

Board of Management Students, Staff & Equalities Committee

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1. Recommendations

To note the Students' Association update.

2. Purpose of report

To report on the current activities and outcomes of the Students' Association. The update will highlight the wide range of activities, initiatives and events that have been carried out and in development for the current session.

3. Context

The Students' Association team ensure that students are engaged in all aspects of college life, ensuring their voice is heard, developing clubs and societies, representing students and college at local and national events, taking part in regional and national decision-making processes, and campaigning for the rights of our students.

4. Impact and implications

The Students' Association works in partnership with City of Glasgow College to create a culture for our students that recognises the needs of the individual, promoting an environment that is inclusive and accessible to all. The importance of the student voice ensures an improved student experience and leads to greater retention, attainment and achievement success for the college.

Students' Association Update – S,S&E 31st October 2016

Shaping the Life and Work of the College

Representation on College Boards and Committees

The Student President, Ian Gilmour, and Vice President Social and Activities, Jamie-lee Gooding, have been appointed as members of the College Board for 2016/17. They attended the first board meeting of the session in September and made a presentation on the work and structure of the Students' Association at the board training event in October.

Students' Association involvement is expected on numerous committees throughout the year including Academic Board, Learning & Teaching Committee and various college working groups.

Regional Student Engagement

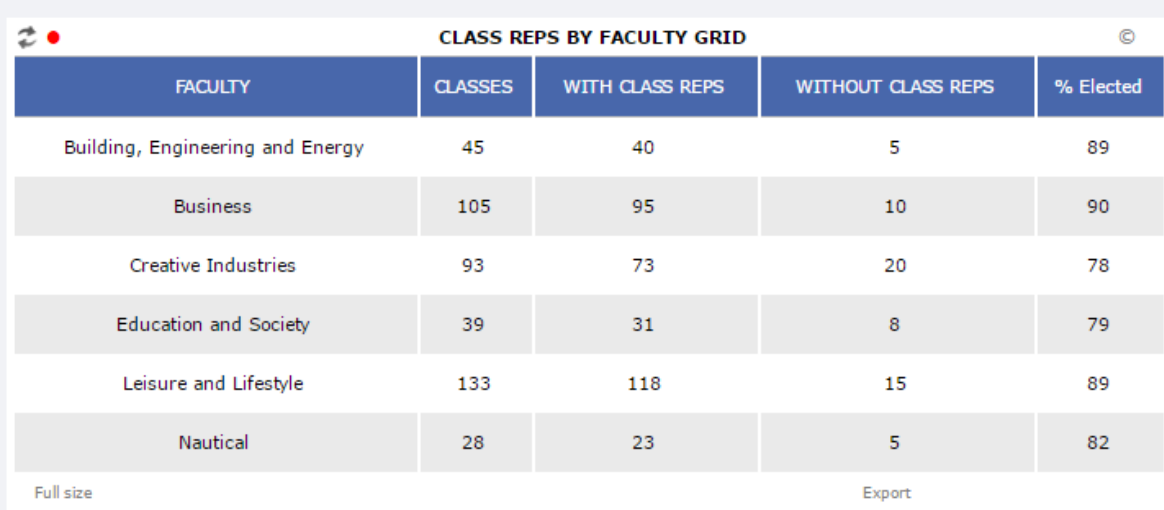
The Glasgow Colleges' Regional Student Executive is made up of the Presidential Teams of the 3 Glasgow colleges and has met twice already this session – once at City and once at Kelvin.

Ian Gilmour was re-elected to the Glasgow Colleges' Regional board as a student representative, alongside the Student President from Glasgow Clyde College.

Government and Democracy

Class Rep System

The Class Rep System at City has been revamped for 2016-17, with a new Class Rep Homepage on MyCity, allowing reps to engage with other reps through a discussion forum, view training schedules, learn about their role and undertake a class rep quiz. Class Rep Welcome sessions took place across both campuses between 24th and 28th October and Student Engagement Officers are facilitating fortnightly Class Rep Drop-ins from 31st October in the student gateway areas for their faculty.



FACULTY	CLASSES	WITH CLASS REPS	WITHOUT CLASS REPS	% Elected
Building, Engineering and Energy	45	40	5	89
Business	105	95	10	90
Creative Industries	93	73	20	78
Education and Society	39	31	8	79
Leisure and Lifestyle	133	118	15	89
Nautical	28	23	5	82

Full size Export

Class Rep Training

CitySA has continued to employ Institutional Associate Trainers to deliver class rep training sessions in 2016-17. 4 current students, all experienced Class Reps, have been employed to deliver the sessions and undertook extensive training from sparqs at a training weekend in Dundee in August.

Training sessions have been scheduled between 1st and 18th November across both campuses, at a

variety of times. In response to feedback from Education Scotland, CitySA are making a concentrated effort to increase the number and proportion of Reps trained. As well as online subscription, reps will be encouraged to sign up for training at their Class Rep Welcome event. Specially tailored Class Rep Training has been organised for Apprentices, ESOL students and students with additional support needs.

