

### **EXTRAORDINARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the Extraordinary Executive Committee meeting held on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 9.00am, in room NH209.

### Members:

Rachel Simpson, Student President (Chair)
Moses Apiliga, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Eilidh Fulton, Vice President School of Engineering and Built Environment (VP SEBE)
Yetunde Ogedengbe, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

### In Attendance:

David Carse, Chief Executive

# 1. Full Time Officer Policy Remits 2018/19

The Chief Executive presented a paper outlining the proposed Full Time Officer Policy Remits 2018/19 for each Full Time Officer. The Chief Executive asked the Committee to identify any changes and to seek to approve the document. **The Chair called for a vote to approve the set Full Time Officer Remits 2018/19. Vote: For – 4.** The Full Time Officer Policy Remits 2018/19 was approved.



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 at 9.00am, in room NH209.

### Members:

Rachel Simpson, Student President (Chair)
Moses Apiliga, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Eilidh Fulton, Vice President School of Engineering and Built Environment (VP SEBE)
Yetunde Ogedengbe, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

#### In Attendance:

David Carse, Chief Executive Kathryn Collins, Clerk

### 1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

# 2. Revised Full Time Officer Remits

The Chief Executive presented the revised Full Time Officer Policy Remits 2018/19 paper and explained the four changes which included a suggestion from the university to have Academic Quality and the Student Action Group for Engagement (SAGE) as one remit area for the VP GSBS and to have Enhancement Themes as another remit area for the VP SEBE. Community Engagement and Health and Safety Committee were added to the remit policy areas for the VP SHLS. **The Chair called for a vote to approve the revised Full Time Officer Policy Remits 2018/19. Vote: For 4.** The Full Time Officer Policy Remits 2018/19 was approved.

# 3. Student Wellbeing Action Plan

The Student President discussed the revised Student Life and Students' Association Joint Priority Working Plan 2018/19. The Student President said she had met with Student Life at one of the Meet and Greet appointments and the Plan had since been updated to reflect the Full Time Officers remit areas. The Student President talked through the changes of the Plan indicating the planned activities and rationale behind the Full Time Officer taking the lead. The Full Time Officers agreed with the amendments and update to the Plan and were happy for the Student President to take the Plan forward to Campus Life.

# 4. Full Time Officers Reports (including Campaign Wins)

The Full Time Officers gave a verbal update.

# **Student President**

- Working on Installation Speech.
- Attending Graduations this week.
- · Been attending Meet and Greets meetings with university staff.
- Mental Health Partnership work with the university and for the year ahead.
- Received Very Good for the Green Impact work.

#### **VP SEBE**

- Freshers Committee working on Freshers planning.
- Working with LGBT+ on getting female condoms.
- Met with Dean about planning for the year ahead.
- Working on a proposal for outdoor learning spaces.

#### **VP GSBS**

- Met Dean of GSBS.
- Attended two days Scottish Student Sport (SSS) conference in St Andrews.
- Attended tender interviews for sports clothing.
- Ethical and Environmental Group met with Sustainability Officer and Head of Campus Services to discuss a proposal for a trial of water bottles.

#### **VP SHLS**

- Alumni poster ready for graduates to sign leaving a positive message. The poster will be available from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July throughout graduations.
- Working on Intercultural Skills for selected modules and for lecturers to embed into their courses.
- Meet and Greet time slot to be scheduled for Careers Centre for future plans.
- Recruitment for postgraduate vacancies to go out with interviews in July.
- Working with the Student Leaders Co-ordinator on a new dimension for the Student Leaders programme.

### 5. Previous Minutes

The Executive Committee agreed that the minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were an accurate record of the meeting. The Chair called for a vote to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Vote: For 1. The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were approved. It was noted that the Student President (formally the VP GSBS) was the only Full Time Officer present at the last Executive Committee meeting of 2017-2018 and who could vote to approve the minutes. The Executive Committee agreed that the Extraordinary Executive Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were an accurate record of the meeting. The Chair called for a vote to approve the minutes from the Extraordinary Executive Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Vote: For 4. The minutes from the Extraordinary Executive Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were approved.

### 6. Matters Arising

# 6.1 Freshers Wristbands

The VP GSBS updated the Freshers Committee on the discussions held at the Executive Committee with the Full Time Officers around the Freshers Wristbands. This matter is resolved.

