

Board of Management

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1. Recommendations

To consider and discuss the Students' Association update.

Work area	Progress
Shaping the Life and Work of the College	
College Board and Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Students' Association Presidential Team have been present at all meeting of the Board of Management and its Committees so far this academic year. At the October Board Planning Day, the Student President presented a video highlighting the experiences of a diverse range of students.
Regional Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Student President has convened two meetings of the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Student Executive – a forum that brings together the elected student representatives of Glasgow' three colleges. The Director of Student Experience was invited to address the GCRSE to update student representatives on developments around attendance policy. The Student President has also attended the first meeting of the Regional Board.
My Student Experience Questionnaire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Students' Association supported the promotion of the My Student Experience Questionnaire by sending representatives to talk to classes with low response rates. All Class Reps have been emailed to promote the dissemination of the Questionnaire results.
Class Representative Induction, Training and Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,018 Class Representatives elected covering 95% of course in the College. 335 Class Representative attended Welcome Meetings in the Students' Association. 311 Class Representatives have been trained in their role (including 58 continuing from last year). 43 Class Representatives attended our November Think Tank event on the topic 'The Way I'm Taught Helps Me Learn'. 57 Class Representatives attended our additional sessions designed to prepare them for their CIAMs.
Faculty Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty Representative elections took place from 5th-8th November and 10 of the 12 positions (three per Faculty) have been filled.
Teaching Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A paper has been produced outlining the proposal for student-led teaching awards to be introduced within the College. The paper will be submitted to the first meeting of the new Student Academic Experience Committee.
Governance and Democracy	
National Union of Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Lochhead, Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science, visited the Students' Association on October 11th to meet with the Student President, members of the Executive Committee and Liam McCabe, President of NUS Scotland. The purpose of the Minister's visit was to find out more about the work of our Students' Association.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five members of the Executive Committee attended the NUS Scotland Zone Conference on November 22nd to contribute to the strategic and political direction of the student movement in Scotland. Themes included student mental health, Brexit and students' association funding.
Annual General Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Students' Association's online Annual General Meeting is currently taking place on the My Voice platform until December 7th. • Two motions have been submitted by students on the topics of open classrooms and an alternative to having an AGM.
My Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 new ideas have been submitted on the platform this academic year. • There have been 2,924 ratings and 174 comments posted on the site this academic year. • We have been working with different College departments including catering, estates and the library to respond to student suggestions and make improvements.
Aware and Active Student	
Societies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 11 active student-led societies (9 at City and 2 at Riverside). • Three new societies are currently in the process of starting up: Catholic Society, British Sign Language Society and STEM Girls. • As it stands, there are more societies than ever before and for the first time we have been able to offer societies at the Riverside Campus.
Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Students' Association continues to work in partnership with the Sports Coordinator to deliver a programme of recreational and competitive sporting activities with 5 recreational clubs and 5 competitive teams running throughout the week. • Cricket is now being piloted in response to requests from students from the Riverside Campus with a three week programme starting on November 29th. • The Students' Association is supporting the work of the College to gain the Scottish Student Sport accreditation – College Sport Award.
Healthy Body, Healthy Mind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are aiming to build on the success of last year's five star award and retain our accreditation. • This year we intend to run more events and campaigns including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with our fellow Glasgow colleges to offer a regional wellbeing event. ○ Sports taster sessions for Supported Learning students. ○ Weekly smoking cessation clinics. • A new filter has been added to the MyCity calendar to make access to HBHM events easier.

Student Mental Health Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Students' Association continue to work in partnership with the Mental Health Coordinator to develop the Student Mental Health Agreement.
Be Inspired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our annual conference for Class Representatives is taking place on Thursday 6th December in the Lecture Theatre. • The guest speakers this year are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brian Costello, NLP Coach, HeadStrong ○ Emily Yates, Accessibility Consultant and Travel Writer ○ Molly Hughes, Motivational Speaker and Mountaineer ○ Chris Dinwoodie, Magician and Comedian • Spaces for the event are filling fast with over 100 students booked in to attend already.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In November, we continued to promote our 'It's Your City' campaign to encourage students to respect our College and our neighbours by being considerate when eating in College, smoking and parking near our campuses. • The Executive Committee continue to be active with our 'SA on Campus' events which take place on both campuses and in the evening to ensure that we can engage with as many different groups of students as possible.
Charitable Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Students' Association raised £394.69 at our charity event on World Mental Health Day which was split between PTSD UK and See Me. • The Executive Committee have voted to adopt See Me as our charity of the year to coincide with the work we are doing around student mental health. • The Students' Association have also given £747.95 to events students who are running charitable events as part of their course. We will be recording the amount of money these students raise in order to measure the impact of this funding.
Sustainable Resources	
Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students' Association spending is in line with budget at this point in the year. • The Students' Association have surpassed our target of generating £4,000 of income and have so far raised £4,759.86 comprised of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £3,700 from Freshers' stalls ○ £698 from Freshers' event ticket sales ○ £361.86 from NUS Extra Card sales (to date)
Executive Committee Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the continued development of our Executive Committee, we are planning to develop a module on Moodle which will help to build the independence and capacity by making information about how to effectively perform their roles easily accessible.
Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Students' Association website will go live in December.

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Students' Association Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the removal of the games consoles, work has now been completed to remove the furniture that housed them. • Initially the new space will be used to showcase the work of students and going forward it offers the Students' Association more flexibility in the events and activities we offer.
Value and Impact	
Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Student President and the Executive Committee have agreed that in order for the Students' Association to continue to develop and offer more to our students
Green Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NUS are set to launch the new guidance for Green Impact Colleges soon and we are looking forward to taking part and earning our first Green Impact Award. • In December, the bottle swap campaign will begin where students are encouraged to swap their disposable water bottles for reusable bottles and 5,000 will be distributed to our students.
Quality Students' Unions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Students' Association have confirmed that we will take part in the first ever cohort of Scottish colleges aiming to achieve the Quality Students' Unions Award. • We expect to begin this work early in 2019 once NUS have launched the new criteria.
Student Partnership Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first round of student ideas for the Student Partnership Agreement were gathered in October this year. • The first topic, linked to Aim 6 of the Learning Experience Strategy, was: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What can the college do to help you stay motivated and support your own wellbeing? ○ Think of the services the college already provides, do you think these could be promoted differently? Consider what you already do yourself to stay focused on your studies, could this be shared with other students? • From the first meeting of the City Partnership Forum there were agreements made that the College would look at the usage of open classrooms and the Students' Association would address greater provision of social events and investigate discounted parking for students.