Student Executive Elections

The 2016 Student Executive Elections took place between 10th and 12th October. They were the most successful autumn elections to date with over 1500 students voting. There were 21 candidates for 13 positions, including the newly approved Vice President Diversity and Wellbeing – a 15-hour-per-week paid position. All other positions are 4-hour-per-week voluntary positions:

Vice President Diversity and Wellbeing: Megan Cartwright
Equalities Officers: Laurie Diamond and Mathew Mackenzie
Sports Officer: Andrew Shaw
Campus Officers: Jack McAllister and Alistair Mitchell
Clubs and Societies Officer: Golnar Mattot
Charities and Fundraising Officer: David-Rhys Dunn
Social Media and Advertising Officer: Romy Benshabat
International Officers: Emilia Siwek and Khalid Abdulgaffar
Wellbeing Officers: Raj Singh and Dolly Sunilkumar

They join our previously elected team of Ian Gilmour (Student President), Jamie-lee Gooding (Vice President Social and Activities) and Jatinder Singh (Vice President Learning and Teaching) to form the 2016/17 City of Glasgow College Student Executive Committee. The Student Executive is 44% female and 31% BME, with students from 5 of the 6 college faculties, ESOL students and International students.

Aware and Active Students

Freshers 2016

September saw our biggest ever Freshers Fayre in our brand new City Campus home. 4,713 students attended over two days of fun, freebies and information from a huge variety of stall-holders ranging from nightclubs to banks and from dentists to universities. This year CitySA worked alongside our colleagues at Strathclyde University Union to offer a nightlife wristband for Freshers' week to all over-18 City students.

Sports

CitySA have this year employed 3 sports coaches for the first time. All are current City students and work 3 hours per week to facilitate our sports clubs to a high standard. We work closely with the college's Sports Development Coordinator and aim to increase City of Glasgow college representation and success at Scottish Student Sport official competitions.



TIMETABLE

AVAILABLE TO ALL
COGC STUDENTS



Day	What's on	Time	Location
Monday	Basketball (Beginner)	17:00 - 18:00	City Campus, Games Hall, Floor 3
Monday	Basketball (Advanced)	18:00 – 19:00	City Campus, Games Hall, Floor 3
Tuesday	Men's Football	17:00 - 18:30	City Campus, Games Hall, Floor 3
Thursday	Badminton (mixed)	17:00 - 18:30	City Campus, Games Hall 1, Floor 3
Thursday	Women's Football	17:00 - 18:30	City Campus, Games Hall 2, Floor 3



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Societies

CLUBS & SOCIETIES



Day	What's on	Time	Location
Tuesday	Women's Society	16:30 – 17:30	SA, 2 nd Floor, City
Wednesday	LGBT+ Society	16:30 – 17:30	SA, 2 nd Floor, City
Thursday	International Society	17:00 – 18:00	SA, Ground Floor, Riverside

Find out more: 0141 375 5322 www.citysa.co.uk facebook.com/cogcsa

Campaigns

CitySA have been working alongside NUS Scotland on the promotion of the national campaigns #SupportUs and United for Education – both looking at educational funding and the cost of living for students in Scotland and the UK. There is a campaign summit on 4th November in Glasgow and a national demonstration taking place on 19th November in London, which City students will have the opportunity to attend.

SA on Campus

The Presidential Team have continued their successful 'SA on Campus' programme, going out to

meet students on a regular basis across both campuses. Setting up a stall to engage with students at busy times and in busy areas has meant that the team have interacted with large numbers of students and gathered lots of valuable feedback. This has allowed us to collect student opinion on the new campus facilities as well as provide students with important information.

Sustainable Resources

Conferences

The Presidential Team have attended to date this year:

- NUS Students Unions 2016, Liverpool
- NUS College Officer Training, Livingston
- NUS Gathering, Stirling
- Board Member Training, College Development Network, Stirling

Finance

The Students' Association budget was set at £28,110 for 2016/17.

The Students' Association Presidential Team and Student Executive have budgeted for the year, ringfencing allocated spend on identified areas of priority, as well as allowing for a general spend to react to student needs throughout the year.

The highest event spend to date was Freshers' at £3,454.01 (a saving of £1,476.21 from 2015/16) and the highest one-off spend comes from the annual affiliation fee to NUS at £4,494.02.

Value and Impact

Benchmarking

In order to continuously improve the quality of the work the Students' Association undertakes on behalf of the students a number of priority areas have been identified for benchmarking against comparable institutions.

The first area of priority – enhancing democracy – began with a trip to Liverpool Guild when the SA team were at NUS Students' Unions Conference in July. They demonstrated their democratic structure and discussed how it had led to increased student engagement and how the lessons learned might be applied at City.

Strategic Planning

The Student President has identified the development of a Students' Association Strategic Plan as an area for development this academic year. Strategic positioning and planning will allow the mission, vision and values of the SA to be clearly communicated and the development of a longer-term plan to complement our successful operational plan and balanced scorecard will ensure consistency in direction.

We plan to work with the College Secretary and Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board to tie our strategic planning in with our partners' to ensure relevance and will receive continuing support from NUS in doing so.