

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.

Joshua Tyrone Seneviratne (Sustainability Officer 2023/24)

Joshua has a clear passion for the role of sustainability officer with fantastic ideas to help students and the wider university be as green as we can. Two ambitious projects Joshua has pursued are the bike scheme from the village accommodation to campus and the Railcard scheme mentioned in their report. Joshua is currently working on empowering students to get involved in sustainability- one scheme being the food waste caddies in accommodation. Scrutiny is eager to see Joshua's progress with their Blackboard initiative which would be great in terms of accessibility and education to pursue more green behaviour in students.

Scrutiny noted that the rail card scheme would require national co-operation from larger institutions whose goals to not align with that of the sustainability officer making this project less feasible. We would encourage Joshua to alter this aspect of their plans and begin on a smaller scale to ensure that some change is made to benefit students campus wide following the theme of the food waste caddies. Part of Joshua's report details attending meetings which is generally a requirement of all officers and should not be detailed as a point of progression per se. Scrutiny is unsure what efforts are being made to improve the frequency of the bus service as this is a feat that many students are trying to/have tried to tackle in the last two years. We'd like Joshua to be more proactive in their projects and it'd be good to be provided with an idea of progress on increasing engagement as we have no tangible evidence to back up their claims of 'heightened student engagement'.

Joshua has made a good start but should continue advocating for students and sustainability internally (within the University) first rather than making plans to tackle external institutions. Joshua receives a 'pass' from Scrutiny but should keep making progress like we have seen so far with more initiatives in the second term. Joshua could employ the help of the Carbon literacy project as well as prioritising advertisement of projects like the SEED fund in which they can assist students to have influence.

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.