

Board of Management

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1. Recommendations

To note the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board update for Board members.

Regional Update for College Board Members

Board Meeting of 17 June 2019

I hope you all had a restful summer break and that you are looking forward to the opportunities that a new term brings.

This is an important year for GCRB. Together, we have built a solid foundation of governance and we are now entering a dynamic second stage of regionalisation. The collaborative change outlined in our [Programme of Action](#) means that more Glasgow region residents will succeed, achieve qualification and improve their life chances.

The Programme of Action was discussed, amongst many other items, at our Board Meeting on 17 June. I am pleased to share this summary with you all and reflect on some of the discussions that took place, highlighting our collective desire to build a forward thinking, collaborative regional system, always putting the learner at the forefront of what we do.

The end of the college term was the last Board meeting for a number of our members. I want to thank Alan Sherry, Principal for Glasgow Kelvin College, for his participation, input and support for the Glasgow College Region, as well as Mike Ward, who has served on the Board and our Audit Committee, for his commitment to the work of the Board.

Thanks also to our outgoing student representatives for their hard work and contribution to the Board and for their conscientious approach to handing over to next year's student members.

We wish you all the very best for the future.

We look forward to welcoming a new Board Member - Mr David Brown – to our next meeting on 28 October, as well as three new student representatives - William Jeffrey, Dylan Duff and Aranka Szilassy.

Thank you all for your continued contribution and I look forward to working with you over the course of the new academic year on the delivery of our commitments within our Programme of Action.

Janie McCusker

Chair, Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board

Audit Scotland – College Sector Report

Mark McCabe, representative for Audit Scotland, discussed and highlighted key aspects of the [College Sector Report](#) and answered questions, marked observations and welcomed feedback around the report from Board Members, highlighting how helpful it is for the organisation in order to continuously improve processes.

The Board considered the Audit Scotland report and noted its content.

Board Member Extensions and Appointments

The Chair of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee presented the recommendations to the Board for the extension of three Glasgow Clyde College Board Members, four City of Glasgow College Board Members and one Glasgow Kelvin College Board Member. She also presented the recommendation of the Committee to appoint David Brown as a Non-Executive Member of GCRB for a four year term and the co-option of Anwulika Umeh to the Performance and Resources Committee for a period of one year.

The Board discussed the make-up of each College's Board and the importance of fair representation and gender equality. It was highlighted that GCRB currently has a 50:50 male to female ratio on the Board. The Board was happy to approve the recommendations presented to them.

Risk Register

The Board discussed the Risk Register and any changes they felt ought to be made. The main concern of the Board was the financial stability of the three Colleges, given the significantly increased pressures on colleges' budgets for 2019-20 and beyond. Following extensive discussion of potential impacts and activities, the Board agreed to increase the risk score for financial sustainability to the highest level.

The Chair of the Board emphasised that although the future would hold many challenges from a financial perspective, it was imperative that the Board and Colleges work together collaboratively as a region to come up with forward thinking and innovative solutions to the problems that might be faced. She highlighted that it must be the learner who is always at the forefront of what we do and

the Board would use the Strategic Planning day in August to look to the future and how best they might respond to inevitable challenges.

Regional Outcome Agreement 2019-20

The Chair of the Performance and Resources Committee presented the paper on the [Regional Outcome Agreement for 2019-20](#), noting that the revised credit targets remain broadly as agreed in March. It was also noted that there are additional economic sector and childcare activity credit targets for the coming year.

Regional Collaboration Update

The GCRB Executive Director provided an overview of [ongoing collaborative activity](#), including participation in a national Skills' Recognition Pilot and key updates and progress around the Learner Journey, Foundation Apprenticeship Delivery and Skills Alignment.

Trade Union Attendance at Board Meetings

The Board Secretary provided an overview of the paper that had previously been discussed at the N&R Committee around Trade Union attendance at Board meetings.

The Board agreed that it would be beneficial if Trade Unions have observer status on the Board in the new academic year, before official legislation comes into force and will progress this for the next academic term.

GCRSE

Student President Shaun McLaughlin gave an update to the Board about the GCRSE elections and informed us that three new student members would be joining the Board next term. The Chair thanked them for their regional outlook and collaboration on behalf of The Board and for the time they have taken to update the new members on the work of GCRB and what to expect as a student representative on the Board.

Board Papers for 17 June 2019 meeting are available [here](#).