Item 10
For Noting

GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE

Learning & Teaching Committee – 27 January 2021

Students Association Update

Report by Learner Engagement Officer and Student Presidents

1. Introduction

This report is to provide an update on Student Association activity.

2. Student's Association Update

Since the last meeting both officers have continued to engage in all relevant boards, committees and working groups within the college.

Sarah has continued in her role as Vice Chair of Glasgow Student Forum. The officers are continuing to lobby for financial relief for students which has resulted in a further, as of 23/12/20, £5 Million being available to students experiencing hardship. The Forum has also been in communication with Patrick Harvie MSP and currently have a motion going through the Scottish Parliament for an additional £10 million for hardship and mental health provision and £5 million for capital assets to be made available in line with the Welsh Government.

Lauren is continuing in her role as Chair of the Glasgow College Regional Student Executive to develop a pledge to reduce carbon emissions and encourage sustainability.

The officers along with NUS Scotland wrote to the First Minister regarding digital funding and inclusion, fee reimbursements, rent compensations and enforcing a no-detriment policy across Scotland.

Both officers are successfully communicating information to students through social media such as the Student Association Facebook page and the MyKelvin app. The officers have been involved in creating a new team's channel in which students can access various services and there is a dedicated class representative channel. The officers organised a Christmas quiz to engage students and plan to continue engagement with students through online social activities.

The officers engaged in the second set of class representative meetings in which they met with students, provided information and conducted an open discussion for students to express any negative and positive feedback. The officers responded well to feedback and will report back to students at the next class representative meetings. At the class representatives' meetings, we invited the Health & Safety Manager, which helped to relieve students concerns. We also engaged with the Active Travel Officer and students expressed interest in the benefits available to them.

The officers have also been involved in the planning of the online graduation.

3. Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising directly from this report

4. Equalities

There are no equality implications arising directly from this report.

5. Risk and Assurance

This report provides assurance that the Student's Association are effectively engaging with students and encouraging the student voice to be heard.

6. Data Protection

There are no data protection implications arising directly from this report

7. Recommendations

Members are recommended to note the contents of the report.

8. Further Information

Members can obtain additional information on the contents of this report from Student Presidents Lauren McLaren and Sarah Loughran.

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