

Scrutiny Panel Meeting 3 (PTOs) Minutes

Date: 04/02/21

Time: 3pm-5pm

No.	Item for Discussion	Time	Discussion
1	Welcome and matters arising	3:00pm-3:05pm	No matters noted.
2	Campaigns Officer Report & Questions	3:05pm-3:20pm	<p>YX entered the meeting and provided updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pandemic situation not been good, so events and campaigns will all continue to be online - Autumn Elections fit my manifesto - decided to do similar work, such as helping with information sessions for Spring Elections <p>JB: Understand that your role is the hardest. How are events for Spring Elections going?</p> <p>YX: I can't answer this question in too much detail. But I think they have been better than expected, and the engagement has been really good. I have positive expectations for campaigns following the election.</p> <p>OO: You mentioned that you did investigations for Autumn Elections, campaigns and engagement, could you tell us a bit more about the specific feedback that you received?</p> <p>YX: The pandemic has affected Campaigns</p> <p>OO: What platforms have you been using to encourage engagement?</p> <p>YX: We established Campaigns Committee last year, which has been very helpful. We have discussed current and future campaigns. I've been using social media such as Facebook to encourage engagement.</p> <p>ET: What campaigns are you excited about this Term? Have you been involved in any particular campaigns?</p> <p>YX: I'm so interested in Go Green Week, so I've been making a video for this event. I'm planning to help to host some events this week. I'm also planning to help with LGBT History Month events.</p> <p>ET: Thank-you for telling us about your work, it sounds like you're doing a lot!</p>

			The Panel and YX thanked each other, and YX left the meeting.
3	Disabled Students' Officer Report & Questions	3:20pm-3:35pm	<p>IM entered the meeting and provided updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hidden Disabilities Campaign - Panopto is still ongoing - Some progress on Sports work - we've made progress with Wheelchair Basketball and have a meeting about this next week - Work on Guild website - DAMSA - organising a meeting - NSS Report Questionnaire is about to go out - just sorting final questions which will get feedback from disabled students on how they're getting on <p>JB: In the Law school, they've implemented Panopto. How has support with the University been this term?</p> <p>IM: I haven't had much contact with them, but I've got a meeting with Careers about disabled students and employability.</p> <p>OO: I'm very excited to hear more about the NSS Questionnaire. I'd like to hear about the Disability & Mental Health Campaign.</p> <p>IM: We're doing little packs of sunflower seeds, and some blog posts about the relationship between mental health and plants. Conservation Volunteers are helping with this. Lots of students don't see mental health as a disability, which is important, as I can get them involved with DAMSA.</p> <p>OO: Hopefully with this, you'll be able to boost engagement with DAMSA</p> <p>OP: You mentioned in your report that you've been working with Amie around employability.</p> <p>IM: I've got a meeting with the University about this. I'll hopefully push the University to support students better.</p> <p>ET: Last semester, the EMSO has a really good relationship with Careers Network, so hopefully it will go well with you too! With the sunflower campaign, which sounds wonderful, I'm wondering if we can hear more about DAMSA?</p> <p>IM: A lot of committees are final years, and DAMSA has a bad reputation from previous years, so we have a few</p>

			<p>months to put plans together for future years. We're not spending time on planning lots of events, we'd like to focus on the reputation and name of it.</p> <p>ET: That sounds good, and compliments Amie's work on "Save the Society". I'd like to ask about the page on the website, why is it taking so long?</p> <p>IM: I sent a big document with content in, but I keep being told that the website is being updated. I may need to talk to someone about it.</p> <p>ET: It generally sounds like things are lot more positive this Term.</p> <p>The Panel and IM thanked each other, and IM left the meeting.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Women's Officer Report & Questions</p>	<p>3:35pm - 3:50pm</p>	<p><i>It was noted that AM had not submitted a report.</i></p> <p>AM entered the meeting and provided updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not on Campaign - Talking to a lead martial arts instructor who has 10 years experience teaching about classes that we can do for students - Charlotte & I have been looking at mental health funding for UoB, and potential slots for students using the service. Things have been complicated with everything becoming online - I've been preparing for Women's History Month, and have been contacting women in politics to organise an event <p>JB: Everything seems positive, but is there anything you've struggled with during the pandemic?</p> <p>AM: Some things have been difficult in terms of my manifesto, for example the Selly Bus couldn't happen. I've also been looking at how to deliver classes, but can't really do it online, and haven't thought about challenges (e.g. someone injuring themselves).</p> <p>JB: That's understandable. RH has done something with the Safe Exercise Campaign online, there could be an opportunity for collaboration there?</p> <p>AM: The Safe Exercise Campaign was organised by both of us - Fabian was our instructor. A video was filmed with Community Wardens.</p> <p>OO: This all sounds really good.</p>

