

# Scrutiny Panel Agenda

From meeting dated 16.03.2026

## Student Leaders in attendance

Communites SVL	Twig Smalley	TS
International Experience SVL	Aamira Waghmar	AW
Academic Experience SVL	Precious Ikechukwu	PI
Inclusion & Wellbeing SVL	Dilpreet Kaur	DK
Employability SVL	Badhri Durgapu	BD

## Panelists in attendance

Scrutiny Panelist	Peculiar Owagbayegun	PK
Scrutiny Panelist	Zayan Lorgat	ZL
Scrutiny Panelist	Dan Storrie	DS
Scrutiny Panelist	Freya Dhiman	FD

## General Leader Introduction

**PI:** Feedback loop outreach – so far, so good. Me and SVLs have managed to conduct outreach for TAC, BAL and Library and HLS still to go. We are not duplicating course reps’ work but rather supporting Reps by contacting them based on course-specific feedback, and encouraging them to raise feedback to Programme Leaders, etc. In terms of Improvement of Academic Support Services – all data has been received & myself & Voice team are reviewing recommendations based on data.

**TW:** Share the Wear – really positive, 95 students first day and 45 second day, basically sold out of clothes. Wanting to embed into the annual calendar. Queer prom upcoming as next big project. Otherwise, finishing up collab fund paper and working on SVL Handover for incoming Communities SVL and sending out YSWD communication to students.

**AW:** Voices without Borders – First event in Nov, second one is planned for March, last one is April in DMU London to enhance representation of DMU’s satellite campuses. Dates for DMUL TBC. Cultural Fusion Fair – plans already in place, continuing to work toward finalizing and signing off preparation. Supporting DMUIC with their already existing Buddy Scheme. Planning to collab with Dilpreet to raise awareness about how mental health is understood across different cultures.

**DK:** Wellbeing Champions – change in plan, originally planning around volunteering but due to lack of student interest, we spoke to other SUs if they have a similar scheme to understand how they engage students. Now the plan is to do 3-4 wellbeing training sessions with externals, specifically targeted toward to Soc Committee

Brave Conversation – episodes recorded, currently in the editing phase. Plan to be released in April / May on YouTube with highlights on Instagram, etc. YSWD – annual YSWD to be released at end of term to showcase our wins over the year. Light the Night happening Wednesday after delays, as an event to raise awareness of sexual violence against women and girls.

**BD:** 5 employability workshops successfully done in collaboration with DMU Careers. However promotion suffered due to Campus incident. Working on article called “Eliminate content using myGateway” at the moment, will be released in a couple days.

### **Questions from Scrutiny Panel**

#### **Badhri - Employability SVL**

*How will you ensure that all students have equal access to job opportunities?*

I'll make awareness of them using myGateway, and the StudentCircus as these are the main platforms targeted at both international and home students.

#### **Badhri - Employability SVL**

*How did your employability workshops in February go? What were the biggest challenges you faced, and what were the successes?*

Already mentioned previously, workshops went well. However, promotion suffered due to Campus incident. We had good turnout from students, and feedback suggested they want more CV writing workshops as a result.

DS: Will there be another one after Easter?

BD: Planning to do one, yes.

#### **Precious - Academic Experience SVL**

*How will we know that the updated attendance-tracking process is working as intended?*

*This answer was provided in writing due to last-minute scheduling conflicts*

We will know the updated attendance-tracking process is working as intended through a reduction in attendance-related concerns raised by students, particularly those previously linked to recording errors or lack of clarity. Monitoring feedback from Course

Representatives, DSU Advice, and direct student engagement will also help indicate whether the process is operating more transparently and consistently.

A key element of this improvement is enabling students to view their own attendance records. This was verbally confirmed as planned during the last Academic Board meeting. However, there has not yet been an update regarding when this functionality will go live. I will therefore raise this again at the next Academic Board meeting to seek further clarity and ensure expectations are managed appropriately.

### **Dilpreet – Inclusion & Wellbeing SVL**

*Who is the intended audience for Brave Conversations, and how will it be promoted to them?*

The intended audience was meant to be for under-represented students aka Liberation Communities. However, I'm not aiming at them specifically and its' for the whole of DMU community to listen, as I don't want to just help one group of people. The point is that there are stories that should be highlighted and heard by all people, not just a specific community that I initially planned.

### **All SVLs**

*While the Liberation Officers undergo reforms to their remits, the absence of a Disabled Students' Liberation Officer could cause individuals to feel isolated from representation & support. How will you work to embed disability representation across the campaigns & events you run?*

DK: In terms of representation, although we are struggling, the main things we heard from the consultation is that some students pointed out that they may not need representation.

