

GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF 1 MARCH 2021
STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION UPDATE
REPORT BY STUDENT PRESIDENTS

1. Introduction

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

2. Student's Association Update

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

Sarah is continuing in her role as Vice Chair of the Glasgow Student Forum (GSF). Continuing on from successful lobbying for additional funding from the Scottish Government and building relationships with prominent MSPs and MPs, the GSF along with NUS Scotland is now urgently seeking guidance from the Government on how practical courses are taught and accredited.

Lauren is continuing in her role as Chair of the Glasgow Colleges Regional Students Executive (GCRSE). The GCRSE have decided to shift their focus from environmental sustainability to the impact of the continued lockdown on students' mental health. The GCRSE presented data and testimonies from students across Glasgow and how they are being affected. This was appreciated by board members and the chair is considering addressing the minister on this matter. The GCRSE continue to work closely together and have recently collaborated to create awareness and celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month.

The officers are currently engaging with students in regard to the funding that was made available in December 2020 from the Government for mental health and welfare provision. We have been in consultation with class representatives in gathering ideas on how the funding should be implemented. Some ideas include: online exercise classes, mindfulness and guided meditation sessions, arts and craft classes and employing a student on a part-time basis to lead on a digital health and wellbeing project.

Class representative meetings will take place in early March but we continue to engage with them and all students through the GKC student team.

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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