### 6.2 Safe Taxi Scheme – liaise with the University

The VP GSBS has liaised with the University and with Glasgow Taxis and the Safe Taxi Scheme policy is all fine. However, regarding the incurred cost from Glasgow Taxis, which is an additional £2 added to the fare to cover the driver's petrol and time, the Student President is still awaiting information from Glasgow Taxis on this. This matter is ongoing. **Action: Student President.** 

# 6.3 Mental Health Agreement Plan Blog

The Student President said that the blog has been written and once she has heard from the University the blog will be submitted. This matter is ongoing. **Action: Student President.** 

### 6.4 **Parking Facilities**

The information relating to parking facilities has been put on the staff page but requires to be put on the student page. This matter is ongoing. **Action: Student President.** 

## 6.5 Sanitary Products & Working Group Blog

The Student President said that a blog is still to follow but is awaiting details about the final cost. This matter is ongoing. **Action: Student President.** 

# 6.6 **NUS Women's Conference Blog**

Attended the NUS Women's Conference and presented it on Preventing Gender Based Violence. The VP GSBS is awaiting pictures before submitting her blog. This matter is ongoing. **Action: Student President.** 

### 7. **AOCB**

The Student President updated that she had been asked to partake in several project groups relating to the Student Experience Action Plans 2020 Scholarships. One was about restructuring to the curriculum around student wellbeing which the VP GSBS and the Student President will be involved in. The second was around student partnership working in GCU. The VP SHLS and VP SEBE will be involved in this one.

The meeting ended at 9.25am.

Date of next meeting Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, at 9am, in NH209



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 31st July 2018 at 4:00pm, in room NH209.

### Members:

Rachel Simpson, Student President (Chair)
Moses Apiliga, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Eilidh Fulton, Vice President School of Engineering and Built Environment (VP SEBE)
Yetunde Ogedengbe, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

#### In Attendance:

David Carse, Chief Executive Sara MacLean, Student Voice Team Leader (point 2 only) Kathryn Collins, Clerk

## 1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

# 2. GCU School Refresh/Academic Representation Structure

The Student Voice Team Leader presented a short paper outlining the changes planned within the academic schools, as part of the GCU School Refresh, which would have an impact on the GCU Academic Rep Structure. The changes include an increase from nine to twenty two departments and the School of Engineering and the Built Environment (SEBE) to be renamed the School of Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment. The University plan to implement the School Refresh before the beginning of Trimester 2018/19. The Student Voice Team Leader asked the Full Time Officers for their thoughts on the School Refresh and the impact this would have, in particular for the GCU Academic Rep Structure.

A discussion took place on the lack of genuine consultation by the University with the Students' Association and academic reps for the GCU School Refresh. It was agreed to raise this with the University for future learning. **Action: Student President.** 

It was noted that the Students' Association are working with ETSE Steering and Operations Group to do a full review of the GCU Academic Rep Structure during 2018/19. It was therefore agreed that an interim solution should be found for one year.

The Committee had a full discussion and agreed that that the name of School Officers should be changed to Departmental Reps and that there should be one Departmental Rep for each of the twenty two departments at the undergraduate level. For the Postgraduate Research (PGR) Reps it was agreed to remove the departmental reps and have two PGR Reps for GSBS, SCEBE and SHLS and one for GCU London. It was agreed that the Postgraduate Taught (PGT) Reps would remain unchanged. A discussion took place on the recruitment and honorarium of these reps. The Student Voice Team Leader will pull together a paper for the Student President that can be taken to the University for consultation. **Action: Student President.** 

The Student Voice Team Leader left the meeting at 5.20pm.

# 3. Nightline Partnership Agreement

The VP SEBE presented the Nightline Partnership Agreement between the University of Strathclyde Students' Association and GCU Students' Association and said that the document had been

reviewed, as it is each year, and that there had been no changes to the Agreement since last year. The VP SEBE asked the Full Time Officers for their approval for the Nightline Partnership Agreement. The Chair called for a vote to approve the Nightline Partnership Agreement. Vote: For: 4. The Nightline Partnership Agreement was therefore approved.

