progress (12.01.22)	 Discussion between Guild Advice and Club Dev regarding crisis support lines and information being given to sports club committees. Incoming Club Mark system will action many required changes surrounding this.

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.

Text in RED is new for 12.01.22

Meeting / project	Outcome for students
UBSport Meetings (Club Development, Marketing & SMT)	Streamlined operations between students and UBSport. Unchanged.
Drink Spiking	Not getting spiked. As students return, how are the measures sustainable and able to be in place long term (and funded).
Priority Campaign	Implementation of better Mental Health support services. A staff member leaving may significantly impact this campaign.
BRIT Challenge	Chairing of regional steering group for the BRIT Challenge 2022 for West Midlands

	region, and coordination of university activity.
Commonwealth Games	Key member of Staff, Student and Volunteering workstream, part of Local Area Stakeholders group with accommodation services, and key member of Commonwealth Day T&F Group. More involvement anticipated in coming months.

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
	Initiation of green impact scheme with Facilities Manager, management of scheme.
Green Impact	Green Impact has been paused for this year due to the unavoidable departure of two key staff members, with their knowledge being crucial to the project. The focus is now shifting towards preparation for the scheme in 2022/23, with the incoming facilities manager being a key part of discussions in March.

Other student issues, meetings or projects to note:

Sports Ball organisation has started.