

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

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Date of Panel:	

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
Plant Based Universities	Meetings with the head of Forward Food. Conversations with Staff across the university to publicise the work that is being done regarding food. Acquisition of feedback from students for future conversations with Joe's Bar managers, that will be fed back at the next meeting to hopefully improve current efforts
University and Guild Events	I have been helping put together green week and got additional events to run, including: • Student visit to Bifor • Student Debate with Green Society • Panel on Climate Action

	For COP 28 I have been helping shape and will be leading a panel with University staff and some students in order to raise	
COP28	awareness as to what the University is doing regarding COP28 which will inform students as to the role that our lecturers and staff play in shaping climate policy worldwide, and discuss current and new possible methods and ideas.	
Climate Action	 Students have a network between all the groups they can access including an Instagram account. Communicated relevant events to society liaisons to then share to their members. Held socials with members and informed groups on limitations caused by biodiversity baselining to not waste time for committee or students when planning projects. Supported conservation group efforts to get recognised (UoB Hedgehogs) to get student (and staff) efforts recognised. 	

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			
Transparency of information between the university and the students			
Context:	There is a lack of knowledge about what the university is doing and what students know about what the university is doing		
Progress:	I have been attending all the relevant committees and separate meetings, including the Steering Sustainability Group, and the Sustainability Engagement Action Group. I have been having meetings with Julia Myatt, head of sustainability, Monica Guise, head of Transport and Facility Services. Subsequently, I have informed relevant groups about the findings and discussions through the climate action network. I have run and been Elected for NUS Delegate in the hopes of being able to push environmental policy forwards, since there is none.		

currently at the NUS in the hopes that it will benefit our university, and others to increase the levels of information available, shape national strategy and help students be led in helpful directions and in nonconfusing or complicated ways that may be less effective and valuable.

Written Statement Aim #2		
Increasing the sustainability of food across campus outlets and events for the climate and inclusivity		
Context:	UoB Passed a policy motion to transition to 50% plant-based catering by the 2023/2024 academic year. Plant Based Universities is the campaign that has been leading the push for this change.	
	Support of the Plant Based Universities campaign has been maintained. I have represented student opinions as per the relevant vote on plant-based food when talking to university staff and other groups. I am currently working with the university of Birmingham on acquiring the data to publish and share with the rest of students regarding sales and distributions of food around campus.	
Progress:	I have been in contact with Eat Curious, the main distributors of plant based protein on campus in the hopes of creating student-company relationship and potentially create some visits to the farm for some students.	
	Acquired feedback for the changes at Joe's bar by talking to students on campus and pushed for Vegsoc to hold a social there and acquired feedback from the attendees.	

Written Statement Aim #3		
Supporting the activities and growth of climate justice campaigns at the university		
Context:	Running a campaign or a society is hard when you don't have enough information, I found this to be very limiting last year.	
Progress:	I have introduced myself to relevant society leaders and established a point of connection including Plant Based Universities, Amnesty UoB, Green Party UoB, Earth Resus, Hedgehogs UoB, UoB Conservation, Vegsoc, Climate Justice Movement	

I have created a space for all of us to share ideas and inform all students that want to focus on environmental efforts to have access as to all that is happening on campus

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
Animal Testing -Potential idea for submission	Idea has been presented at an E&E committee
Fossil Free UoB	Pushed for the University to divest from the 0.2% they currently have invested
Student projects	Supporting and informing a dragon's den style idea panel by the University of Birmingham for students to feed their ideas and potentially have the university creating a system for them to do them.

Other Student Issues, Meetings or Projects to Note:

Issue/Meeting/Project	Context/Updates
Met with Environmental Officer for UCU	I have started a relationship with the UCU environmental officer in the hopes to get more done for students and staff
Met with Julia Myatt	Systems to create to some curriculums and future programmes via student feedback may be created in the hopes of moving away from greenwashing and not promoting general sustainability without real substance