### 4. Full Time Officer Reports (verbal)

## **VP SEBE**

- Working on the Freshers Kits. 50 Chilly's water bottles are being supplied with the GCU logo on them.
- Working with the GCU Sustainability Officer, a bike ride has been organised with the Full Time Officers to look at a cycling route for students.
- Meeting with the Director of Estates regarding tables for outdoor learning.
- Met with the Head of Department Nursing, to talk about having a permanent Health Clinic on campus. From discussions held it was identified that it would be a problem with dealing with the human waste from the clinic.
- Postgraduate event on 27<sup>th</sup> September in the Re:Union Bar and Grill which will include tea/coffee and a quiz.
- Working with GCU Student Life on a BBQ event on the Sunday prior to Freshers week.
- In discussions with the Sports Council and Societies Council about funding an Activities notice board.
- Discussing with the Nursing Department from SHLS about the possibility of running a Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop.

#### **VP GSBS**

- Speaking to the Dean on the School Refresh.
- In discussions with the Sports Council and Societies Council about funding an Activities notice board.
- SAGE proposal to be completed in August.
- Working on ethical and environmental issues with the GCU Sustainability Officer and the VP SERF
- Working on a campaign with the GCU Sustainability Officer, a bike ride has been organised with the Full Time Officers to look at a cycling route for students.
- Planning and working on Black History Month in October with BME Students' Officer. This includes tying this in with 70 years of the NHS.

# **VP SHLS**

- Working with the Careers Service to create three events the dates have to be confirmed.
   This will include a quiz, a career drop in session in the George Moore, and a stall in the Library.
- Alumni the signed poster from the Graduations will be framed and hung on campus. A frame is being sourced and place on campus to hang it will be confirmed.
- The Postgraduate Research Representative has been recruited.
- Equality and Diversity the VP SHLS emailed the Liberation Officer to introduce herself.
- Met with the Equality and Diversity Advisor regarding support for liberation groups.
- Anti-bullying policy was discussed under Equality and Diversity.

#### **Student President**

- GCU Chancellor Installation
- Attended GCU Graduations.
- Working with NUS Scotland on The Gathering event.
- Working on Sponsorship Agreement with BaxterStorey.

- Attended NUS Lead and Change course.
- Attended Spargs: Induction to Higher Education.
- Attending NUS Scotland: The Gathering in August 2018 and will be giving a speech.
- Attending Think Positive Launch Event in September 2018.
- Written a blog on achieving the Green Impact Award.
- There are two people interested for the Disabled Students' Officer.

#### 5. **Previous Minutes**

The Chair pointed out two typing errors which the clerk noted to amend. Subject to the draft previous minutes being amended; the Executive Committee agreed that the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 were accurate. **The Chair called for a vote to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 pending the amendments. Vote: For: 4.** The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 were approved.

### 6. **Matters Arising**

### 6.1 Safe Taxi Scheme – £2 additional fee

The Student President received a response from Glasgow Taxis around the Safe Taxi Scheme and the additional £2 added to the fare to cover the driver's petrol and time, and the Student President was informed that there is no additional £2.00 fee. This matter is resolved.

# 6.3 Mental Health Agreement Plan Blog

The Student President said that she was still waiting to receive a certificate to link this to the blog. In Trimester 2, and there will be a launch around the Mental Health Agreement. This matter is ongoing. **Action: Student President.** 

# 6.4 **Parking Facilities**

The information relating to parking facilities has been put on the staff page and student page on the University website. This matter is resolved.

# 6.5 Sanitary Products & Working Group Blog

The Student President said that a blog will follow in August but is awaiting details about the final cost. A previous blog was put out in April about the Sanitary Products Campaign Update. This matter is ongoing. **Action: Student President.** 

### 6.6 **NUS Women's Conference Blog**

Attended the NUS Women's Conference and presented it on Preventing Gender Based Violence. The VP GSBS is awaiting pictures before submitting her blog. This matter is ongoing. **Action: Student President.** 

# 7. **AOCB**

- 7.1 The VP SEBE discussed meeting with Printing Services regarding the printing allowance for students. The cost for printing black and white would come down and the cost of price for printing in colour would be cut. The Full Time Officers talked about sustainability around printing. However, the Full Time Officers disagreed with cutting the allowance for printing. The Chair called a vote against the cutting of the printing allowance for members. Vote: 4.
- 7.2 The Chief Executive discussed Twitter and Facebook and asked the Full Time Officers to include the Students' Association (@GCUstudents) on any tweets or messages. The Full Time Officers agreed to add in @GCUstudents.

