

Scrutiny Panel Officer Report 2023/24

Guidance

- There are four sections to this report (1) Roles and Responsibilities, (2) Written Statement (Manifesto) Action Plan, (3) Student Ideas & Policy and (4) Other Student Issues, Meetings or Projects to Note.
- You should write in all four sections, but it is up to you to decide how much you would like to write for each section.
- Your report should be submitted one week before your session. Completed reports should be emailed to Student Voice (studentvoice@guild.bham.ac.uk)
- If you are unable to submit your report on time, please let Jane and Scott know ASAP
- You will have two minutes at the beginning of your meeting slot to provide any further updates verbally

Officer:	Robin Hayward
Date of Panel:	27 th - 28 th February 2024

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.

Please feel free to add extra rows if you need to.

Meeting / Project	Outcome For Students
UoB Counselling Services complaint	After it was raised to me that preferred names given during the referral process were being ignored, I communicated with staff behind the Counselling Services to fix the issue (the issue was due to data protection rules, and the process is to be changed so that preferred names will in future be passed on to those sending triage emails)
LGBTQ+ History Month	I have been communicating with the Guild (am unsure about whether this will happen as of yet) on LGBTQ+ History Month material, as well as planning to release resources by w/c 26th February which I have created, talking about historically important British trans people (dependant on Guild communications)

and previously created resources about
common trans myths

Written Statement (Manifesto) 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.

Please feel free to add extra boxes if you need to.

Written Statement Aim #1	
Gender neutral toilets in the Guild	
Context:	Plans for more accessible gender-neutral toilets in the Guild (ie ones that aren't on the second floor and difficult to find or reach) have been in the works since at least 2020. My aim is for to ensure that plans to introduce more gender neutral toilets are confirmed by the end of my term.
Progress:	An action group was established in December with Dean and Lee to oversee. There hasn't been a meeting since then, and I have been told by Lee he is still gathering quotes, after which we will hopefully meet to progress this.

Written Statement Aim #2		
Regular socials for tra	ns and non-binary students/Guild members	
Context:	As part of an ongoing effort to ensure trans and non-binary students and Guild members are better able to find other trans and non-binary people and a community while at/involved with the University, I want to continue to provide trans and non-binary students/Guild members with safe space socials, open to trans and/or non-binary attendees as well as those who may be questioning their gender identity.	
Progress:	The first of two planned meets this semester went ahead on the 7 th of February, and was incredibly well-attended (25+ attendees – the most I have ever had at a non TDoR social) – my next one will be the 2 nd of March, and I am also planning two one-off socials, specifically a Trans Swim event for which I am enquiring about venues, and a Trans Day of Visibility social which will either take the form of a "pizza and board games" style evening or a meal out.	

Written Statement Aim #3		
Context:	An aim for this year is to properly and continually seek feedback from trans and non-binary students, so that I am (hopefully) capturing a better picture of the aims and wants of the students I represent	
Progress:	I managed to put out an anonymous feedback form as well as reaching out for informal feedback. Uptake on the form was limited, which was expected, but still valuable. Off the back of this effort I have communicated an issue that was raised to me to the University Counselling Services (more later in the report), and am using this to direct my efforts for the one-off socials I plan to run later in the year.	

Student Ideas and Policy

This section is for you to report on progress made on student ideas and policy that you have been allocated from the Guild's decision-making (democratic) process.

You only need to provide updates on your actions.

You can also add ideas or policy as they are submitted throughout the year.

Please feel free to add extra rows to the table if you need to.

You can find a copy of all submitted ideas and policy, including information on who they were allocated to here.

Idea / Policy	Action Taken Since Last Panel

Other Student Issues, Meetings or Projects to Note:

Issue/Meeting/Project	Context/Updates
Statement of solidarity with trans students	This was finally released on the 19 th of February, with (to my knowledge)

	good reception – I believe it would have been more impactful had it been released in November without as much delay but I recognise this was due to circumstances mostly outside mine and the Guild's control.
Conversion therapy ban campaign	I have regrettably not made any meaningful progress on this as of yet