

## Board of Management Students, Staff & Equalities Committee

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 15 March 2017</b>
<b>Paper No.</b>	<b>SSEC2-D</b>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Subject of Paper</b>	<b>Students' Association Update</b>
<b>FOISA Status</b>	<b>Disclosable</b>
<b>Primary Contact</b>	<b>Ian Gilmour/Jamie Lee Gooding</b>
<b>Date of production</b>	<b>9 March 2017</b>
<b>Action</b>	<b>For Discussion/Decision</b>

### **1. Recommendations**

To consider the Students' Association update.

## **2. Purpose of report**

To report on the current activities and outcomes of the Students' Association. The update will highlight the wide range of activities, initiatives and events that have been carried out and in development for the current session.

## **3. Context**

The Students' Association team ensure that students are engaged in all aspects of college life, ensuring their voice is heard, developing clubs and societies, representing students and college at local and national events, taking part in regional and national decision-making processes, and campaigning for the rights of our students.

## **4. Impact and implications**

The Students' Association works in partnership with City of Glasgow College to create a culture for our students that recognises the needs of the individual, promoting an environment that is inclusive and accessible to all. The importance of the student voice ensures an improved student experience and leads to greater retention, attainment and achievement success for the college.

# Students' Association Update – S,S&E 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Shaping the Life and Work of the College

### Representation on College Boards and Committees

The Student President, Ian Gilmour, and Vice President Social and Activities, Jamie-lee Gooding, continue as members of the College Board for 2016/17. They recently attended and participated in the board planning meetings in February 2017 at the Hilton, Glasgow.

The Student President, Vice President Diversity and Wellbeing and a number of Faculty Reps from across the college attended the Academic Board meeting in February 2017 held in the Students' Association at City Campus for the first time. The Vice President Learning and Teaching attends the Learning & Teaching Committee and members of the Student Executive are actively participating in various college working groups.

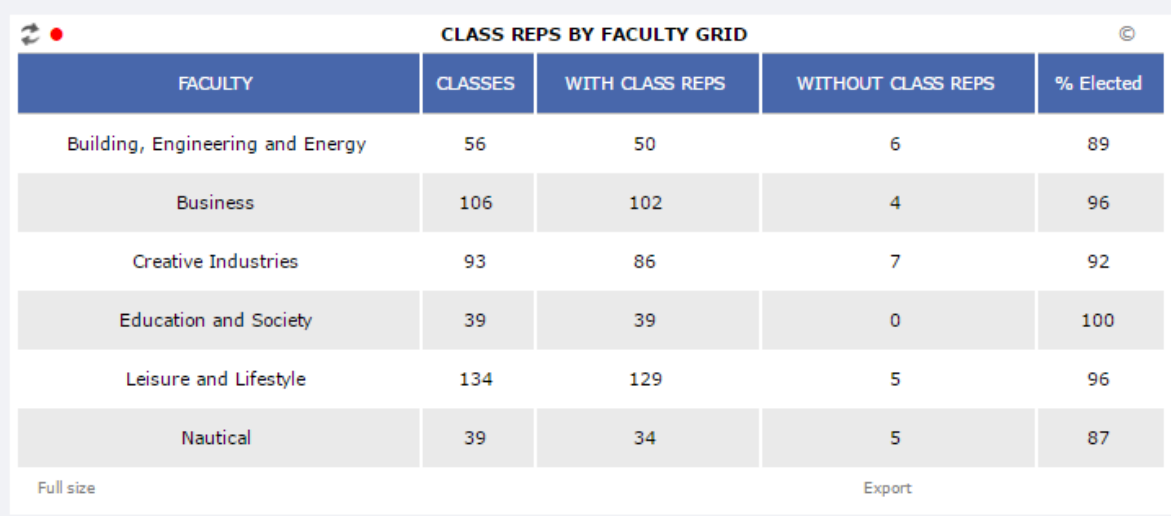
### Regional Student Engagement

The Glasgow Colleges' Regional Student Executive is made up of the Presidential Teams of the 3 Glasgow colleges and has met four times this academic year – at least once at each college – City, Kelvin and Clyde.

Ian Gilmour continues to be a full member of the Glasgow Colleges' Regional board as a student representative, alongside the Student President from Glasgow Clyde College.

## Government and Democracy

### Class Rep System



FACULTY	CLASSES	WITH CLASS REPS	WITHOUT CLASS REPS	% Elected
Building, Engineering and Energy	56	50	6	89
Business	106	102	4	96
Creative Industries	93	86	7	92
Education and Society	39	39	0	100
Leisure and Lifestyle	134	129	5	96
Nautical	39	34	5	87

### Class Rep Training

CitySA has continued to employ Institutional Associate Trainers to deliver class rep training sessions in 2016-17. 4 current students, all experienced Class Reps, have been employed to deliver the sessions and undertook extensive training from sparqs at a training weekend in Dundee in August.

Training sessions for Block 2 took place between 30<sup>th</sup> January and 17<sup>th</sup> February across both campuses, at a variety of times. Specially tailored Class Rep Training was delivered for Apprentices, ESOL students and students with additional support needs. Over 300 class reps have been trained to date and CitySA plan to deliver more training sessions before the end of the academic year.