7.3 The Student President gave an update on GCU Events and Campus Life which has now been officially rebranded as GCU Student Life and that this means more communication based with more communication for students as well as running events.

The meeting ended at 6.00pm.

Date of next meeting Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018, at 2pm, in NH209



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018 at 2:15pm, in room NH209.

#### Members:

Rachel Simpson, Student President (Chair)
Moses Apiliga, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Eilidh Fulton, Vice President School of Engineering and Built Environment (VP SEBE)
Yetunde Ogedengbe, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

#### In Attendance:

David Carse, Chief Executive Caroline Miller, Representation and Advice Manager (point 2 only) Sara MacLean, Student Voice Team Leader (up until point 7) Kathryn Collins, Clerk

# 1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

# 2. Mitigating Circumstances Policy

The Representation and Advice Manager presented the Consideration of Mitigating Circumstances (MITS) Policy Review and a Help Sheet for students and gave some background around the MITS Review Group and the results of the newly re-done Mitigating Circumstances Policy and the recommendations that came from the Review in February 2018. The Representation and Advice Manager added that the overall approach from the MITS Board is to adopt a more compassionate approach which is a good move. The Representation and Advice Manager presented a paper that highlighted some areas for concerns within the proposals and the Committee discussed these. In addition the Committee agreed that the web link should be shortened, contact details for the Advice Centre added and that MITS should be available to submit online. The Student President agreed to provide a response from the Students' Association. **Action: Student President.** 

## 3. Academic Representation Re-Fresh Proposal

The Student Voice Team Leader presented a paper outlining the proposal that the Committee had agreed for the Academic Representation Refresh. She explained that the proposal was drafted with the Student President and sent to the Professor Webster, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), academic schools, Graduate School and Directorate of Learning and Student Experience. The VP GSBS and the VP SEBE commented that both their Deans were happy with the proposal. It was noted that the Dean of SHLS does not take up the position until October. The VP SHLS presented a paper highlighting concerns raised by the Graduate Centre on the PGR Student Rep proposals. She also outlined feedback from PGR reps.

The Student President and the Chief Executive had a meeting scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to discuss the proposal with Professor Webster, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) and to establish how to take this proposal forward. The Student President would update the Committee on the outcome of the meeting. **Action: Student President.** 

# 4. Thematic Review of the PG Research Student Experience

The Chief Executive presented the Thematic Review of the PGR Student Experience from the Department of Academic Quality and Development. The VP SHLS talked the Committee through the

findings and recommendations. It was noted that the report said that the current "PGR Student Representative structure could be better organised" and "representatives lacked visibility". It was also recognised that the Enhancement-led Institutional Review of Glasgow Caledonian University Outcome Report March 2015 raised concerns about the structures and arrangements for responding to the research student voice. The Thematic Review of the PGR Student Experience will go to the Student Action Group for Engagement (SAGE). **Action: VP GSBS.** 

### 5. **Postgraduate Space**

The VP SHLS discussed that there was a planned launch event for the Postgraduate Space, as a result of a Students' Association campaign. The VP SHLS explained that there appeared to be a confused message on the purpose and use of the Postgraduate Space across the University, ie whether for study only, social use or both. It was recognised that this space was built on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Saltire Centre, a silent area. The VP SHLS said she will meet with Library Customer Services Manager to discuss the space within the Library and then meet to ask Professor Donaldson, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) whether the space available is a social space and if so to get this in writing as there is conflicting information about the space. **Action: VP SHLS.** 

## 6. International Student Committee

The VP SHLS presented a paper on proposed changes to the International Student Group (By-Laws 3.6.8.1) and the International Students' Officer remit. The proposals included changing the name to International Student Committee that included members from various international based societies. The Committee discussed the consistency of the group names and being too restrictive on membership. The Committee felt that the name should remain as International Student Group. The VP SHLS was asked to take the International Student Group changes to the By-Laws to the next Student Voice for information and approval. **Action: VP SHLS.** 

# 7. Individual and Team Objectives

The Chief Executive discussed the Executive Committee Team and Individual Objectives saying that next week at the residential training in Aviemore a staff member from NUS will be giving the training to find out what all the Full Time Officers wish to achieve in their year in office. The Chief Executive discussed the grid that would be used for the Full Time Officers to complete to show their objectives, outcomes, actions required, timescales, success measures and progress. The Student Voice Team Leader will hold a session to tease out and help set the individual and team objectives. Once the grid has been completed the Full Time Officers Individual and Team Objectives will go to Student Voice for approval.

