

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:	20/01/2022

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:	As far as I can tell, this is still waiting for approval from relevant committees, and there is not too much I am able to do in speeding this up.

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: I have yet to see any movement on this on Canvas’s end, but I am continuing to get in contact with student unions I missed initially when seeking contact. I am unsure at writing precisely how many of those I have contacted have asked their institutions to request the feature.

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: The Trans Day of Remembrance vigil and social got a lot of positive feedback. I have contacted the venue for the planned Trans Swim event, and I have a quote for this. I’m hoping to host this event around the end of March, which will give time for the Covid-19 situation to calm down a bit, and also can be held close to Trans Day of Visibility. I would like to host a general social besides this during or shortly after LGBTQ+ History Month, which I would like to be online.

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:

- Working with the LGBTQ+ Association

I sank a lot of time into the LGBTQ+ Association during November. This was due to a breakdown of the committee caused by a build up of a number of serious issues, most not properly addressed at the time, where the chair and one other member – which, due to the issues within the committee, was half of the remaining committee – stepped down as a result of the backlash they received when the issues were exposed. I ended up providing them a lot of support that month, in order to help them recover.

- Collaborating with other societies/groups (Feedback from last panel meeting)

I had plans to collaborate more directly with Rainbow Network and the Chaplaincy on a Trans Day of Remembrance service, which fell through due to balancing issues – I instead helped to advertise it on my social medias.

More successfully, after attending an impromptu meeting with BeatUoB, I have plans for an Instagram takeover with them, scheduled for History Month. I will be looking into further collaborations in future, in particular I would like to collaborate with oSTEM at some point, and am also quite keen to help promote a new Birmingham queer space (Sol Café) but have not yet left the idea stage in either case.

- Pronoun Badges available in the Guild

My understanding is that this was a manifesto point on a previous officer's manifesto that was never delivered due to the pandemic, but after renewed interest in them, I'm hoping to take it on. I am hoping to request the money once I am certain of where I would be ordering these from, and have finished the badge designs (it is significantly cheaper to have them printed than to buy them, and this is something I have experience with). Once we have a supply of badges, I'd like to set up some place to hand them out from.