

GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF 12 DECEMBER 2022
STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRIORITIES UPDATE
REPORT BY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS



1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update members on the progress and recent activity of the Student Association (SA) and give an overview of future priorities and plans.

Since the start of the college session the student presidents have been busy raising awareness and assuring that the student association is available to students in campus and online, helping to share college information, answering general student enquiries and supporting students with any arising issues.

As a voice for the student body, the Presidents have fed back quickly to management any concerns or issues raised.

2. Update on Activity

Progress to date includes:

Communication

A dedicated SA teams page has been set up for all students, this is used to promote events and SA activities and encourage participation in campaigns and discussions. This page is also used to advertise Job vacancies and volunteering opportunities.

Campus Presence/awareness raising

During November the officers participated in various campaigns and events including, Dyslexia awareness week, World Diabetes Day, International Men's Day and the 16 Days of Action Against Gender Based Violence.



The SA Presidents have been visiting college campuses regularly to ensure students have a point of contact at each site. They continue to raise awareness of SA and are engaging students in a variety of activities including:

- Themed Drop ins, the first one will look at loneliness and isolation, and will take place on Tuesday 13 December. We will ensure students will have access to contacts internally and externally to the college during this event.

Class Representatives and Student Executive

The SA has the responsibility for ensuring that all full time courses organise class representative and having the Student Executive in place and utilising their skills base to enhance the work of the SA with clearly defined tasks.

- Creation of a class reps Handbook and a checklist is being produced to record all class rep activity
- Class reps have been gathering course feedback and meeting with course tutors to feedback student views
- Future Class Rep Meetings will take place in January, these will be face to face at each campus with catch up option online on a Friday
- Most Student Executive positions have been filled and adverts have gone out for vacant posts, the first meeting will take place on Thursday 1 December with one to one follow ups for those who can't attend.

Training

- Online class rep module available on Moodle as the first part of the training
- SPARQS (Student Partnership in Quality Scotland) training will be delivered online on Tuesday 13 December with more training dates available in January.

3. Priorities/Next Steps

Ongoing Awareness Raising

A variety of online themed drop in sessions will also be organised to promote the association, pop up banners are being purchased to advertise SA around campuses. Information is being shared regularly through student Teams channel and emails, upcoming campaigns include:

- Diabetes Awareness Day
- 16 Day of Activism against Gender Based Violence
- World Aids Day
- International Men's Day
- Christmas Jumper Day



Campaigns and Events

The Period Poverty provision on sanitary products to college students is being refreshed and relaunched for Block 2 with new posters going up around the campuses and being promoted through Microsoft Teams. The Women's Officer in the Student Association will take a lead on this campaign as well as other issues affecting women.

The SA will be holding a Christmas Movie night at Springburn in December just before the Christmas Break and all students will be invited to attend.

During the 16 Days of Action a few organisations have been invited into campus to speak to students surrounding issues that may exacerbate violence against women and help support women affected by it. Spike Awareness, SAMH, Fast Forward and White Ribbon Scotland will be making an appearance as well as the SA promoting internal and external services through Teams.



A new support group has been created and will be facilitated by the SA. Ukrainian Connection, will help bring together Ukrainian students who have been affected by the ongoing war and can help support each other. The first meeting will take place in campus on Monday 5 December.



Networking and Partnerships

SA will work to enhance partnership work with services and organisations which can impact positively on the student experience. NUS Scotland had a recent visit with the Student Association and will be delivering some more training for the officers in the coming months as the officers will be participating in a project aimed at engaging more with apprentices.

Internal Consultations/Discussions

With the Learner Engagement Officer, develop a staff/student consultation group which includes representation from SMT, SA and wider student executive to enhance to student voice in college developments.

4. Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising directly from this report

5. Impact on Students

This report highlights the opportunities for better student engagement and the positive impacts on students by supporting them to improve their experience at college, creating opportunities to further develop and gain new skills and experiences.

6. 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.

7. Equality

There are no equality implications arising directly from this report

8. Data Protection

There are no data protection implications arising directly from this report

9. Recommendations

Members are recommended to note the contents of the report.

10. Further Information

Members can obtain additional information on the contents of this report from Noma Dube, President of Learning and Teaching or Emma Leslie, President of Welfare, Community and Sustainability.