The Student Voice Team Leader left the meeting at 3.45pm.

# 8. **Gender Recognition Act Discussion**

The VP SEBE discussed the Gender Recognition Act Consultation paper from the NUS Women Campaign and explained the background to the paper. The UK government are holding a consultation on the process by which you can legally challenge your gender in England and Wales. It was noted that as we had a campus and students studying in England that this was relevant to discuss. The Executive Committee discussed the difference in legislation between Scotland, England and Wales. It was noted from the paper that Scotland is one of the lead countries across the globe in taking steps to allow formal recognition of non-binary genders. The VP SEBE proposed that the Full Time Officers to do a joint response to the government and to bring it back to the next Executive Committee and vote on it. **Action: VP SEBE.** 

# 9. Full Time Officer Engagement Plan

The Student President said that the Full Time Officers met, discussed and set their Engagement Plan for the year ahead. The Student President talked through the engagement activities and targets for 2018-19. It was agreed that there should be a target for the written blogs/vlogs and this

was set for five written blogs/vlogs a Trimester. The Executive Assistant will amend the Full Time Officer Engagement Plan to reflect the amendment and targets and re-circulate. **Action: Executive Assistant.** 

# 10. Full Time Officer Reports (verbal)

#### **Student President**

- Rebranded 'Let's Talk about Gender Based Violence' with Students' Representative Council (SRC).
- Appointed PGR London Representative and Media and Communications Officer.
- Filmed video clip for university on clearing.
- Blog written on the Green Impact.
- Presented at The Gathering (introduction speech and workshop).
- Met with NUS for their plan of work visit.
- World Aids Day Planning.

# **VP SEBE**

- Met with Director of Estates regarding outdoor seats and tables in the garden area at the Saltire Centre. A follow up meeting is to take place with the Security Manager.
- Attended the Pathways Induction.
- Worked on the wristbands for Freshers and they go on sale today.
- Working on the NSS SEBE Action Plan.
- Filmed video clip for university on clearing.
- Attended interviews for the new Student Adviser.
- Liaising with the VP & PVC Research on part funding the Postgraduate Freshers event.

### **VP GSBS**

- Met with the Dean regarding the Academic Representation Re-fresh Proposal.
- Planning for different student engagement activities/events and working on a proposal for the year ahead.
- Sports clubs Come and Try dates are all on the website now.
- Date set for Freshers Taxi Cup and this will be the week after our Freshers takes place.
- Working with Mature and Part-Time Students Officer.
- BME event—drafted a copy of the invitation. Keynote speakers to be confirmed. The event
  will be promoted out and in particular with a focus on the Nursing Society tying into the
  NHS theme.

### **VP SHLS**

- GDPR training with the VP & PVC Research for research students.
- Teaching Block issues and consultation out for what students want (microwave, chairs etc) and the lack of facilities for them.
- Working with Careers on three different events around campus.
- Involved in the London Representative Interviews.
- Liaised with school on School Refresh.
- Working on PG Representatives for SEBE and SHLS.
- Updated SSEG template and sent to SHLS (mini action plan).
- World Aids Day planning.
- Director of Europe Office taking over the Advanced Social Innovation Training.
- Attending A Global Network for University (Conference) in Brussels.
- Working with the VP SEBE and liaising with the VP & PVC Research on part funding the Postgraduate Freshers event.
- Men's Health and Alliance Group place on E&D Committee.

- Working with the Equality and Diversity Advisor on the anti-bullying policy. A draft has to be prepared and compared with the University and taken to the E&D Committee.
- Student Summit Meeting with the VP SEBE.