## Big Student Elections 2017

For the third year in a row, CitySA participated in the Big Student Elections – a nationally co-ordinated series of student elections throughout Scotland. As part of the Glasgow region, we worked with Strathclyde University Students' Union, Glasgow Caledonian University Students' Association and University of the West of Scotland Students' Association. Our polls were open the same week, promotion was shared across the city and we held a successful joint results party at Strathclyde Union on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

The 2017 Big Student Elections took place between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March. Continuing our upward trend of engagement in elections, they were the most successful elections to date with over XXXX students voting. There were 13 candidates for the 4 Presidential positions. The Student President is a full-time, paid position and the Vice President Positions are part-time, paid. The winner, listed below, will take up office from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017:

**Student President:**

**Vice President Learning and Teaching:**

**Vice President Social and Activities:**

**Vice President Diversity and Wellbeing:**

CitySA will hold the election of the voluntary Student Executive positions in October 2017.

## Aware and Active Students

### Re:Fresh

On 15<sup>th</sup> February, CitySA held their Re:Fresh event to promote the facilities available through the SA, college and our partners to existing and (particularly) new-start students. The event was well-received, with 297 students attending at the Mezzanine space in City Campus. There were stalls from CitySA clubs and societies, Representation, Sports Clubs, Bridge to Business, World Skills, SiE, Student Advisors and SAMH.



## Sports

CitySA have continued to employ 3 dedicated sports coaches. All are current City students and work 3 hours per week to facilitate our sports clubs to a high standard. We work closely with the college's Sports Development Coordinator and aim to increase City of Glasgow college representation and success at Scottish Student Sport official competitions.



# TIMETABLE

AVAILABLE TO ALL  
COGC STUDENTS



Day	What's on	Time	Location
Monday	Basketball (mixed)	17:00 - 18:30	City Campus, Games Hall, Floor 3
Tuesday	Women's football	16:00 - 17:00	City Campus, Games Hall, Floor 3
Tuesday	Men's football	17:00 - 18:30	City Campus Games Hall, Floor 3
Wednesday	Netball (mixed)	17:00 - 18:00	City Campus, Games Hall, Floor 3
Thursday	Badminton (mixed)	17:00 - 18:30	City Campus, Games Hall, Floor 3



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## Societies

# CLUBS & SOCIETIES

**CITY<sup>sa</sup>**  
students' association

Day	What's on	Time	Location
Monday	Source Code (Gamers Society)	16:30 - 18:00	CitySA - Level 2 City Campus
Tuesday	Collaborative Arts Society	16:30 - 18:30	CitySA - Level 2 City Campus
Wednesday	Wellbeing Society	12:00 - 13:00	C.02.105 - City Campus
Wednesday	LGBT+ Society	16:30 - 17:30	CitySA - Level 2 City Campus
Thursday	Women in Numbers	12:00 - 13:00	CitySA - Level 2 City Campus
Thursday	Culture Club	17:00 - 18:00	CitySA - Level 0 Riverside

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## Campaigns

CitySA have been working alongside NUS Scotland on the promotion of the national campaigns #SupportUs and United for Education – both looking at educational funding and the cost of living for students in Scotland and the UK. February 2017 saw thousands of students across Scotland lobbying their MSPs on a fair deal for students in the Scottish budget at Holyrood.

## SA on Campus

CitySA are investing in their resources for SA on Campus, buying large display boards, hoodies and other promotional material in order to increase their visibility on around campus. This is in response to feedback from students in the Student Experience Strategy focus groups and questionnaire which indicated that students would like to see the Presidential Team and Student Executive members out and about more often. As part of the CitySA communications strategy, SA on Campus sessions have been themed each month to emphasis a relevant message.

## Sustainable Resources

### Conferences

The Presidential Team, Student Executive members and ordinary students have attended, or are booked to attend, the following national conferences:

- NUS Students Unions 2016, Liverpool
- NUS College Officer Training, Livingston
- NUS Gathering, Stirling
- Board Member Training, College Development Network, Stirling
- NUS Zones Conference, Glasgow
- Women in Leadership, Sheffield
- Sparqs Student Engagement Conference, Edinburgh
- NUS Scotland National Conference, Dundee
- LGBT Conference, Edinburgh
- Black Students Conference, Edinburgh
- Disabled Students Conference, Edinburgh
- Women's Conference, Edinburgh

### Finance

The Students' Association budget has been confirmed as £30,000 for 2016/17.

The Students' Association Presidential Team and Student Executive have budgeted for the year, ringfencing allocated spend on identified areas of priority, as well as allowing for a general spend to react to student needs throughout the year.

The highest event spend to date was Freshers' at £3,454.01 (a saving of £1,476.21 from 2015/16) and the highest one-off spend comes from the annual affiliation fee to NUS at £4,494.02.

## Value and Impact

### Student Partnership Agreement

CitySA are working with the college and the national organisation for quality in Scotland, sparqs, in developing a Student Partnership Agreement (SPA) at City. SPAs are documents which set out how student engagement works at the college right now, what we want it to look like going forward and

how the SA and college will work together to achieve that over the lifetime of the document.

The first SPA meeting will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and will be facilitated by sparqs, involving students, elected officers and senior college staff.