

Board of Management

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1. Recommendations

The Board is asked to discuss the Students' Association's (SA) update on key areas of work undertaken by the SA between March and June.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide overview of the main areas of work that the SA has undertaken between March and June and introduce the Board to the new Presidential Team and provide information of the team's ambition for the next academic year.

3. Consultation

Each year, the SA identify the Presidential team's manifesto and results of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to outline the work of our annual operational plans.

4. Key Insights

4.1 AGM 2023-24 Results and update

Every year in May we ask students to submit areas of work they would like the SA to work on in the following year and then go on to vote for the preferred work area. The following results are from our AGM 22-23:

- 87% Voted in favour of the SA developing a Student App to communicate with our members – The SA have now launched our Student App and will continue to develop our platform to engage with our members
- 90% Voted in favour of the SA providing more inclusive sport opportunities for students – We launched the Inclusive sports campaign in 2023 and are now working in partnership with the Active Campus Co-ordinator to review and promote sports to the wider College community
- 93% Voted in favour of the SA focusing on campaigns that celebrate and support neurodivergent students – The SA launched the “We Can Campaign” to raise awareness about neurodiversity, which encompasses various conditions such as autism spectrum disorder

4.2 AGM 24 Results and update

Our 23/24 Annual General Meeting we saw an increase of 57% in ballots and record number of students putting forward their “Big Ideas” during the submission stage of the AGM.

- 95% Voted in favour for the SA lobby for more paid opportunities for students within the association
- 95% Voted in favour for the SA to campaign for father support & opportunities for our ESOL/International Students
- 91% Voted in favour of the SA to campaign for a college community garden
- 87% Voted in favour for the SA integrate Trans Inclusion work into its annual plan

4.3 Presidential Team Ambitions

This year, our Presidential Team outlined the following as their key priorities for the year:

- Widen access to events, clubs, societies and support grounds for students from under-represented backgrounds and minorities
- Provide more opportunities to engage with the Students Association at the Riverside campus
- Run awareness campaigns that focus on equality, diversity and inclusion

- Establish sustainable projects to promote a sense of community within our student cohorts
- Further develop communication channels between the College, SA and student members to ensure that the students voice is heard

5. Impact and Implications

Developing operational plans by centring student and Student Executive priorities, as well as strategic aims of the SA and AGM results, ensures that the SA is following the objectives outlined within the SA's Constitution.

By achieving the operational and strategic priorities, the Students' Association can meaningfully engage with its members and support the improvement of a positive learning and wider college experience.

While many operational pieces within the SA are continuous, failure to meet or progress with the operational objectives outlined each year could result in the reduction of positive student engagement and/or meaningful student representation.