

Guidance

- Your report should be 1000 words or fewer. You should write in all three sections, but it is up to you to decide how much weight to give each section.
- Your report should be submitted one week before the date of each Scrutiny Panel. Completed reports should be emailed to r.nadeem@guild.bham.ac.uk or l.gill@guild.bham.ac.uk
- You will have two minutes at the beginning of each Scrutiny Panel meeting to supplement your report with a verbal update.

Officer:	Robin Hayward
Date of panel:	31/03/2022

Written Statement 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.

Written Statement Aim #1	
Increasing the number of gender neutral bathrooms	
Context:	I wish to continue the push for more gender neutral bathrooms on campus, focusing on the bathroom situation within the Guild of Students. I was aware that the Guild of Students had gender neutral bathrooms on the second floor, but that this location was not particularly accessible, especially in the evenings.
Progress:	I have asked for a further update on the progress of this through the Health and Safety committee. I will provide further information on this either way at the beginning of the meeting.

Written Statement Aim #2	
Better pronoun options on Canvas	

Context:	After hearing complaints from some trans and non-binary students that pronoun options on Canvas could be more inclusive, I wished to improve these options for students on the platform, specifically to include a type-in option to allow the most inclusivity.
Progress:	Once again, yet to see any movement on this on Canvas's end, but I am once again broadening my of contact with student unions on this matter.

Written Statement Aim #3	
Running regular events for trans and non-binary students	
Context:	Trans and non-binary people often face loneliness, and I know the importance of community in helping combat this. I wish to help foster the sense of community among trans and non-binary students by continuing to host events to cater to trans and non-binary students. My aim is to host at least two social events per semester across the academic year.
Progress:	Due to fears about Covid and personal difficulties, I was unable to properly schedule the Trans Swim for March – I am instead choosing to focus on establishing a regular monthly meet, something that people showed interest in at a Trans and Non-Binary Forum held with Mikey (I am at this stage sorting out logistics, looking at rooms, publicity and potentially refreshments) The Trans Swim is an event I would like to hold before the end of the end of the semester, likely in May or June (I wish to put a funding request through for this before this meeting takes place, as I know the total amount required to make a booking). I have publicity for this prepped to go as soon as I can move ahead with it.

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.

Meeting / project	Outcome for students
None	N/A

Ideas and policy

This section is for you to report on progress made to ideas and Guild policy that you have been mandated to work on. You only need to update your actions taken. You can also add ideas or policy as they are passed through the year.

Idea / policy	Action taken since last Panel
None	N/A

Other student issues, meetings or projects to note:

- Trans and Non-Binary Forum (with Mikey Brown)

I held a forum with trans and non-binary students to get feedback on what the both of us had been working on, and what they would like to see. Two big outcomes of this were an interest in more and regular socials or “check-ins” for the trans student community, and an interest in a statement on the VC and the situation at the University of Sussex involving Professor Kathleen Stock. Regarding the latter, Adam (Campaigns Officer) and I have very recently made progress on this, as this is something we submitted as an idea submission back in November, and legal advice on the statement is being sought.

- Collaborating with other societies/groups

While the BeatUoB social media collab regrettably didn’t go through during LGBTQ+ History Month, I have attempted to reschedule for Trans Day of Visibility (the day of this meeting). Plans for other collabs have largely taken a backseat but will likely re-emerge after completing current plans.

- Training/workshops for staff on pronouns (Feedback from previous meeting)

I have not made any progress on this, but I have not forgotten about it – I asked Jules about this during a meeting with him, and he offered to put me in contact, but I have yet to chase this up.

- Gender Identity Options on Guild Job Applications

I took this on as a result of students contacting me about this expressing that they thought the question was inadequate (in short, the question conflated gender and sex, and provided contradictory options) – I had a meeting with staff working in HR, where we spoke about more about the intention of the question and what options should be provided, which I believe was passed on, and should be amended before the next hiring cycle.

- Pronoun Badges available in the Guild (A short update)

I am waiting on funding approval in order to progress with this, but once I have that, it will be a matter of finding a place for them.