

It is the Scrutiny Committee's job to function as a unit to hold Full-time and Part-time officers accountable to ensure that they are completing their work to the highest standard for students to gain from them in their positions as representatives. The following literature follows the Scrutiny process for the Part time officers and highlights key areas for improvement as well as their triumphs this far into the academic year. As a committee, we would like to thank the officers for their hard work so far as they are making necessary changes to help students gain the best university experience possible. It should be noted that Part-time officers work alongside their studies with less resources and time than Full-time officers and the process of scrutiny is adjusted accordingly in this document.

Sian Worton (Accessibility officer 2023/24)

Sian's work this year is commendable, they have clearly worked hard to be effective for the students they represent. Something that stood out to Scrutiny was Sian's link tree which we saw as a great idea to highlight progress and build an accessible resource for their community. Small initiatives like this demonstrate an officer that clearly cares about their role. All of their project progress was documented and detailed including clear run downs of projects such as emergency pull cords and creating new forums. As of writing this document, Sian has been unable to make vast amounts of progress with increasing campus accessibility. However, they have achieved small victories which they hope to continue, such as reserving accessible seating in lecture theatres and receiving assurances from the University that they are making changes to lighting. They have clear aims for PIP and their challenges are outlined with clear solutions.

Whilst Sian has made progress there are still improvements to be made. They are yet to make a significant amount of visible progress on becoming a beacon of support, but we were assured in their report that they have plans to provide a timeline for this and we have every faith that they will be able to achieve this with more time. Following this, from Sian we would like to see them making more steps towards providing students with accessible facilities as listed on their report by putting more pressure on the University as an institution responsible for the safety and well-being of students. We would like to see more activity from Sian in the form of petitions to gain support on projects i.e. PIP and accessible facilities. Another note I'd like to make in regards to Sian's report is that holding SU officers accountable is not a part of their role as a PTO, whilst we appreciate their views, issues of accountability should be brought to Scrutiny in a separate forum or to higher management within the SU rather than taking this on themselves as an officer, whilst other projects are stationary.

Some projects of Sian's may be ambitious given the time frame but as is the case in most campaigns- patience and persistence is key, we hope that in the coming months Sian's projects and others like this are consistently worked on and improved. It is clear that Sian has the potential to take their work further despite roadblocks such as University non-compliance. Sian receives a 'provisional pass' on the conditions that they can make visible progressions in the role and put higher amounts of pressure on the University to lobby for their cohorts needs. Their work receives high praise for their organisation and diligence in their report.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and should you have any questions please feel free to email me at yb154@student.le.ac.uk.