

Board of Management

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Subject of Paper	Students' Association Update
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1. Recommendations

To note the Students' Association update paper.

2. Purpose of report

An overview of the Students' Association Operational Activity.

3. Context

Operational Activity undertaken from January - March 2021

4. Impact and implications

N/A

Shaping the life and work of the college (Influence)	
To ensure processes and procedures that are in place to ensure that City SA has the ability to shape decisions which impact on the student experience.	
College Strategic Planning	The SA have been represented at both Board Planning Days this academic year.
My Student Experience Survey and Student Satisfaction and Engagement Survey	<p>The Student Satisfaction and Engagement Survey is currently live and will be open to students to feedback to until the 30th of April.</p> <p>The SA are currently working alongside Performance to encourage students to engage with this feedback system via our Social Media Channels, Class Rep Network and Whats On Email.</p>
Representation on relevant College Forums & Boards	100% Attendance from SA Team
Glasgow Colleges Regional Board	<p>100% Attendance from SA Team</p> <p>Contributed to GCRB Review</p>
Glasgow Colleges Regional Student Executive	<p>100% Attendance from SA Team</p> <p>Planned review of GCRSE systems by end of academic year</p>

Class Rep Recruitment	<u>Class Rep Statistics</u> Nautical and Stem: 72/82 - 88% elected Creative Industries: 108/143 - 76% elected Hospitality and Leisure: 115/128 - 90% elected Education and Humanities: 83/87 - 95% elected Overall Total: 378/440 – 88% Elected
Class Rep Induction/Training	234/440 classes – 53% have an Inducted Rep - 1.5% decrease 72/440 classes – 16% have a Rep who has accessed additional training - 0.75% increase
Class Rep Support	Class Rep Forum - 288 - 65% Class Reps engaged 138/370 classes – 37% Completed check in January, no check in in February.
Faculty Reps	7 Faculty Reps have attended induction, are supporting the class reps and are meeting with Faculty Deans on a regular basis.
Student Partnership Agreement	SPA Forum on Monday the 14th of December was agreed to work in partnership to improve the College comms, Digital Transformation, and to move MyVoice to the CitySA Website.

	In line with the forthcoming SAEC Strategy a review of the SPA will be carried out by the end of the academic year.
Green Impact	<p>The SA is on track to complete its Green Impact Award this year.</p> <p>For a full break down of the work carried out to achieve this by the Environmental and Sustainability Project Team please click here.</p>
Staff Awards	<p>We have received 336 completed nominations this year for staff awards. Student Judging panels will soon begin the process of short list and winner selection.</p> <p>Two new awards were also added; the "digital innovator" award will celebrate the hard work of the lecturer who has been creative in the blended learning environment, and the "Green Champion", that will celebrate those educators who actively provide opportunities for students to learn, research, and understand climate change, and the green skills they need to mitigate their impact.</p>
Governance and Democracy (Student-led)	
To promote effective democratic structures are in place which enable the students association to function democratically and represent the interests of its student members.	
NUS Conferences	<p>Lead and Change - Full Team in Attendance</p> <p>That's Quality - Full Team in Attendance</p> <p>NUS Scotland Conferences- Full Team in Attendance</p>
Glasgow Student Forum	100% Attendance
Elections	All elected reps have been inducted and are participating with the SA operational activity

Student Parliament	<p>Decisions made at the most recent student parliament 24.2.21,</p> <p>4.1/ Proposals Seeking Decisions SFC Fund proposal: Volunteer Project Approved</p> <p>4.2/ Position Statements Approved Prevent – Updates to last year. Vaccination – Created.</p> <p>4.3/Co-opting of membership onto Parliament 2nd Faculty Rep: Educations and Humanities, Kenny Morrison approved as member of Parliament. Climate Change officer position to be relaunched.</p>
Annual General Meeting	<p>No Update</p>
Schedules Review	<p>Schedule Three has been reviewed and updated. Changes were accepted at Student Parliament</p>
Democracy Review	<p>Currently in the process of reviewing the constitution with NUS Scotland, in line with our legal and constitutional commitment to do so.</p> <p>SMT members are invited to provide feedback through this survey: https://email-nus.org.uk/p/5BGA-6IR/citysa-stakeholder-survey</p>
My Voice	<p>MyVoice/ideas platform to the SA website has been agreed at the Student Partnership Forum (14th December)</p> <p>Following a recruitment process the SA now has a new Digital Officer who will begin working on this move once fully inducted to the SA.</p>
Aware and Active Students (Inclusion)	

To ensure that process and procedures are in place to ensure that all students are aware of the purpose of City SA, and are active within it.

