

Scrutiny Panel Feedback

General

- Really nice to see a focus on legacy and long term goals from the PTOs
- It is also good to see collaboration between the PTOs and FTOs, particularly the support the FTOs are giving to the PTOs

President

- We like the multifaceted approach that is being taken with the Black Voices Campaign including the work on best practice within the decolonisation scheme to ensure all colleges are doing the same
- We are happy to see progress from the last meeting regarding the climate emergency and the Guild focusing on their own declaration and they are doing to support this
- We appreciate that representation within the Guild Trustee Board is being looked into and would like further updates

AEO

- We think that Connected Christmas is a great idea to support the student community
- We look forward to seeing the progress that can be made on external memberships and mergers
- We think a handbook for student groups is an excellent idea. Our suggestion would be to speak to different societies to make sure that the breadth of society roles are supported and covered.
- We were incredibly impressed with the AEO's collaboration with PTOs

Sports

- We were impressed at how the officer has taken feedback onboard and got further involved with nutrition. Also how despite a difference in opinion with the Ethical and Environmental officer over red meat they have worked together on a compromise.
- We are aware that changes in Covid restrictions take a lot of the officer's time but encourage them to follow up with the Education officer about sport support.
- The Safe Exercise Scheme sounds like a brilliant scheme and we look forward to seeing more

Postgrad

- We were very impressed with the increase in responses for Postgrad Speak Week
- We are looking forward to see how the feedback can be used to boost the Postgraduate experience
- We think the idea of a calendar which collects Postgraduate events in one place is an excellent idea and look forward to hearing progress made on this idea
- We would to hear more at our next meeting about what is being done by the Uni to support students impacted by the withdrawal of January start dates

International

- We recognise the difficulties in provision of tests for international students at a short notice made this impossible but are encouraged by the officer's pursuit of this as an option for returning students and their work to ensure the students are supported through Connected Christmas
- We have seen evidence of the officer's efforts in really educating the student committee on the EU settlement scheme

Welfare

- When talking about Not-On November the officer suggested there may have been a lower attendance due to the false attribution of sexual assault with nights out or house parties. We would encourage the officer to think about how they can challenge this perception and spread awareness
- We were really encouraged that the officer was taking up the work last year's President had started to support care leavers and look forward to hearing more about their work with care leavers and estranged students

Education

- The education officer has done a great job in communicating student opinion to Library Services
- We look forward to hearing more about the development of the UoB app and changes to scholarships and bursaries in our next meeting

Women's Officer

- Great to get to talk to them in person this Scrutiny panel
- There seems to be a great reaction to all events so far and good engagement.
- We recommend that the use of break out rooms is looked into for the Safe Space events in order to keep them intimate and close-knit despite growing popularity.

LGBTQ+

- It was great to see that the officer is planning ahead for LGBTQ+ History Month and using the support of Guild staff to plan a survey that should help the officer represent and support LGBTQ+ students
- We respect the officer's focus is on studies at the moment but they are still doing plenty of work within their role. We commend the support given from other members of the Guild.

Trans and Non-Binary

- Great to get to talk to them in person and see that the gender-neutral language guide is at the stage of distribution
- Although there was good engagement during Trans Awareness Week, there was no formal feedback received so it would be nice to see a structure for formal feedback next time.
- We look forward to seeing how the release of the pronoun badges goes.

Disabled Student's Officer

- Good work on increasing awareness during Disability History Month especially working with other Guilds across the country
- Think that work to get some Sunflower lanyards at Guild reception is a positive step

Ethical and Environmental

- Commend their commitment to the role: from litter picks to hosting panels, the officer has clearly been dedicating time to his role.
- We look forward to hearing about the responses to the Climate Emergency Campaign and have encouraged the officer to contact a wide range of interested parties from MPs, to local press, to the unions, to the societies at the Guild.
- It is good to hear that work on reusable cups and student composting is ongoing
- We look forward to seeing the progression of the Clean Kilo scheme in the new year

Campaigns

- We did not receive a report from the Campaigns Officer nor did he show up to the Panel. We hope to see him next time.

Ethnic Minority

- We are continually impressed at the work of the officer and enjoyed seeing how many strands of his work are coming together with the ethnic minority networks and careers events
- We are glad to see that engagement has been good at the Careers events. We also really liked the officer's attitude to sharing resources between societies.