

## Board of Management

### Students, Staff & Equalities Committee

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Monday 1 February 2021</b>
<b>Paper No.</b>	<b>SSEC2-C</b>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Subject of Paper</b>	<b>Students' Association Update</b>
<b>FOISA Status</b>	<b>Disclosable</b>
<b>Primary Contact</b>	<b>Nicolas Garcia, Students' Association President/ Iona Gibson, Students' Association Vice President</b>
<b>Date of production</b>	<b>January 2021</b>
<b>Action</b>	<b>For Discussion</b>

#### 1. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to discuss the Students' Association Update report.

## Shaping the life and work of the college (Influence)

To ensure processes and procedures that are in place to ensure that City SA has the ability to shape decisions which impact on the student experience.

<b>College Strategic Planning</b>	Update offered at Board Planning Day
<b>My Student Experience Survey and My Learning &amp; Teaching Survey</b>	5147 response to My Student Experience Survey. Work completed with Class Reps to boost response rate by approximate 1000 returns in final week.  Working with Performance Team open ended responses have been themed and feedback to staff teams.
<b>Representation on relevant College Forums &amp; Boards</b>	100% Attendance
<b>Glasgow Colleges Regional Board</b>	100% Attendance Feedback offered on Regional Board Development.
<b>Glasgow Colleges Regional Student Executive</b>	100% Attendance Working with Clyde/Kelvin to set up regional Sustainability Society through the set-up of a Society Service Level Agreement.
<b>Class Rep Recruitment</b>	Education and Humanities – 83/87 <b>95% elected</b> Hospitality and Leisure – 114/128 <b>89% elected</b> Nautical and Stem – 67/79 <b>85%% elected</b> Creative Industries – 106/145 <b>73%% elected</b>  <b>Overall Total – 370/439 84% elected</b>

<b>Class Rep Induction/Training</b>	228/370 Classes have an inducted reps 46/370 Classes have a rep who have accessed further training
<b>Class Rep Support</b>	Class Rep Forum has 272 members which is about 34% of elected Reps Of those members engagement is excellent and helpful  138 Class Rep Check in Forms where returned by reps, with 22 individual check in issues responded to.
<b>Faculty Reps</b>	All Faculties have at least one elected Faculty Rep. Faculty Reps are active members in the Student Parliament and are contributing to wider SA Campaigns/Operational Activity such as questionnaire promotion.
<b>Student Partnership Agreement</b>	Block 1 Meeting - 8 attendees Review of SPA Agree 2021 Methodology, Approach & Purpose Timelines Forum Membership
<b>Staff Awards</b>	Staff Award Nominations are currently Live with 243 nominations across all categories received so far. Two new award categories have been added this year - Green Champion & Digital Innovator.
<b>Governance and Democracy (Student-led)</b>	
To promote effective democratic structures are in place which enable the students association to function democratically and represent the interests of its student members.	
<b>NUS Conferences</b>	Lead and Change - Full Team in Attendance That's Quality - Full Team in Attendance
<b>Glasgow Student Forum</b>	100% Attendance

<b>Elections</b>	<p>875 Votes cast in student Parliament Elections with 13 of 14 positions filled. Student Parliament Co-Opted the final position in Decembers Meeting.</p> <p>Presidential Elections due to take place mid March.</p>
<b>Student Parliament</b>	<p>Student Parliament has now sat twice in November and December. So far Parliament has:</p> <p>Answered 2 Student Questions  Approved 3 Proposals  Accepted 4 Updates</p> <p>The next meeting is 26<sup>th</sup> of January.</p>
<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	<p>No Update</p>
<b>Constitution/Schedules Review</b>	<p>Schedule Three has been reviewed, updated and accepted by Parliament.</p> <p>The team are now investigating the resource needed to carry out a Review of the SA Constitution.</p>
<b>Democracy Review</b>	<p>Phase Two of our Democracy Review will be broken into work areas for consultation with key stakeholders, starting with our Constitution Review.</p> <p>Our pilot changes (Student Parliament &amp; our updated Class Rep System) will also be reviewed to track success as a result of changes.</p>
<b>My Voice</b>	<p>It has now been agreed to move MyVoice to our website; centralising SA information for students and saving funds.</p> <p>The team are working with our website provider to set up the new functionality before the end of the academic year with plans for a soft launch with existing students and full launch with new starts after the summer.</p>

## Aware and Active Students (Inclusion)

To ensure that process and procedures are in place to ensure that all students are aware of the purpose of City SA, and are active within it.

<p><b>Clubs and Societies</b></p>	<p>Down to Earth - 84 Members            Film Society - 80 Members            City Explorers - 96 Members            Care Experienced Students Society - 33 Members            Photography - 135 Members            Student Parents Society - 39 Members            E-sports - 57 Members            Disabled Students Network - 21 Members            LGBTQ+ Society - 47 Members</p> <p>There are an additional two outstanding society set up requests – Amnesty International Student Group &amp; Political Society.</p>
<p><b>Sports Clubs</b></p>	<p>Running Club - 4 session a week 68 runs (pre lockdown) Virtual Running Club now set up.</p> <p>Online Yoga Classes - 111 Members - 2 sessions per week            Online Fitness Classes - 105 Members - 2 sessions per week</p> <p>Step Count Challenge - 26 Teams/ 130 Participants            Santa Dash – 17 Participants</p>
<p><b>Charitable Fundraising</b></p>	<p>Santa Dash raised £75 for Beatson Cancer Charity            Christmas Connections Raised £520 to purchase gifts for a local Care Home</p> <p>Students have now voted for the Charity of the Year – Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM). 231 Votes cast</p>

<b>Community Volunteering</b>	Volunteer Policies and Procedures in development to accommodate new digital functionality within website.
<b>Student Mental Health Agreement</b>	Student Mental Health Agreement signed up to again this year with Think Positive.
<b>Liberation Activities</b>	In November we promoted Trans Awareness Day and International Mens Day In December a News Article was published celebrating International Day of Disabled Persons.
<b>Freshers</b>	Linked in with Virtual Freshers, 2785 sign ups to Virtual Freshers.
<b>Themed Events</b>	November – Local Events promoted including SWG3 Winter Wonderland and Parking Lot Social. Themed Content for this month included Sustainability activities provided by Down to Earth Society.  December – Christmas Connection campaign activities promoted along with Santa Dash.
<b>Campaigns</b>	Binstigate Road Safety Awareness Week Christmas Connections Make your own Face Mask Christmas Jumper Campaign
<b>Sponsored Student Events</b>	There have been no requests to sponsor student events to date.

<b>Communications Strategy</b>	4049 Followers on Facebook - 4% Increase (since Aug) 1200 Follower Count on Instagram - 42% Increase (since Aug) 1745 Follower Count on Twitter - 18% Increase (since Aug) 22,000 users and 60,286 Page views on SA Website (since Aug)
<b>Sustainable Resources (Sustainability)</b>	
To ensure City SA has the resources and support required to function effectively and deliver its core representative purpose.	
<b>Website</b>	Advertising Paper being taking to SMT 28 <sup>th</sup> January.
<b>Exec Training</b>	21 Sessions 100% Attendance
<b>Value and Impact (Impact)</b>	
To ensure that the outputs of the activities of CitySA are measured, recorded and evaluated for value and impact and that improvements are made on this basis.	
<b>Student Recognition Awards / Summit</b>	No Update
<b>Strategic Plan</b>	Democracy Review - Ongoing Financial Plans - Underway Volunteering Opportunities - Underway
<b>Awards and Accreditations</b>	Signed up to Green Impact Award again this year. Award schedule also organised to tie in with relevant sector leading frameworks and best practice.