

Scrutiny Panel Feedback & Questions

Colour code

- Eloise
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- Jack
- Lucy

Full-Time Officers

President

Due to illness and other reasons the President has informed us that he will deliver a verbal update today - he gave his apologies in advance.

- Given the concerns raised at the All Student Meeting, can you give an update on the situation relating to legal discussions around Kathleen Stock?
- What are you doing, in your role as Guild President and as a member of Appointments Panel, to respond to the failure to seek legal advice, and to ensure that future officer teams will not be met with the same failure?
- How do you plan to prioritise your remaining time as president - what will be your main focuses and goals?
- Given the election of a new guild president for the next academic year, how will you ensure that the handover process is as informative and smooth as possible for your successor to ensure your work can be built on?

Activities & Employability Officer

- Can you please share some of the main feedback reported from students regarding Welcome Week 2021 and Refreshers, how you will ensure it is in place for the next Welcome week and can successfully be carried out by your successor?
- Given the significance and importance of the reclaim movement, what and how will ensure adequate security measures are enforced to make students this event as safe as possible?
- How do you plan on dividing tickets/events for the 'Biggest Gradball Ever' so that there is a cheaper option?
- Have you had any positive talks with other student unions about how to reduce barriers to student groups? Any useful suggestions that you plan to take forward?
- In addition to your work with the International Officer, what else is being done in order to maximise inclusivity during handover training? Are any specific measures being taken to ensure engagement from PSRB students/apprentices?

- At the last panel we discussed how societies can be supported through best-practice knowledge from Give it a Go Fair - Can you explain how this knowledge has been incorporated into your actions/advice to societies since the Fair?
- I have no further questions - would just like to say good work surrounding events and society inclusivity and supporting student groups.

Education Officer

- Please could we have an update on the progress of lobbying the University to drop 'Inclusive by design' approach to implementation of RAP's.
- Consent canvas course - what are the timescales and likelihood of being able to have a replacement designed?
- What inclusivity measures are being pushed for by the Guild to help first-generation University students?
- Outside of work with the Library/student groups, what work is being done with individual colleges/schools to promote inclusive teaching and learning?
- Can you please inform us on the reason behind the delay for the reformed EC and extension launch and is it possible to confirm that this will still go ahead as planned without alteration, even if this coincides with the changing of officers?
- Could you please outline what, if any, support is being put into place and lobbied for by the Guild for students who have been affected by the recent rounds of industrial action?
- Can you please tell us some of the current ideas for the ProFF - the project that will improve student experience for joint honours? Is your impression that the university is on board to try to facilitate these improvements?

International Officer

- Can you provide an update of your work with Guild Advice to support international students with visa issues following the last report?
- What specific barriers to sport provision for international students have been identified, and how would you prioritise these in terms of planning future action?
- Given the horrific events that we are currently witnessing in Ukraine, and the fantastic response we witnessed on the first charity collection, are you planning to host this again?
- How are you/how are you planning to work with societies/the university in providing continued support to students to ensure they do not encounter racial/xenophobic discrimination on the basis of current events.
- I'm really pleased to see that the IST has recruited more staff following the recent issues - have you had an update on the difference this is making? Are you aware of any persistent issues from international students regarding visas?
- Good to see the lobbying for remote learning options. In terms of in-person assessments, if the relevant schools are unable to agree to provide alternative

provisions, what support could be given to students unable to take their assessments in person?

Postgraduate Officer

- Great work surrounding wellbeing and mental health - what can be done to ensure the wellbeing survey is postgraduate friendly?
- What is the impact of mentioning wellbeing within the University Graduate School strategy - can deliverable actions and change be produced from this?
- Are you aware of concerns around dissertation supervision in COSS relating to meetings/supervisor quality, and what is being done/what could be done to address these concerns?
- Beyond the Renters' Union, what other areas of Guild operations/campaigns have you identified as needing more PG-inclusive language?
- Following the recent strike action that will have undoubtedly affected post graduate students from both a student and staff perspective, what actions, if any, have you taken to support these students who are at risk from working and learning in substandard conditions?
- It's really nice to see that there have been more PGT/PGR events hosted - such as the 'Queer Academia' seminar and the PGT cafes at the Guild. What was attendance like at these events? How were they advertised?
- What did library services say about ensuring silent study spaces in the library, in response to demand for PGT only study spaces?

Sports Officer

- What potential losses are there in transitioning the Disability Sport campaign into the training bundle for clubs, and how are these being addressed? What is the impact of this on the fitness development of disabled students outside of clubs?
- As previously, your work on support outside of sports clubs focuses entirely on clubs - What effort is being done to improve wellbeing support outside of clubs, and can you provide evidence of this?
- It is fantastic to see that you are continuing your work on improving club communications and relationships both internally within UBSports and The Guild and with the public. With that in mind, could you please elaborate on what content may be included in the module that is going to be included within club conference to tackle this, and how will you ensure active participation e.g. uptake?
- Did the survey ever go out RE experience of disabled students within sport at UOB? I can see you are going to access someone's data - is this a replacement for your survey? Are you confident the data is representative enough?

- In the section on drink spiking - you mentioned you are 'managing expectations with students'? What do you mean by this? I am conscious this issue affects all officers.
- Nice point on the handover.
- With regard to switching providers from PlayerLayer to a different company, you mentioned you were taking a key role to ensure representation - what does this involve?

Welfare & Community Officer

Part-Time Officers

Campaigns Officer

- Great progress with the Climate Justice Movement and looking forward to seeing what happens after Easter (also good that momentum will be maintained over the holidays). What are the future plans for events and also what is the plan to encourage more petition signatures? Is there a goal number of signatures for the university to take notice?
- Good to see results from Change In Mind and also the focus on ensuring progress continues long-term and bringing key groups together - how did the meeting with the Change in Mind volunteers go?
- What specific priorities are you pushing for in relation to Divest, and how are these being prioritised when calling for action?
- With relation to the emerging key themes from student conversations, what best practice is being learned from other SUs who engage with these challenges?
- Fantastic progress on the Change in Mind Campaign How will you ensure that your successor has the tools and materials necessary to effectively continue to push for this when they enter office, given the longevity of this campaign and prolonged timeline for policy and cultural change?

Disabled Students' Officer

Ethical & Environmental Officer

Ethnic Minority Students Officer

LGBTQ+ Students Officer

Trans & Non-Binary Students Officer

- Ask for update on gender neutral bathrooms and the Health and Safety committee if not provided at the start of the meeting
- After the BeatUoB social media collab - what other collabs could you start planning?

- At the next meeting it would be good to have an update on Training/workshops for staff on pronouns, once you have been able to chase this up. Great to see the quick progress with the Gender Identity Options on Guild Job Applications.
- How will the regular monthly T/NB meet remain inclusive of placement students/distance learners, especially with regards to marketing?
- Question relating to Kathleen Stock situation - Will depend on the response from Mikey
- How will you ensure (as you now look towards your second year in office) that Trans and Non Binary forums remain consistent with regards to attendance figures and occurrences, and that students feel that/know what progress is being made as a result of expressing their views? - News Updates, Emails etc? Incentives?

Womens' Officer