

Glasgow Kelvin College
Board of Management Meeting of 12 March 2025
Chair's Update Report
Report by Chair of the Board of Management

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of recent developments which are of particular interest to them and to provide an outline of the activities undertaken by the Chair since the December 2024 Board meeting.

2. GCRB

Members will be aware that the Minister has confirmed that GCRB will be dissolved and subject to parliamentary process it is expected that new arrangements will be in place by the start of academic year 2025-2026.

This is a long overdue announcement which has been welcomed by the Colleges in Glasgow and also by the Chair of GCRB.

The Principal's update report provides more information on the progress which has been made towards dissolution.

3. Glasgow Leadership Group

Members will be aware that in the submissions to the Scottish Government's consultation the Chairs and the Principals all proposed the formation of the Glasgow Leadership Group (GLG) to be responsible for effective partnership working between Glasgow's three colleges. This suggestion was welcome by both the Minister and the SFC.

It was agreed that this group would initially consist of Chairs and Principals of all 3 Glasgow Colleges.

The first meeting of the group took place on 7 February and was attended by all the Chairs and Principals and also by the Principal Designate of GKC.

The Minister, the new Chief Executive of SFC and the Chair of GCRB were all informed that the group had formed and had met.

The Group agreed its remit and working arrangements which are as follows:

Remit

The Glasgow Leadership Group is responsible for effective partnership working between Glasgow's three colleges. This may include strategic oversight of:

- a relevant and coherent curriculum addressing the skills needs of employers in the region;
- the sustainable delivery of high-quality learning and teaching;
- student access, progression and success;
- the effective use of resources including estate and infrastructure;
- active collaboration with key stakeholders, including education and business partners and community organisations; and
- the sharing of best practice.

Membership

The Chairs and Principals of City of Glasgow College, Glasgow Clyde College and Glasgow Kelvin College.

Working Arrangements

- The Group will meet every second month
- The three college chairs will, in turn, chair each meeting
- Meetings may be face-to-face or by videoconference. It is intended to alternate between the two formats
- The chair of each meeting will ensure an agenda is issued and a minute drafted
- Each meeting will receive an update from the principals on the work of the Glasgow Colleges Group
- The college chairs will regularly update the three Boards of Management on the work of the Glasgow Leadership Group

Review

The remit and working arrangements were agreed in April 2025. They will be reviewed by the Group after one year, in April 2026.

At the first meeting of the group, it was agreed that the Glasgow Colleges Group would ask their Learning and Teaching Group to carry out an exercise across the 3 Colleges in order to identify best practice in taking steps to improve the student success rates in particular of students undertaking FE courses.

It was also agreed that with the SFC reviewing their funding methodology it would be vital that a strong case was made for the underfunding of the Glasgow Colleges to be addressed.

4. Key Activities

College Graduation 6 February
Colleges Scotland Chairs Meeting
Board Recruitment Interviews
Pam Duncan Glancy MSP visit
Maureen Burke MP visit (planned 14 March)

1-1 Meetings with:

- Principal
- Principal Designate
- Secretary to the Board
- Interim Secretary to the Board Designate

5. Resource Implications

There are no additional resource implications as a consequence of this report.

6. Equalities

No adverse impacts on individuals with protected characteristics have been identified as a consequence of this report.

7. Risk and Assurance

There are no new risks arising from the contents of this report.

8. Data Protection

No data protection issues are identified arising from this report.

9. Recommendation

Members are recommended to note the contents of this report.

10. Further Information

Members can obtain further information on the contents of this report from, from Ian Patrick, Chair of the Board of Management.