Item 08
For Noting

Glasgow Kelvin College

Academic Board – 18 February 2022

Student Association Update

Report by Students' Association Presidents

1. Introduction

This report provides an update on the Student Association activities so far in 2021-22.

2. Update

Since the last Academic Board, both officers have engaged in all relevant Boards, Committees and Working Groups within the College.

The Student Association recently launched their clubs and societies, which students have been signing up to and we expect engagement to increase with further promotion. Students can join an existing club or society or create their own by using a Microsoft Form. There are currently seven clubs or societies available to join, they are as follows: Film club, LGBTQ+ club, ESOL speaking society, cycling club, Woman Together, We Care and a Walking club.

The Student Association have recruited and confirmed the officers of the Student Executive Committee. The team consists of students that have voluntarily put themselves forward to be more active within the College. The Student Executive Officers have set themselves goals and tasks enthusiastically. The team is made up of 3 Vice Presidents, 2 Woman's Officers, an LGBTQ+ Officer, an ESOL and International Officer, an Equality and Diversity Officer, a Campaigns Officer and a Care Experienced Officer.

The Executive Committee have already met on a couple of occasions and individual meetings have taken place. The Vice Presidents are focusing on mental health awareness for students and creating a poster to make staff and students aware of their Student Executive team for this year. The Woman's Officers are working on the Period Poverty campaign with the Learner Engagement Officer as well as promoting the Woman Together club. The LGBT officer is working with the Digital and Social Media Assistant to raise awareness of LGBT history month and increase engagement in the LGBTQ+ society. The ESOL and International Officer has started the Speaking club to support students learning English as their second language. The Equality and Diversity Officer has offered to support the running of clubs and societies and work in collaboration with other Student Executives. The Care Experienced Officer has started a new club for students that are care experienced, to come together and support each other in their experiences. The Campaigns Officer is working towards raising awareness of important events in the next following months, such as Autism awareness day and Ramadan.

The Student Association have scheduled the next set of Class Representative meetings which will take place on the 9th and 11th of February. The Officers have invited the Health and Safety Manager to give an update on the current health and safety guidelines in college regarding Coronavirus.

The Student Association has recently applied for the small grant scheme through the National Union of Students – Think Positive Campaign. The application is for funds to provide a mental health course for the Student Executive Committee and Class Reps. The course would be beneficial for students in learning and expanding their knowledge of mental health and would assist them as they execute their role as a Student Officer/Representative within the college.

The Student Association have been promoting various awareness events including LGBT history month, Breathing Space day, Burns night and free bus travel for young people.

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 College is supporting the Students' Association to engage with learners and participate in life and work of the College.

6. Data Protection

There are no data protection implications arising directly from this report

7. Recommendations

Members are recommended to note the contents of this report.

8. Further Information

Members can obtain additional information on the contents of this report from Lauren McLaren, President of Welfare, Community and Sustainability or James McGunnigle, President of Learning and Teaching.

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