

Scrutiny Group Feedback 3

General:

- We appreciate all the work you have been doing especially in these times, being flexible to respond to arising issues.
- We also would like to commend you on thinking about legacy and how to ensure each initiative will continue next year, when (hopefully!) the pandemic permits more progress.
- The Part-time/Full-time officer partnering/mentor scheme is, as usual, very supportive.
- We would like to commend all efforts made to increase Guild transparency. In particular, Rob's strong relationships with the UoB Sport team, the students and the university; Wei-Lun's Daily Updates; and Jules' relationship with Library services.
- We look forward to hearing the progress of the elections next panel but this seems to be progressing well currently.

President

- Well done with the success in the rent rebates.
- We think the inclusion of student feedback in Vice-Chancellor recruitment and other initiatives is commendable.
- Student-led approach to continuing the legacy of Black Voices and Climate Emergency is really good e.g. Student Voices and the creation of the decolonisation network.
- The only issue is with getting student engagement for other roles such as NUS. We look forward to hearing more about the elections at the next panel.
- We appreciate the quick response to the creation of the fair assessment policy.

AEO

- We appreciate that you are constantly gaining feedback and working on it.
- Save a Society Scheme is a good policy and hopefully it will help numerous societies.
- The student handbook becoming the handover document is a good idea and we look forward to seeing this progress.
- In terms of the disability campaign: it's good that this was well received, but we are concerned about attendance. We do think that for other campaigns it might be good to really push attendance and keeping in contact with committees
- It would be good to think of incorporating all relevant society training into one combined session in the future in order to increase efficiency and attendance.
- We are really excited about diversifying the Guild Awards to make it more inclusive for smaller societies.
- We would like to thank you for all the work done in regards to the news on conversion therapy.

Education

- We would be interested to see how the 24 hour study space turns out
- We appreciate that you take into account feedback continually, especially with speaking to library services to create an intranet page for study spaces and even a booking

system for the Teaching and Learning building. Well done on the recent successful survey with over 100 replies in 24 hours.

- Your relationship with library services is very good and has provided brilliant avenues for change.
- The UoB app has been really successful this year
- We appreciate the work done for the fair assessment policy however, many students do not feel that this would have a big enough impact on studying in the pandemic
- We also like that you are looking into future need for students regarding the pandemic especially for 2nd year students in their final year

Sports

- We are impressed with all the work being done from the huge participation in Safe Exercise Initiative and getting gym refunds - particularly the work that has been done to avoid the problem rolling over to next year. We look forward to seeing the Safe Exercise Initiative grow in the new year.
- We would like to commend the good relationship with UoB Sport which helps to move policies forward.
- We want to commend Rob for his work with Matt on sustainability- although they don't always share the same views on topics, they compromise and work well as a team.
- Student Sport Support: we like the idea of expanding this scheme to include not only sports but societies too, and we are excited to see how this could provide additional support to those students juggling their studies with extracurricular activities. The focus groups planned with personal tutors is also a great idea as it again ensures that extra support is given to students that need it.
- Inclusivity training for new Committees. We really appreciate that you have worked with the PTOs to ensure that training is fully inclusive.

International

- Great team work with other officers
- We love the daily updates! This really helps with Guild transparency. We'd love to see this continue or even be expanded to other officers
- We liked to see collaboration with the Dubai campus
- It's good that the Guarantor Scheme is running and we would like you to really promote this to help international students
- Continue looking at gaining feedback for the EDI training course
- We would also like you to continue the promotion for European Settlement Scheme

Welfare and Community

- We commend your handling of the rent rebates situation from engaging local MPs, local private landlords and creating templates for students
- We like how you're really receptive to student voices about issues such as rent and thinking about which students don't have a voice (students who would be going into first year) and preventing rent increases for them.

- We really like the podcast with the aim to be more personable and transparent with students.
- We are excited to see the progress for including Not On Campaigns in inductions

Postgraduate

- We like the initiative to diversify Postgrad research entry.
- We are excited to hear more about the Office for Student call for ethnic minority students for PGR
- We like how you are getting involved with hiring processes for many position which will hopefully have a big impact
- We appreciate the initiative with DARO to connect students on placement with Alumni
- In order to adapt Brum with a Brew, it might be best to try to initiate such conversations through societies

Campaigns

- We like that campaigns committee has been going well so far and would like to hear more about how meetings go this term
- We are looking forward to hearing about lots of upcoming campaigns and how they go - Elections, GoGreen Week, LGBTQ+ History Month
- Given that you are the first person to take this role, we would encourage you to think about advice to give to the next person who undertakes this role.

Disabled

- We're loving to see how you've redirected from what was a hard term last time to a really positive focus for the semester ahead
- We love your plan for the mental health as a hidden disability campaign and how you've adapted the sunflower motif for this campaign
 - We'd encourage you to look up the student social media influencers for the uni and get them involved to help promote it (this may be a potential method of advertising for all Guild initiatives)
- We think you've been doing great work restarting DAMSA (and we'd encourage you to keep in contact with AEO and her work to save societies) and the progress with wheelchair basketball
- Next time we'd be excited to hear about how the NSS survey goes
- We would like to hear about any future updates on the meeting with Careers Network on helping disabled students get advice
- We hope that you have been able to set up your website now but if not please speak to Comms & Marketing - we've also told them on our end to give C&M a push to do it.

Womens

- We'd always encourage you to try and get a report to us but we understand you are a PTO.
- We are incredibly impressed with the progress with the Safe Exercise Initiative - it is a brilliant scheme and very successful so far.

- We like that Not On training is almost fully compulsory at this point and this work has been years in the making so well done!
- We are excited to see the self defence classes with Fabian and Community Wardens come into fruition and love the preparation for after lockdown.

Trans & Non-Binary

- We're all looking forward to LGBTQ+ History Month and we're looking forward seeing what ideas come out of this month and how it can be used as a springboard for future
- The progress gender-neutral language guide is good
- We applaud the work done towards the conversion theory discussions.
- We look forward to hearing about the progress with work for representation for trans women
- We will be interested to see how campaigning goes for the next Trans & Non-Binary office due to the difficulty of online campaigning and small focus group.

LGBTQ+

- We're all looking forward to LGBTQ+ History Month and we're looking forward seeing what ideas come out of this month and how it can be used as a springboard for future
- Getting Not On training to staff is a massive achievement and all the workshops for LGBTQ+ History Month are great
- We would like to commend your very solid feminist ethical campaign and activism such as making sure participants are being paid for their time
- We are excited about the LGBTQ+ Student mental health Research Project and are excited to hear about the findings.
- We encourage you to collaborate with Disability Officer with regards to her mental health as a hidden disability campaign
- We hope to see the constitutional changes come into place and look forward to hearing an update about this

Ethnic Minority Officer

- We commend your commitment to the role and your permanent positivity and development of new ideas
- We're excited to hear about the launch of the student network with LES and the progress on Black Voices campaign
- We look forward to the launch of the ethnic minority network this month.
- We would like to commend you on your
- collaboration with the work of other officers from the Climate Campaign, LGBTQ,+ and Women's History Month

Ethical and Environmental

- We're excited to see how GoGreen week goes and you should be commended on how many great events you have planned.
- We're disappointed about the Clean Kilo news but we're excited at how you are planning to pass it on to your successor and you've started the ball rolling.

- All the campaigns you have running in the background - red meat, undoing borders, plastic cups reduction, etc. are great and we look forward to hearing about progress next time
- We would like updates as to what's going on with the reusable cup scheme