Item 9c
For Information

GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING OF 31 AUGUST 2020

STUDENT ASSOCIATION PROGRESS REPORT

REPORT BY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS

1. Introduction

This report seeks to update members on the progress of the Student Association to date and on their future plans.

2. Update

In May 2020, an election was held a full-time Students' Association President (with a remit focussed on Student Welfare and a 0.5 Students' Association President (with a remit focussed on Learning and Teaching). Following an electronic ballot, Lauren McLaren was elected as full-time president, and Sarah Loughran was re-elected in her 0.5 role.

Over the summer months much of the focus has been on planning and preparation for students returning in the new academic year. In addition, the Student Association representatives have attended online training and networking events including NUS (National Union of Students) Lead and Change, Sparqs (Student Partnership in Quality Scotland) 'That's Quality' and the NUS 'Think Positive' project, which helps to support students who are dealing with poor mental health by tackling the stigma around it. All of the events were interesting and useful for learning new information and sharing good practice on the most effective ways to engage with students.

The two Student Presidents are both fully involved in College working groups related to the Transformation and Renewal plan. As part of this, the Student Association presidents played a key (and starring!) role in the development of an induction video for new learners. The video provides and introduction to the College campuses and how it is managing risks related to Coronavirus. The video will be shown to all new students and can be accessed at:

https://youtu.be/YjbYrqYw2TE

For this year, the Students' Association will have an online presence on the MyKelvin app. This will provide better access to direct communication between the Students' Association and students and should help heighten the profile of the Association within the student body. The MyKelvin app is available to download free in App stores.

In terms of forward plans, the Students Association are focussed on finalising their annual operational plan, and partnership and mental health agreement. Once finalised,

the Students Association will work collaboratively with the College to implement the Association's priorities for the year.

3. Resources Implications

There are no new resource implications that arise as a consequence of this report.

4. Equalities

There are no equalities issues that arise as a consequence of this report.

5. Risk and Assurance

There are no risk issues that arise as a consequence of this report.

6. Data Protection

There are no data protection issues that arise as a consequence of this report.

7. Recommendations

Members are recommended to note the contents of the report.

8. Further Information

Members can obtain further information on the contents of this report from Lauren McLaren or Sarah Loughran, Student Association Presidents.

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