#### 11. Previous Minutes

The Executive Committee agreed that the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 were accurate. **The Chair** called for a vote to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018. **Vote: For: 4**. The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 were approved.

### 12. Matters Arising

#### 12.1 GCU School Refresh

It was agreed for future learning for it to be raised with the University about the lack of genuine consultation around the GCU School Refresh. The Student President said that a meeting had been set with the DVC Academic to discuss the GCU School Refresh proposal. This matter is ongoing. **Action: Student President.** 

### 12.2 Proposal to Refresh the Academic Representation

The Student Voice Team Leader and the Student President to pull together a paper that can be taken to the University for consultation. A paper has been sent to the DVC Academic and to other various university staff. This matter is resolved.

### 12.3 Mental Health Agreement Plan Blog

The Student President said that the blog has been written and once she has heard from the University the blog will be submitted. This matter is ongoing. **Action: Student President.** 

#### 12.4 Sanitary Products & Working Group Blog

The Student President said that a blog is still to follow but is awaiting details about the final cost. This matter is ongoing. **Action: Student President.** 

### 12.5 NUS Women's Conference Blog

Attended the NUS Women's Conference and presented at it on Prevent – Gender Based Violence. The VP GSBS is awaiting pictures before submitting her blog. This matter is resolved.

The meeting ended at 4.30pm.

Date of next meeting
Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018, at 9am, in NH208



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 4:43pm, in room NH212.

#### Members:

Rachel Simpson, Student President (Chair)

Moses Apiliga, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)

Eilidh Fulton, Vice President School of Computer, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)

Yetunde Ogedengbe, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

#### In Attendance:

David Carse, Chief Executive (Clerk)

# 1. Apologies

None

# 2. Climate Change Fund

The University of Strathclyde Students' Association asked for the Students' Association to be partners in a bid for a Community Fridge submitted to the Climate Challenge Fund. The Community Fridge would be based within Townhead Community. City of Glasgow College would also be a partner. As a partner we would promote the initiative and promote volunteer opportunities. Post the funding we would also be involved in establishing its sustainability. **The Chair called for a vote to support the bid as a partner. For: 4.** The Student President would therefore sign the bid on behalf of the Students' Association.

# 3. Interim Academic Rep Structure

The Chair advised that the interim Academic Rep Structure proposal was well received at APPC and ETSE Steering Group, however the Graduate School had concerns about the proposed PGR Rep structure. The Student President and VP SHLS advised that they had a meeting with the Graduate School and Department of Academic Quality and Development to discuss the issue. The Graduate School proposed the model remained the same, i.e. one School Level PGR Rep and three Discipline PGR Reps (based on the former departmental structure within the academic schools). The Committee discussed at length the proposal remaining the same and the findings of the PGR Thematic Review that said the current PGR rep structure was not working. The VP SHLS advocated that if the structure problems were fixed then the current rep structure would work, for instance PGR students knowing which discipline they belonged too. There was a discussion on how representation worked at a discipline level and whether these were individual students grouped together or if they had a similar discipline based experience that therefore required representation. There was also a discussion on the assertion of the heavy workload of PGR Reps. Various models were proposed including only having one PGR Rep per academic school or three Discipline Based PGR Reps (who negotiate school and university committee attendance). The Student President and VP SHLS would arrange a meeting with the Pro Vice-Chancellor Research & Enterprise and Vice-Principal. Action: Student President & VP SHLS.

The meeting ended at 6.15pm.



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 10:00am, in room NH209.

## Members:

Rachel Simpson, Student President (Chair)

Moses Apiliga, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)

Eilidh Fulton, Vice President School of Computer, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)

Yetunde Ogedengbe, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

## In Attendance:

David Carse, Chief Executive (Clerk)

# 1. Apologies

None

# 2. Full Time Officer Team and Individual Objectives

The Chair asked members to provide their draft objectives for 2018/19. The objectives will be confirmed at the meeting of the Executive Committee on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and Student Voice on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.