			<p>OP: The idea of collaborating with societies for Women's History Month is a great idea, what societies are you working with?</p> <p>AM: Working with lecturers on suggestions for relevant topics to talk about, including relevant topics related to anti-colonialism movements and women in non-western countries. Open to suggestions.</p> <p>ET: One thing that comes to mind is trans women - the Trans and Non Binary Officers have been talking a lot about visibility of trans women.</p> <p>OP: If you have any chance to collaborate with other Officers, that would be great.</p> <p>ET: I was wondering with the self-defense classes, if there will be anything specific for LGBTQ+ people, especially because there is a lot about domestic violence on the news.</p> <p>AM: My original plan was to have classes for women only, mixed and LGBTQ+ only. I've been asked about mens only classes.</p> <p>AM and the Panel thanked each other and AM left the meeting.</p>
5	<p>Ethnic Minority Students Officer Report & Questions</p>	<p>3:50pm-4:05pm</p>	<p>IKT entered the meeting and provided updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student network in LES - have a launch in two weeks - this has been good, and will use it as a template for other colleges - Had a meeting for Black Voices Campaign with Student Voice about different events - agreed to reach out to academics in University to ask if they'd like to help with talks - Helping with planning for Womens' History Month and LGBTQ+ History Month - Have a meeting about No Space for Hate Campaign, and how we'll promote it <p>JB: That all sounds really good! How have the plans for Ethnic Minority Network going?</p> <p>IKT: They're going really well.</p> <p>OO: This wasn't mentioned in your report, but I was wondering if you had any input on the University's EDI report that they are putting together.</p> <p>IKT: I sent a few emails in summer time to ask about it, and talked to the Head of EDI to provide some feedback. As</p>

			<p>they keep developing the project, they are asking for the input of the PTOs.</p> <p>OO: It's good that they're trying to get the input of the PTOs.</p> <p>OP: How will you alter or change work from last semester?</p> <p>IKT addressed this question.</p> <p>OP: You mentioned a lot that you're working with BEMA. What kinds of events will you be having this Term?</p> <p>IKT: Will be working with E&E Officer on campaign about ethnic minority climate activists. Have gotten in contact with relevant organisations in the West Midlands. Will be doing something similar with women and LGBTQ+ people.</p> <p>ET: Can you tell us a bit more about the Black Voices events?</p> <p>IKT: Hoping for events that look at a variety of serious topics, and celebrating the diversity that we have.</p> <p>ET: The idea of cultural events is great. How do you feel about Elections? Do you hope that the next person will continue with your projects?</p> <p>IKT: I hope the next person will continue, yes. I hope things will also be easier for them too, as I had to do everything online. I'd probably also expect both in-person and online events.</p> <p>OO: SW has just posted about work that Charlotte and Wei-Lun are leading. This is something that you could get involved in.</p> <p>IKT and the Panel thanked each other and IKT left the meeting.</p>
6	<p>LGBTQ+ Students Officer Report & Questions</p>	<p>4:05pm-4:20pm</p>	<p>SH entered the meeting and provided updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plans for LGBTQ+ History Month - was worried about engagement, but have sign-ups for workshops - LGBTQ+ Not on Campaign - Conversion Therapy incident - School of Psychology has been given funding to look into ethical research, and I have been invited to a steering group for this <p>OP: How is engagement with your events?</p>

