

## Board of Management

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday 4 April 2023</b>
<b>Paper No.</b>	<b>BoM5-E</b>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Subject of Paper</b>	<b>Students' Association Update</b>
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<b>Action</b>	<b>For Discussion</b>

### 1. Recommendations

The Board is asked to discuss the Students' Association's (SA) updates on Block Two progress.

### 2. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide a brief overview and facilitate discussion on the progress that the SA has made towards achieving their operational activities during Block Two. A further breakdown of progress towards operational targets will be presented to the Board via a presentation, which can also be found in Appendix B.

### 3. Consultation

Each year, the SA outlines their programme of work after consultation with students during their induction and through Annual General Meetings (AGM), organising the manifesto aims of the Presidential Team, and identifying pieces of work that fit in with the Students' Association's Strategic Plan.

### 4. Key Insights

#### 4.1 AGMs

##### 4.1.1 2020/21

In the 2021/22 Academic Year (AY) our students put forward and approved the following motions:

- Apply for and work towards the Silver LGBT Charter Award (*ongoing*)
- Update the SA Constitution (*completed*)
- Campaign for a Sensory Room (*ongoing*)
- Improve the SA's Sustainability (*completed*)

##### 4.1.2 2021/22

In the 2021/22 AY our students put forward and approved the following motions:

- Develop a Community Pantry (*ongoing*)
- Become supporters of the White Ribbon Pledge (*completed*)
- Create a more engaging SA space (*ongoing*)

#### 4.2 Presidential Team Ambitions

This year, our Presidential Team outlined the following as their key priorities for the year:

- Creating Transgender and Non-binary Awareness campaigns (*completed*)
- Creating inclusive societies and sports (*ongoing*)
- Improving the value of and engagement with Class Rep systems (*ongoing*)
- Supporting students through the Cost-of-Living Crisis (*ongoing*)
- Engaging students with internal, regional, and national student-led campaigns (*ongoing*)

#### 4.3 Induction Survey

During the college's 'Get Ready for College' initiative, the Students' Association gathered feedback from students about what they would like us to prioritise this year.

Students said they would like us to:

- Focus on tackling Gender Based Violence, tackling the Cost-of-Living Crisis, tackling mental health stigma, and developing Liberation Campaigns (*ongoing*)
- Support LGBTQIA+ work through workshops, training sessions, and talks (*complete*)

#### 4.4 Strategic Plan

##### 4.4.1 2019-22

In 2019, the Strategic Plan developed by the SA for 2019-22 outlined the following areas as strategic priorities:

- Aware and Active Students
- Democracy and Governance
- Shaping the Life and Work of the College
- Value and Impact
- Sustainable Resources

##### 4.4.2 2023-28

This year, the SA is developing a new five-year strategic plan, with input from active members of the SA. The Strategic Plan, which will be finalised in April, outlines the following areas as strategic priorities for the SA:

- Champions of Change
- Sustainable Support
- Building Inclusive Communities
- Value and Impact

## 5. Impact and Implications

Developing operational plans by centring student and Student Exec priorities, as well as strategic aims of the SA, ensures that the SA is following the objectives outlined within the SA's Constitution.

By achieving the operational and strategic priorities, the Students' Association can meaningfully engage with its members and support the improvement of a positive learning and wider college experience.

While many operational pieces within the SA are continuous, failure to meet or progress with the operational objectives outlined each year could result in the reduction of positive student engagement and/or meaningful student representation.

## Appendices

- [CitySA Constitution](#)
- Presentation

# Students' Association Update



# Elections

## 2023-24 Presidential Team

- Leo Subido - Student President
- Ciara McCarthy - VP Diversity & Wellbeing
- Polly Vaker - VP Socials & Activities
- Josh Taylor - VP Learning & Teaching



Paper Ballots  
30%



Online Ballots  
70%



11  
Candidates



7389  
Votes Cast



1958  
Voter Turnout

# AGM Motion Progress

## Community Pantry

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- Awarded £7000 from Glasgow Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund
- Identified Potential Spaces- in communication with Estates
- Focus Groups with students w/c April 17th

## LGBT Charter

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- Updated College Transgender Policy
- Will achieve Silver Award by the end of AY 22/23
- Will be on track to achieve Gold Award in AY 23/24

## White Ribbon

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- 16 Days of Action Campaign
- Parliament voted to move to Emily Test Charter

# Campaigns

## LGBTQIA+ History Month

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- Community Partner-led Events
- 3 Articles
- Trans Inclusion talk (Stonewall) postponed

## Lobbying

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- 390 students signed letter to Ministers in support of no-strings funding
- Students have continued to work alongside NUS to lobby for support for councillors

## Inclusive Sports

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- Rebranding- no commitment; gender-inclusive
- Sports and Societies Taster Week
- Sports Fayre Development- May 2nd

# Campaigns

## Free Breakfast



- 9,349 Breakfast Deals
- February busiest month
- Average of 2100 breakfasts each month
- Average cost per week (after Breakfast Deal fully established) £1224.44
- The current allocated budget projected to last for another 10 weeks



# Strategic Plan Development



# Misc Block 2 Updates

## External Awards

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Shortlisted for four NUS Scotland Awards:

- College SA of the Year 2023
- Liberations and Equality Campaign 2023
- Student of the Year 2023 (*Leo Subido*)
- Society of the Year 2023 (*Tabletop gaming*)

## Student Awards Development

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- 70 nominations; 7 award categories
- £2000 budget
- Shortlisting Panel 31st of March;  
Award Panel 2nd of May
- Winners announced at Summit on  
25th of May