

Board of Management Students, Staff & Equalities Committee

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1. Recommendations

1.1 The Students, Staff and Equalities Committee (SSEC) is asked to discuss the interim report on key Students' Association activity to Dec 2022.

2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members of the SSEC with a high-level overview of key activities undertaken within the Students' Association to December 2022.

3. Consultation

Student Experience Directorate.

4. Key Insights

4.1 The Students' Association have a [Strategic Plan](#) which informs day to day operational activity with the elected mandate of the [Presidential Team](#) and in year feedback from various student feedback systems including [Class Reps](#).

4.2 The Students' Association monitors the performance and progress through regular scrutiny of operational plans and workplans, culminating in the [CitySA Annual Impact Report](#) made to the Board of Management in May/June.

4.3 The Students' Association and the college are proud of the positive and constructive partnership-based working relationship that continues to be cultivated by both organisations. Our partnership work has produced many sector-leading initiatives, which directly benefit the student experience at the college.

Our Interim Report to December 2022 is attached at Appendix 1.

5. Impact and Implications

5.1 The Students' Association provide a critical role within the college by both engaging in the work and life of the college and by providing an appropriate channel for the student voice. Both the Student Partnership Agreement and Student Mental Health Agreement are key elements of this partnership work. Failure to provide appropriate support and partnership work with the Students' Association could impact on both student performance and college reputation.

Students' Association Interim Report to December 2022

1. Key Activities

1.1 Freshers

Freshers was brought forward to coincide with the Student Welcome Events held in August and spread across the five busiest induction days to maximise impact. Across the five days:

- 3,500 interacted with our Freshers' activities.
- 8,000 students visited our website.
- 600 signed up to Clubs and Societies.

1.2 Breakfast Club

In response to the cost-of-living crisis, we have established a free breakfast initiative that runs Monday through Friday at both campuses. A budget of £30,000 was given by the college.

As of December 23rd, 1230 breakfasts have been provided at Riverside Campus and a further 1822 breakfasts at City Campus.

1.3 Class Rep Recruitment Stats

As of December 2022, we have:

- 86% of classes with elected representatives.
- 30% of Class Reps Trained.
- 166 Class Reps attended across the 12 Class Rep Meetings.

1.4 Liberation Campaigns

In Block One, the Students' Association focussed on several successful and interactive liberation campaigns.

- 56 students interacted with our Black History Month events, which included walking tours and cooking demonstrations.
- 147 Students interacted with our Trans and Non-binary Awareness initiatives, which included an SA on Campus, fitness workshops, and convenor training.
- 50 Students interacted with our 16 Days of Action campaign in partnership with White Ribbon.

1.5 Societies

As of December, we had 9 active societies and 180 active members. Our most popular society is the Tabletop Gaming Society.

2. Planned Activities

2.1 Elections

Students' Association Interim Report to December 2022

In January, we began the process of preparing for our annual Presidential Team elections, which will take place in March.

2.2 Relaunch of volunteering hub and Nairn Family Trust Money

After the successful launch of our Volunteer Hub in 2021, we are in the process of redeveloping the layout of the Volunteer Hub on our website alongside MSL to make it more engaging for students.

Nairn Family Trust have allocated £8,000 per annum over the next four years. This money is to be used to employ volunteer ambassadors. We are currently in the process of trying to apply for SVQF level 4 accreditation to ensure that we can give formal recognition to our volunteers, and we are hoping to use some of the Nairn Family Trust money to support this initiative.

2.3 LGBTQIA2+ History Month:

In February, we will be running another interactive liberation campaign for LGBTQIA2+ History month in partnership with the EDI department and local organisations. We will also be participating in staff LGBT training as part of our ongoing LGBT Charter work.

3. Exceptional Items

3.1 Cost of Living Crisis

In October, we created a Warm Bank map of Glasgow, highlighting areas that students could use as a warm space if they were worried about the increase in fuel prices.

To aid our food insecurity initiatives, we have submitted funding applications to support a food pantry.

3.2 Advertising

This year we launched a new advertising package for external partners.

As of December, we have:

- 14 advertising partners
- £3274 earned from advertising.

3.3 Budget

Our agreed budget for the year is £30182.

As of December 2022, we have spent £20,108.53 with a further £2,157.67 committed. £4303 of our expenditure for this year is due to money from last year's budget being carried forward, meaning we have now spent 67% of our overall budget if we include the carried forward expenditure.