

Scrutiny Committee – 13th February 2018

The scrutiny committee is responsible for holding Sabbatical Officers accountable and ensuring that they meet the objectives they set themselves at the beginning of the year, provide suggestions for improvement and to support the sabbatical officer.

Scoring: 4= outstanding, 3= good, 2= needs improvement, 1= poor

Zamzam Ibrahim

Overall Score – 4

Comments:

- Well prepared and able to answer all questions.
- Was able to explain her time in office comprehensively and it is clear that a lot has been accomplished
- Improved relations between the union and the university and actively engaged students through 'get to know your sabs' videos on Facebook.
- A poster woman on how to push through and achieve despite having people to try to put her down.

Recommendations:

- To continue working as she is.
- Be reminded that her focus now is her last impression on the campus and tying up loose ends, which she explained she is going to do.

Emily Voss-Bevan

Overall Score – 3

Comments:

- Incredible year
- Pushed to fulfil all her policies promised during her election campaign.
- The Drop-In Centre is a massive achievement and, when fully functional, will be something that the union and university will hold in high respect.
- Well prepared & answered all questions in depth

Recommendations

- To continue working on the drop in centre but also head more campaigns, not necessarily to the size of the drop in centre, but to showcase more of what she is able to do in the union, while it is understood that the drop in centre takes a lot of work and time, from the outside it looks as if she has not completed as much as the other sabs.
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Famous Dekeri

Overall Score – 3

Comments:

- Has definitely worked hard this year but there are many things that he could greatly improve.
- Document was poor and was under prepared.
- Work done on international cafe excellent, but not spread his focus across to all students.
- Had a lack of understanding in relation to the international student population at UoS, which could be improved on to ensure these students are fully represented
- Business school - work is great, and the work done with student reps was well received in the meeting. Although it sounds like he has only consulted reps when discussing his projects and this could be utilised to consult on other areas too.
- Lots of work to be done this semester.

Recommendations

- Get a better knowledge on the international student figures for the university
- Prepare more for a meeting such as this.
- Look over his expenses
- Make sure that he is aware of everything that is being claimed on his behalf.

Jon-Connor Lyons

Overall Score – 4

Comments:

- Well prepared, answered all questions thoroughly
- Document given was well done and thorough.
- Done a lot this past six months in both the community and for the union.
- Met his manifesto points to a high level and has made a massive difference in the lives of students who may have not have felt as included (i.e. gender neutral toilets).
- Expenses are very impressive, as are his campaigns.

Recommendations

- To continue working as he is.
- Continue to place more focus on other projects, chasing them up when needed, so these can be completed in the next few months.

Kobby Ofori

Overall Score – 2

Comments:

- Campaign projects not completed or weren't properly explained. Priority 3 was missing from the report and so we were only able to discuss 2 priorities that had been noted

- The work done with international society is great as well as the work completed with Famous on international café.
- The work done around the housing agency, is fantastic and will make a big difference to the lives of students at Salford.
- Did not express knowledge of all sports and societies which he represents, he has not communicated or engaged as well as he hoped with all of them, as he stated.
- Spoke about the importance of communication with students but we then discussed how he helped to introduce the online elections for society committees earlier in the month which was not well received by student committees and was voted to be overturned.
- Lots of work to do, but first steps have been taken.

Recommendations:

- Focus on improving communications with the members
- Follow up on things that he has worked on to ensure these are in place, for example the creation of deals for sports teams, within Atmosphere.
- Look over his expenses
- Make sure that he is aware of everything that is being claimed on his behalf.

General Recommendations

- The committee felt more clarity was needed in relation to expenses moving forwards.
- They felt that the officer team should have better oversight of their expenses and that these should be recorded better in future documents
- Advised that any money that was tilted 'expenses' should be broken down in future reports so it was clearer as to what this money had been spent on.
- Committee also recommended that a standard report template should be used by all officers as this would offer better clarity to the committee. They suggested an action plan template would be the best format as format is clear and clearly shows progression on each manifesto point.