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For Information

Glasgow Kelvin College

Board of Management of 30 August 2023

Student Association Progress Update

Report by Student Association Presidents

1. Introduction

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

2. Update on Activity – Student Association

In May 2023, an election was held for a full-time Student Association President (with a remit focused on Student Welfare) and a 0.5 Student Association President (with a remit focused on Learning and Teaching). Following an electronic ballot, Emma Leslie was elected as full-time president, and Sonique Noreiga was elected as part-time President.

Over the summer months, much of the focus has been on planning and preparation for students returning for academic session 23/24. The 'Meet Your Classmates' event has taken priority, with the Student Association (SA) organising the 'Freshers' part of this event. Many organisations were in attendance including, Spike Aware, Fast Forward, SAMH, Campus, the Glasgow Science Centre and many more. This year's theme for Freshers was 'Carnival' and the SA organised entertainment and decorated each campus to suit the theme. Glasgow Kelvin College Support Services were also in attendance at the event. The Student Association organised activities for the students to engage with, including, a photo booth, candy floss, carnival games and a popcorn machine. The SA also used incentives to encourage students to join the clubs and societies, and also register their interest in becoming Class Reps and Student Executives. The SA also had a team of volunteers to help with the Freshers, which included past and present students of the college.

Building positive relationships with the external organisations in attendance at the event has already created more volunteering opportunities for students. Professional development opportunities for staff and students have also been offered by a number of the organisations in attendance.

Presidents have been working hard to raise the profile of the Student Association and will ensure there is a presence at each of our three campuses throughout the session. Promotional videos and information have been posted on social media platforms, which has increased followers of the various social media accounts.

The SA have loads of exciting plans this year to help enhance the college experience for our students and also help support them.

Both officers have attended various training events including, Sparqs, “That’s Quality” residential in Musselburgh. This event is designed to help new officers engage in quality processes and is a key opportunity for both incoming and continuing student officers with an education remit. Both Presidents have also attended internal training sessions, such as Project Management and sessions to help develop skills in organising an delivering meetings.

Priorities for the beginning of term will be to recruit Class Representatives and also Student Executive members, as well as recruiting Student Ambassadors to help at any future College events. The SA have already had a large interest for these positions and are continuing to encourage others to join the team. Opportunities to certificate students for their involvement with Association activities is also being explored.

3. Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising directly from this report.

4. 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.

5. Risk and Assurance

This report provides assurance that the College is supporting the Student Association to engage with learners and participate in life and work of the College.

6. Equality

There are no equality implications arising directly from this report.

7. Data Protection

There are no data protection implications arising directly from this report

8. Environmental and Sustainability

There are no environmental and sustainability 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 Sonique Noreiga, President of Learning and Teaching or Emma Leslie, President of Welfare, Community and Sustainability.

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