Clubs and Societies

Societies

- Down to Earth - 100 Members
- Class Rep- 290 Members
- Film Society - 97 Members
- City Explorers - 118 Members
- Care Experienced Students Society - 37 Members
- LGBTQ - 88 members
- Photography - 158 Member
- Student Parents Society - 43 Members
- E-Sport - 83 members
- CitySa Fitness - 138 members
- CitySa Yoga - 137 members
- Disabled students- 28 members

Partnership with Student Engagement Team to work with Priority Groups.

Students Living in Halls: working with Halls staff to agree provision over Xmas break.

ESOL: Last session in February with little engagement. Currently on redevelopment.

International Students: zoom drop in, Last session in February with 40 Students engaged.

Sports Clubs	<p>Running Club for students living in Riverside Halls suspended due to lockdown.</p> <p>Yoga, Fitness and Totally Body Work out sessions weekly. Priority groups (eg Supported Learning Programmes within Education and Humanities) have also accessed in class sessions from our instructors.</p> <p>Step Count Challenge: 26 teams, 130 participants and over 17 million steps.</p>
Charitable Fundraising	<p>CALM: Winner of the Charity of the year Award with more than 400 votes.</p> <p>Charities Officer is working with CALM on completing a dedicated “Task Master” Campaign in April in correlation with VP of Diversity and Wellbeing.</p>
Community Volunteering	<p>The SA have agreed to use the recently awarded SFC Funds to recruit a dedicated Volunteer Development Officer as a member of SA Staff (paper approved at Parliament and offered to SMT for Noting).</p> <p>A new role description has been written and is currently with HR for Job Evaluation.</p>
Student Mental Health Agreement	<p>Student Mental Health Agreement signed up to again this year with Think Positive.</p> <p>The Diversity and Wellbeing Team plan to update the SMHA as it now several years old (2019).</p>
Liberation Activities	<p>LGBT History Month: 5x Humans of COGC articles 1x quiz w/ 41 responses 1x event 1x HIV pledge. Trans Awareness Day</p>

	<p>International Men's Day International Women's day</p>
Freshers	2785 sign ups to Virtual Freshers
Themed Events	<p><u>What's On</u> 5 sisters zoo tour - 1,045 views Project Pizza tutorial - 361 views Chocolate tutorial - 508 views Mac - 240 Views Introduction to Climate Psychology: 10 participants Extinction Rebellion Presentation: 12 Participants Woodlands Community Cycling Projects: 5 Participants Remode, Fast Fashion and Sustainable Fashion: 9 Participants.</p> <p>Coming soon: Climate Cafes hosted by the Climate Psychology Alliance. Mother Earth Day- Events</p>
Campaigns	<p>Campaigns so far this year:</p> <p>See you later Elevator, wear a Mask, Go Green for a Better Future, Unplugged</p> <p>#binstigate / Christmas Connections / Christmas Jumper/ Road Safety Awareness Week / Santa Dash/ Charity of the Year Award/ Staff Awards</p> <p>Make your own reusable mask upcycling textile/ Fit in Feb/ LGTB Month- Articles/ Pledge against gender violence.</p> <p>Coming up: Its Your Shot</p>

	<p>Mother Earth Day (22nd of April) Challenge Essay Mills Acts of Random Kindness</p>
Sponsored Student Events	Funding Process has been agreed for sponsoring student events, and approved by parliament.
Communications Strategy	<p>Communications Weekly What's on email sent to students and Student Experience Directorate Working with the Learning and Teaching Academy to develop the SA Website accessibility Statement.</p> <p>Analytics: Follower Count Facebook - 4,044 Follower Count Instagram - 1213 Follower Twitter - 1746 Website visits- 1,500 users, 2300 sessions</p>
Sustainable Resources (Sustainability)	
To ensure City SA has the resources and support required to function effectively and deliver its core representative purpose.	
Website	The SA have liaised with Roy Gardner to make contact with a advertising agency with the intention that they would handle companies interested in advertising on our website on our behalf for an agreed fee.

Exec Training	16 Sessions 100% Attendance
Value and Impact (Impact)	
To ensure that the outputs of the activities of CitySA are measured, recorded and evaluated for value and impact and that improvements are made on this basis.	
Student Recognition Awards / Summit	No Update
Strategic Plan	Democracy Review – Ongoing Financial Plans - Underway Volunteering Opportunities - Underway
Awards and Accreditations	Signed up to Green Impact Award again this year. Award schedule also organised to tie in with relevant sector leading frameworks and best practice