This came up as some individuals said they don't want to be in that position of representation. However, during this time we are ensuring new diversity days / weeks are well celebrated and not forgotten e.g., Disability History Month, while we are hosting events that are also disability friendly.

AW: In January, I was part of the consultations and like Dilpreet mentioned, students mentioned that they don't need representation, but some students felt they want representation, but no one in their community wants to step up and be that responsible person, as they may question if they're doing a good enough job, etc. In my remit, the Global Majority one is the one closest to my role. We make sure the Lib Officers work alongside us while bearing in mind they are part time and cannot always be there. E.g. if I want to do events I would often reach out to GBLO as our roles are quite aligned. Until the LO are reformed and re-elected, we are doing our best to carry on that representation.

BD: As Dilpreet said, they may not need representation. During events, we try and ensure there are disability access features to ensure they don't feel underrepresented and unable to have the same opportunities.

TS: As someone who is disabled, I also co-chair the [DSU] Staff Neurodiverse & Disability (ND&D) Network so I get it. Throughout all my event planning I ensure ND&D students are thought of. For Share the Wear, I wanted to ensure the tables are far enough apart to ensure at least one wheelchair user could pass through. I also ensured staff were allocated to the floor to allow for 1:1 support. For the future e.g. Queer Prom, that is still in the planning phase and disability concerns are always considered such as a quiet space for what is quite an overwhelming/stimulating event, as well as briefing staff on how to effectively support disabled or overstimulated individuals.

PK: You know when you said "students don't want representation"? Can you clarify what you meant by that? From what I remember, the conversation was around shifting from individual representation to group representation.

DK: Ah, that's what I meant. The conversation we had was that one individual cannot represent the whole community, as it gives them a strong negative feeling of feeling responsible for a whole community. I worded it wrong, apologies.

*The Scrutiny Panelists were then given an opportunity to ask any ad-hoc questions for the Student Voice Leaders.*

DS: **For Twig:** Is there another Society Committee Meeting upcoming?

TS: I can't quite remember when it is, but most likely May / June time.

FD: **For Badhri:** What is the university doing to provide any information to graduate students or final year students who are interested in international work?

AW: Our accounts are changed to alumni accounts, and we then start receiving targeted comms relating to graduate opportunities and work based on the fact that we are graduates. DMU also run alumni meetups with other alumni. I graduated last year but I still get emails, opportunities and more, and they're targeted based on your mode of study whether you're an international or home students as they take into account sponsorships, visas etc. I didn't read the whole email but I like how they laid it out and kept it going.

BD: I have my alumni account too, I do applications on myGateway. The responses for jobs are done through MG, but when you go through the email you get all kinds of opportunities.

TS: I'd also recommend checking out DMUGlobal who may have contacts in all of their destinations!

ZL: **For Twig:** Can we get an update on the alumni memberships for societies?

TS: It'll be implemented from September 2026 as a flat fee, which covers insurance for it. The numbers look a bit harsh but it covers insurance as well as budget that goes to cover societies (as the budgets are set for current students only). There's also a maximum percentage of 10% of all members to be Guest & Alumni. Sports are basically the same, except they can't play in BUCS. Social wise, they're more than welcome to join but they wouldn't be able to compete on behalf of DMU. But it'll 100% be in from September onwards.

PK: Will that information be sent to societies when it's available?

TS: Yes, I have a document with the Opps manager which details the rollout, as well as the application process, which means that individuals have to apply and the committee have to say yes before you can purchase the membership, so there's that part to it too.

## Meeting Close & Actions Arising

**At 17:17, the meeting was closed.**

A vote was taken by Scrutiny Panel and determined the following:

The Students Leaders have made sufficient progress toward their manifesto goals. However, Scrutiny Panel offers the following feedback & recommendations to aid progress toward their goals.

Precious: She could work faster on her projects, rather than starting new ones. It could help to be a bit more experimental with how to achieve certain things, trying new approaches and new engagement methods.

Twig: Communicate stronger re: shortfalls that affect Sports Club & Socs, as well as ensuring communication is farther ahead. They could also explore avenues such as community organizing within Leicester e.g. Cultural Exchanges, Riverside Festival etc.

Dilpreet: Currently happy with progress made

Aamira: Better communication regarding events, campaigns and also working to ensure she spreads the load of representation well, considering the gaps currently in place.

Badhri: Expand outreach & events from just being in the Campus Centre and consider other spaces within the university to host workshops & networking, especially spaces tailor made for employment training, as well as making it accessible for all faculties as there could be an imbalance toward academically focused roles. Also considering the disjointment between TAC students being spread across university.