

GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE**Board of Management Meeting of 8 October 2025****Student Association Priorities Update****Report by Student Association President****1. Introduction**

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

**2. Update on Activity****Personal and professional development**

Over the summer months the President attended the NUS 'Lead and Change' training, getting the chance to meet with fellow sabbatical officers, learn more about the role, network and share ideas on future campaigns.

The Sparqs, 'That's Quality' event was developed this year to include: a half day online learning session, a two day in person residential and a self-study module on the student learning experience building blocks. The President found this useful and found greater understanding of his role.

Freshers

Freshers week took place during the week of the 18 August, alongside the 'Meet Your Classmates' event. The event was a success with maximum engagement from students at all campuses. Some of the organisations in attendance were: SAMH, Top Golf, Spike Awareness, Police Scotland, Campus, Glasgow Life and many others. The Student President built stronger relationships with some of the organisations in attendance and was able to engage with many of the students and inform them of the vital role the Student Association play in the College.

Class Representatives

Almost all full-time classes now have Class Representatives in place. The President has created a dedicated Teams channel and has been encouraging Reps to familiarise themselves with their handbook to help them become more comfortable in their new role. Reps have been encouraged to introduce themselves to their class, explaining that they are their Representative and checking everyone in their group is settling into college life.

For the previous two years, we have utilised the training created by Sparqs, which contained a self-study module hosted on the colleges VLE and an online training via Zoom, conducted by a Sparqs Associate Trainer.

For this academic year we are delivering the Class Rep training in house, facilitated by the Learner Engagement Officer and supported by the Student Association. The training has been tailored around our students needs and information specific to their role within the College and the mechanism the College use to gather feedback. A few training sessions have already taken place, with more scheduled for after the October break as well as an online catch up session. We can still utilise the Sparqs training, if required.

Student Association Class Representative meetings will be organised throughout the year to ensure reps are fully supported in their role, and to help support them in creating solutions to any issues they may be facing.

Student Executive Committee

The Student Association have now recruited volunteers to take up roles in the Student Executive Committee. Alongside the Student Presidents, the Executive Officers will be responsible for influencing change across the college, ensuring the views of our diverse student community are included and represented in how the college delivers services.

The roles include;

- Vice President
- Campaigns Officer
- Equality and Diversity Officer
- Women's Officer
- LGBTQ+ Officer
- ESOL & International Officer
- Care Experienced Officer
- Media and Communications Officer

Officers will be linked in with key members of college staff and the SA will also organise regular meetings throughout the year to ensure Officers are fully supported in their role.

The Campus Wardrobe

Throughout academic year 24-25 when the campus wardrobe was established, the number of students using it on a daily basis has increased, with donations coming in steadily. The Student Association were given the opportunity to attend the Forge Shopping Centre and bring clothing to give to the community and people were generously giving small donations.

Parliamentary visit

Maureen Burke, MP for Glasgow Northeast, visited the Colleges Freshers' event at our Easterhouse Campus. During the visit she discussed with the Student President and the College Principal the possibility of accessing funding for travel costs for around 8 students to visit to Parliament in London. Discussions are still taking place around dates and planning but this will likely take place in November.

Priorities/Next Steps

Meet the Managers

A Block 1 'Meet the Managers' event has been organised for Tuesday 7 October. The Student Association have organised this event to provide Class Reps with an important opportunity to meet college Senior Managers in a live discussion about students' experience of the college.

Panelist management include:

- Robin Ashton – Vice Principal, Curriculum and Quality Enhancement
- Jeanette Evans – Vice Principal, Operations
- Michelle Harding – Head of Digital and ICT Operations
- Claire Reid – Head of Facilities and Environmental Sustainability
- Lisa Clark – Director of Estates and Corporate Services
- Alastair McGhee – Director of Student Experience and Enterprise

This will be an opportunity for Class Reps to raise any issues from students, and for the college management to provide responses and agree actions directly to students.

Student Mental Health Agreement

The 2023-25 Student Mental Health Agreement, in partnership with NUS Think Positive, has come to an end and the College and Student Association were given their certificate after completing the evaluation form from Think Positive. Discussions on the 2025-27 agreement have taken place, with a draft being developed over the coming months.

Fundraising

In order to keep the food bank stocked to full capacity, we will continue to find ways to raise funds, which will include raffles, funding applications and other innovative ways that will engage students and staff.

Ongoing Student Association Awareness Raising

Work will continue to raise the profile of the Student Association and to have a presence across all three college campuses. We have developed new promotional material, as well as continuing to promote Student Association information on the campus TV screens. As well as sponsoring the College football team, we have contributed some funds towards the newly established College basketball team. Our logo will be displayed on both teams shirts and we will continue to support and promote the teams throughout the year

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 Jon Craig, President of Welfare, Community & Sustainability

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