

Board of Management Students, Staff & Equalities Committee

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Agenda Item	6
Subject of Paper	Students' Association Update
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Primary Contact	Megan Cartwright, Student President
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Action	For Noting

1. Recommendations

To note the Students' Association update.

Area	Update
Representation	
Class Reps	<p>All 6 faculties over 90% elected (E&S with 100%) 1093 FT class reps elected overall.</p> <p>334 Reps changed, 27% increase on last year.</p> <p>99.6% of those trained would recommend training to other reps.</p> <p>92% of class reps found the training useful or very useful, 100% of reps felt able to participate in the training.</p> <p>42 ESOL 1 and 24 ESOL 2 reps have been trained.</p> <p>OVER 6,000 students completed the MY Student Experience questionnaire and we are currently analysing the data and working with relative</p>
Elections	<p>Student Presidential Elections – opened Monday 29th. This is for our new student president and three vice presidents. Nominations close on the 16th of February and voting open to students on 5th of March, with announcement on the 9th.</p> <p>Huge amount of interest already from students both known and new to the Students’ Association. We feel the turn out and voting figures are forecast to be the highest yet.</p> <p>Student representation on all relevant college committees and working groups.</p>
Student Partnership Agreement	<p>The block two question about ‘Learning and Teaching’ section of the student experience strategy has been posted and will be discussed by the Representative Team in early February before being presented to City Partnership on the 21st.</p> <p>Library opening hours have been extended to 9pm Mon-Thurs.</p> <p>The Respect campaign has begun.</p> <p>Having a conversation with timetabling around the use of the open classrooms. Researching into why these spaces are chosen and reporting back to students.</p> <p>3 new societies are in the process of being set up due to</p> <p>Other departments are working well in partnership with the SA and updates are being provided to let students know how things are coming along and how changes have been made.</p>
Operational Activity	
	SA on Campus – Monthly ran at lunchtimes to promote Student

	<p>Association activity. We find it a great way to engage with the student body.</p> <p>Evening sessions ran in November to strengthen relationships with evening students and encourage representation from groups who have not traditionally engaged with the association. Went well and more are due to run in mid-February.</p> <p>Student Induction + Welcome for January starts– teams took part in the induction and first week welcome</p> <p>International trip to Ice Hockey, Edinburgh and Glasgow Uni Ceilidh. Winter Warm Up event before Christmas was ran for international students with festive food, games and opportunity to write letters home for the holidays. Planning to go trampoline-ing and to Whitelee Wind Farm in February.</p> <p>Fairtrade Football at beginning of March, always very successful and planning this year to be bigger than ever with more student involvement.</p> <p>60 events have taken place in the Students Association Space so far with the space being utilised by both staff and students – great space to encourage participation from the wider student body and get to know the team.</p> <p>The SA have organised 12 events and engaged with 6,000 students so far with plans for more in the upcoming months.</p>
Social and Activities	
	<p>8 current Sports: Football, Futsal, Basketball, Badminton, Running, Netball, Fitness, Yoga.</p> <p>4 current Societies: Gaming, Debating, Drama, Christian Society.</p> <p>4 Upcoming Societies: Jamming Society, Warhammer Society (Fantasy board games with miniatures for painting), Cricket Society (at Riverside Campus), and Adaptive Design Society.</p>
Learning and Teaching	
	<p>Successful Be Inspire event – attended by almost 150 students, speakers Tracey Howe, Drew McAdam, Alice Thompson and Mike Stevenson.</p> <p>All 6 faculties over 90% elected class representatives (E&S with 100%)</p> <p>SLWG has been set up for improvement of gateway spaces.</p> <p>First meeting has taken place to get a start on the student-led teaching awards proposed for 2018/19.</p>
Diversity and Wellbeing	
	<p>Looking to get 5 stars for a Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Award this year after winning a 4 star award last year. Focus on smoking cessation, mental health and physical wellbeing. Campaigns and events to follow.</p> <p>Worlds Aids Day</p>

Communications	
	<p>Digital Presidential updates – one is sent out per month to all staff and students, we are getting great feedback from this and our most recent issue on the elections brought in over 1.4k reads in less than two days.</p> <p>My Voice has 16,668 interactions from students so far. 282 ideas contributed on the site. 68 active actions, 18 tangible outcomes and 47 learning outcomes.</p> <p>Thanks to our digital officer we have nearly 3,000 fb followers, over 1,000 twitter followers, over 5,000 reads of the student presidential updates, 186 followers on Instagram.</p>
Personal Development	
	<p>New members of the student engagement team are now completing their Scottish Mental Health First Aid Training</p> <p>Presidential Team attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board induction training • Worldskills • Glasgow Student Forum • NUS Zone Conference • City Learning 4.0 • College action group and oversight direction group @ CDN • Think Positive NUS • GAP Pilot Project • How Good Is Our Quality? • Working Group on GBV <p>NUS Scotland and National conferences taking place in March with Liberation conferences in April, we already have students looking for delegate positions for LGBT+ and Disabled students conferences.</p> <p>Exec training programme is ongoing, this week we have a managing conflict session.</p>
Budget	
	<p>Under budget at the moment.</p> <p>KPI – to raise £4,000. We have now made £4,300 due to Fresher's / NUS cards.</p>
Current developments	
	<p>Website</p> <p>Voter turnout in the elections – 1,678 last year, looking to raise this to 1,800 this year and all positions to be contested.</p> <p>AGM Planning – this year we are having our first ever digital AGM, working with Vocaleyes team to develop this.</p> <p>Working to get a Green Impact Award next year, collaborating with Caledonian University to help achieve theirs and gaining insight</p>