

# 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:	Cat Hardiman – Sports Officer
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
Sport Access Fund	A sport specific access fund for those in financial hardship to assist in costs which affect participation. Sport shouldn't be so expensive that students are struggling to provide basic necessities and food for themselves in order to fund it. Therefore, this fund helps subsidise the cost of sport, sport kit, and travel to sporting fixtures
BUCS West-Midlands Vice-Chair	Have a direct hand in setting the agenda for each regional meeting as well as leading sections. Meaning student concerns or topics requested to be spoken about and passed onto BUCS have a direct stream into the discussion through my position

# 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		
Inter-accommodation competitions		
Context:	Students in their first year should have the opportunity to foster and develop strong friendships and relationships with others in their halls through competing in different sporting competitions  Not only does it increase freshers' social opportunities and social life, but can lead to prolonged involvement in sport, providing both physical and mental benefits	
Progress:	Talks have begun with UB Sport Active Residence and participation as to how this can fit into that strategy in the coming months/years	

Written Statement Aim #2		
Second-hand kit and equipment sale ("Cat's Swap Shop")		
Context:	A major barrier of entry to sport and physical activity is not being able to afford sport kit and activewear (alongside not being able to afford what empowers you to work out). Through the swap shop, students can get rid of sport clothing they no longer wear in return for the opportunity to swap it for another's donation, not only benefiting their pocket but circular fashion too	
Progress:	At the time of writing this, my Swap Shop is happening in 2 days.  Donations are still currently being taken in and comms have gone out on the Guild's and UB Sport's Instagram and email updates.	

Written Statement Aim #3	
Better communication between UB Sport clubs and club dev staff	

Context:	The majority of sport clubs at the university don't feel they have good (or any) opportunities to present and receive feedback in a face-to-face manner from UB Sport, as well as discuss topics with other clubs. Therefore, I aim to hold feedback sessions and forums with all sport club committees and club dev staff to streamline communication and aid the development of our clubs and UB Sport in general, as well as feedback on sports night
Progress:	A sport club feedback session has been held with very good reception from clubs and lots of action/ideas to look into going forward. This will begin to inform 'Sport Forum' which will happen in the new year every month/bi-monthly

### **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
More student DJs at sports night	At the time of writing this, I had only gathered this from sport club committee members last night, but is something I've already been pushing plus aim to continue to push more (i.e., looking to get resident student DJs on rotation and having sets in the underground)

# Other Student Issues, Meetings or Projects to Note:

Issue/Meeting/Project	Context/Updates
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'Rory the Lion' at Sports Night	Better visibility of a cohesive sporting identity not only during sporting events/matches but at events sport clubs attend too. Plus an additional offering at sports night to provide another distinctive difference to Fab and provide a UoB branding (i.e., is a UoB students union/student event different to that of another everyday club  Am looking to delegate this a bit better come Sem 2, with student staff being hired to rock the suit every week rather than it relying on me to do (when I don't want to be at sports night every week). Have had problems with not enough student staff/security being available this term to do so, but looking to set up something concrete to improve the ideas longevity
Charity sports night	Sports night on 22 <sup>nd</sup> November will be in aid of Movember with an option to donate £1 to the charity. Have also arranged for Old Joe to be lit up on this night in representation of the charity with the ambassadors doing a post explaining why it's in those colours on that night
Postgrad and International Sport	Am currently working alongside the student voice lead for postgrad and international students to run some free sport/activity sessions. Postgrad and International students don't engage with sport as much as undergraduate home students at UoB, so we're looking at providing sessions such as yoga, Zumba, badminton, cheerleading and pole fitness to engage with them and provide opportunities for them to be active through the Guild at a subsidised cost