			<p>SH: Engagement is good so far.</p> <p>OO: LGBTQ+ research project - how would this be conducted?</p> <p>SH: Have been working with Student Voice regarding what the best way is to do this. I'll be doing a student forum next week, and have funding to provide vouchers for students for taking the time to attend. We'll also be giving action points to the University. University staff will help.</p> <p>OO: The DSO is working on a campaign about mental health, I think it would be good to talk to her about this.</p> <p>SH: That's good to know, thank-you for telling me about it.</p> <p>OP: Could you tell us a little more about the events you're planning for LGBT History Month?</p> <p>SH: Workshops, and the LGBTQ+ Association will host a lot of events too, including an event about the Quran. I'm also doing trigger warnings with religious posts, as these could be triggering. I'll also be present at an event about allies.</p> <p>OP: It's good that you're thinking about different types of experiences</p> <p>ET: I hope this month will go really well - you're working on things that you don't usually see in LGBT History Month.</p> <p>ET: Could I ask about the constitutional changes to the LGBTQ+ Association?</p> <p>SH: The changes have been very well received. A lot of LGBTQ+ Association has been getting a lot more engagement from Fresher's and first years, and the Chair is doing a great job.</p> <p>JT: I really love the intersectional events you're putting on, I think this is really important.</p> <p>SH and the Panel thanked each other, and SH left the meeting.</p>
7	<p>Trans & Non-Binary Students Officers Report & Questions</p>	<p>4:20pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>AH entered the meeting and provided updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA unfortunately couldn't be here today, but we do everything together - Gender Neutral Guide has been finalised and will be distributed to different colleges - Conversion therapy issue

			<p>JB: Could you expand on our plans for LGBT History Month?</p> <p>AH: We're supporting with this, and the LGBTQ+ Officer is taking the lead on this</p> <p>JB: Is there any particular part you're involved in?</p> <p>AH: I love history month in general. It is difficult to talk about trans history though, due to a lot of trans history pre 1970, due to a lot of it being erased.</p> <p>OO: I'm just wondering what is happening with pronoun badges/encouraging use of gender pronouns?</p> <p>AH: We're going to lay groundwork this year in preparation for future years. Designs for badges and other things are all in place.</p> <p>OO: This is good to hear about!</p> <p>ET: I was wondering about elections - do you know whether there is interest in the role?</p> <p>AH: I know one person who is possibly running, and I'm confident that they will do a good job. But bearing in mind that there are only around 200 students in the entire University who could possibly go for the role.</p> <p>ET: How will you work with the Women's Association and DAMSA?</p> <p>AH: This is all in the works - I can tell you more about it at the next Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>JT: I'm just wondering what your role and contribution has been to the conversion therapy incident.</p> <p>AH: The WCO and PG Officer mostly put the statement before Christmas together - they couldn't really do this without somebody who directly identifies with the group that is affected. I have a meeting with President, VC and LGBTQ+ Officer about this.</p> <p>AH and the Panel thanked each other, and AH left the meeting.</p>
8	Ethical & Environmental Officer Report & Questions	4:35pm-4:50pm	<p>MG entered the meeting and provided updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go Green Week - campaign launches next week, 2 events a day, looking at the climate crisis in a broader way and how you can be more

			<p>sustainable, will be having notable speakers, campaign accompanied by David Eastwood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lobby for Guild to use plastic-free cups - report to Middle Management Team <p>JB: Sounds like you're doing a lot. Can you provide an update on Fossil Free?</p> <p>MG: It is looking promising, although there are some things that I can't say.</p> <p>JB: The plastic-free shop was a shame, but it's completely understandable.</p> <p>MG: I think the important thing is that it's ready for the long term.</p> <p>OO: I'm more interested in the reusable cups work, and the outcome of that.</p> <p>MG: We are trying to work out logistics, and also when we can do a trial (due to restrictions). The University Team seem keen to work on this too.</p> <p>OP: Well done from all of us on your progress. Could you tell us about your work on hostile borders at UoB?</p> <p>MG: I'll be looking at this after Go Green Week. Would you like to know more about the campaign?</p> <p>OP: I'd just like to know more about the events you're putting on and what plans you have.</p> <p>MG: I don't have a firm action plan at the moment, apart from talking to senior managers about it, and boosting interest from students.</p> <p>OP: That all sounds good, well done for your work</p> <p>ET: I think you've done a great job with Go Green Week. Have you thought of a secure way for students to sign the open letter with Go Green Week?</p> <p>MG: That's a good question. We're looking into a secure Google Form that the Women and Non-Binary Association used. Also found a service for secure open letters.</p> <p>ET: Have you heard about from the AEO about Escosia?</p> <p>MG: I haven't no - but I can ask about this in GOG next week. I've heard about this from the University too -</p>
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9	AOB	4:50pm-5pm	No AOBs were noted.