# **Team Objectives**

| Objective  | Outcome  |
|--|--|
| Work with the University on an Academic Rep<br>Structure review                  | Academic Rep Structure outlined within<br>GCU Quality Assurance and<br>Enhancement Handbook  |
| Work with the University to evaluate Student Partnership Agreement and Re-Launch | <ul> <li>Paper to ETSE Steering Group</li> <li>Students' Association Annual Survey         Question to test knowledge</li> <li>Embed Student Partnership Agreement         into Induction and academic rep training         2018/19</li> </ul> |
| Healthy Body Healthy Minds award   | Award achieved   |

### **Individual Objectives**

### **Student President**

| Objective   | Outcome  |
|---|--|
| Work with University to achieve Think Positive Student Mental Health Agreement (SMHA) | <ul> <li>Evaluation Report submitted to Think</li> <li>Positive</li> </ul> |
| Work with University on sustainability of Gender Based Violence initiative            | Report and action plan agreed  |
| Work with University on Student Rep Structure at Glasgow Caledonian College New York  | Report and action plan agreed  |

### **Vice President SCEBE**

| Objective  | Outcome                       |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Work with University on implementing and evaluating Outdoor Learning Space | Report agreed                 |
| Work with SCEBE on NSS Action Plan   | Score improved. Currently 74% |
| Work with University on review articulation student experience             | Report and action plan agreed |

### **Vice President SHLS**

| Objective   | Outcome  |
|---|--|
| Work with Careers Service on 4 events to promote employability                    | <ul> <li>4 events organised, 100 students<br/>attending</li> </ul> |
| Work with VP GSBS on NSS Action Plan  | Score improved. Currently 83%                                      |
| Work with University on embedding intercultural skills workshops for new students | Launched on GCU Learn  |

#### **Vice President GSBS**

| Objective  | Outcome                       |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Research into barriers for liberation students   | Report and action plan agreed |
| engaging with GCU Sports Clubs                   |                               |
| Work with SHLS on NSS Action Plan                | Score improved. Currently 86% |
| Action on Sustainability Development goals (TBC) | • TBC                         |

# 3. Interim Academic Rep Structure

The Chair confirmed that the proposed interim Academic Rep Structure for 2018/19 paper had been well received by APPC and ETSE Steering Group within the University. All the proposals were accepted for Departmental Reps and PGT Reps. There was however some debate, particularly with the Graduate School, about the PGR Reps. The Director of the Graduate School was still to confirm the research structure within academic schools. The Student President and VP SHLS agreed to take this forward with the Pro Vice-Chancellor Research & Enterprise and Vice-Principal. **Action: Student President & VP SHLS.** 

The VP SHLS left the meeting at 10.35am.

## 4. Full Time Officers Reports

The Full Time Officers provided the following verbal reports:

# **Student President**

- Presented interim Academic Rep Structure at APPC and ETSE Steering Group
- Attended meeting with VP SHLS to meet Graduate School about interim Academic Rep Structure for PGR Reps.
- o Attended the Principals State of the Nation Address
- o Attended, with all the Full Time Officers, the International Welcome Night.

- Delivered the academic school Induction Talks with the other Full Time Officers and the Freshers Address.
- o The Mental Health Agreement Group met.

### VP SCEBE

- Lead as Policy Lead on Freshers Activities
- Presented at Women in Engineering Society event
- Supported the delivery of Societies Training
- Met with Director of Estates and Security Manager about Outdoor Learning Space

### **VP GSBS**

- Sports Council meeting
- Preparations for Black History Month, including working with Campus Trade Unions to seek sponsorship for the two events.
- o Glasgow Taxis Freshers Intervarsity taking place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018

#### 5. **GSBS Module**

Pauline Bell, Senior Lecturer within GSBS, was encouraging the Students' Association to provide a brief to students on a module she delivers within the Fashion and Marketing Department. The students would act as research/marketing consultants. The Committee were supportive of providing opportunities. The Student President said she would take this forward. **Action: Student President.** 

The meeting ended at 11.15am.

Date of next meeting Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018, at 10am, in NH209



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 9:00am, in room NH210.

#### Members:

Rachel Simpson, Student President (Chair)
Moses Apiliga, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Eilidh Fulton, Vice President School of Computer, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Yetunde Ogedengbe, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

### In Attendance:

David Carse, Chief Executive Kathryn Collins, Executive Assistant (Clerk)

# 1. Apologies

None.

The Chief Executive asked the Chair if he could add two discussion points under Any Other Competent Business (AOCB) - Black History Month and the Democracy Review, to which the Chair agreed.

