ITEM 11
FOR NOTING

GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE

Learning & Teaching Committee – 4 May 2022

Students' Association Update

Report by Students' Association Presidents

1. Introduction

This report provides an update on the Student Association activities so far in 2021-22.

2. Update

Since the last Academic Board, both officers have engaged in all relevant Boards, Committees and Working Groups within the College.

The Student Association are supporting the running of clubs and societies by regularly hosting club meetings with the ESOL and international speaking society, Woman Together, the book club, the LGBTQ+ club and the Gaming club.

The Student Executive Committee continue to meet regularly and work on different initiatives to raise the profile of the Student Association, engage with students and spread awareness on different important issues and events, such as autism awareness, Ramadan and support for Ukraine. The Vice Presidents are working towards hosting a regular open chat for students to have the opportunity to engage with each other.

The Student Association, along with the support of the Learner Engagement Officer and the Student Support Services Manager have been working with the Senior Management Team to organise the meet the managers event which is scheduled for the 27th of April. The event will give students the opportunity to meet and pose questions to the senior management team, the Head of Student Support Services, the Finance Manager and the Health and Safety manager.

The Student Association scheduled Class Representative meetings which took place on the 29th and 30th of March. Students were updated on clubs and societies, the upcoming elections and the digital ready course. The last set of class rep meetings will take place in the beginning of June.

The Student Presidents recently participated in Climate Fresk training which covers the impact that human activities are doing to the worlds climate and White Ribbon Scotland training. The Presidents are working with Glasgow City College and Clyde College to host a regional White Ribbon campaign football tournament. We have presented this idea to the Glasgow Colleges Regional Board for additional support.

The Student Association recently applied for the small grant scheme through the National Union of Students – Think Positive Campaign. The application was successful and the 'Understanding and managing stress and anxiety' course will be delivered to the Student Executive Committee and Class representatives in May.

The elections for the Student Association President positions for academic year 2022-23 will be taking place on the following dates:

Nominations open Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th May
Candidates briefing Monday 9th May
Campaigning begins Monday 16th May
Voting Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th May
Winner announced Monday 30th May

Promotion is already underway with the help of the Digital & Social Media Assistant, we will be promoting the elections via Microsoft Teams, social media and email. The Student Presidents have created a video to help gain interest in the positions to increase candidate participation.

3. Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising directly from this report

4. Equalities

There are no equality implications arising directly from this report.

5. Risk and Assurance

This report provides assurance that the College is supporting the Students' Association to engage with learners and participate in life and work of the College.

6. Data Protection

There are no data protection implications arising directly from this report

7. Recommendations

Members are recommended to note the contents of this report.

8. Further Information

Members can obtain additional information on the contents of this report from Lauren McLaren, President of Welfare, Community and Sustainability or James McGunnigle, President of Learning and Teaching.

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