# 2. Student Mental Health Agreement Feedback

The Student President presented the NUS feedback from the Student Mental Health Agreement 2017/18, developed in partnership with the University. The Student President highlighted the recommendations and areas of good practice to the Committee. The Student President agreed to write a blog on the Student Mental Health Agreement. **Action: Student President.** The Student President advised that work has started on the Student Mental Health Agreement 2018/19.

# 3. Ideas Key Performance Indicator (KPI) and Action Plan

The Chair advised that the Trustee Board asked the Executive Committee to discuss how more Ideas could be submitted by members through our website. The Chief Executive suggested to the Chair that the Student Voice Team Leader be invited to attend the next Executive Committee to add to the discussion to which the Chair agreed. **Action: Clerk**.

### 4. Alterline Research Proposal

The Student President confirmed that the Full Time Officers had agreed to participate in the Alterline Research into Q26 within the National Student Survey (NSS). The Executive Committee discussed the importance of understanding the Scottish landscape and requested for at least 2 or 3 Scottish associations participate in the research.

# 5. Student Voice on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

The Committee discussed the agenda and papers for submission to the meeting of Student Voice on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018. The members provided an update for the Matters Arising paper.

### 6. **Previous Minutes**

The Chair called for a vote to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Vote: For 4. The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved.

It was clarified that the previous minutes on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 said under the Vice President GSBS Objectives that he would work with the School of Health and Life Sciences on the NSS Action Plan. This should have read the Glasgow School for Business and Society. The Vice President SHLS

said her objective in the minutes should read intercultural skills workshops and not intercultural skills training. The minutes would be corrected by the Clerk. **Action: Clerk.** 

Subject to this amendments, the Chair called for a vote to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 pending the amendment. **Action: Clerk.** Vote: For 4. The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved.

# 7. Matters Arising

### 7.1 Interim Academic Rep Structure (from 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

The Student President and VP SHLS met with the Pro Vice-Chancellor Research & Enterprise and Vice-Principal on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018. This matter is resolved.

# 7.2 Interim Academic Rep Structure (from 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

The Student President and VP SHLS discussed the interim Academic Rep Structure with the Pro Vice-Chancellor Research & Enterprise and Vice-Principal on 4<sup>th</sup> October. This matter is resolved.

# 7.3 GSBS Module (from 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

A Senior Lecturer within GSBS, was encouraging the Students' Association to provide a brief to students on a module she delivers within the Fashion and Marketing Department. The students would act as research/marketing consultants. The Student President said she was still to take this forward. This matter is ongoing. **Action: Student President.** 

## 8. Life Membership

Five Life Membership applications were received from Stuart Ross; Scott Gallacher; Alistair Goldie; Colin McNeil; and Andrew James Rodgers. The Chair called for a vote to approve the submitted Life Membership Form. Vote: For -4.

# 9. **AOCB**

- 9.1 The Chief Executive proposed postponing the Democracy Review until the academic year 2018/19 and that the focus for this year to be on the Academic Rep Review and the Alterline Research. The Executive Committee agreed.
- 9.2 The Chief Executive discussed the up and coming partnership events for Black History Month with the University that are taking place on campus and asked for an update from the VP GSBS. The VP GSBS gave an update on the catering, budget, risk assessment, invites, speakers, and the general plans and organisation for both the events scheduled this month.

The meeting ended at 10.45am.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 23rd October 2018, at 10am, in NH209



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at 10:00am, in room NH212.

#### Members:

Rachel Simpson, Student President (Chair)

Moses Apiliga, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Eilidh Fulton, Vice President School of Computer, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Yetunde Ogedengbe, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

### In Attendance:

Kathryn Collins, Executive Assistant (Clerk)

## 1. Apologies

David Carse, Chief Executive Sarah MacLean, Student Voice Team Leader

#### 2. Ideas KPI and Action Plan

The Clerk asked the Chair if the Ideas KPI and Action Plan agenda item could be moved to the next meeting due to the absence of the Student Voice Leader. It was agreed to move the Ideas KPI and Action Plan to the next Executive Committee for discussion and for the Clerk to invite the Student Voice Team Leader to the meeting to add to the discussion. **Action: Clerk.** 

# 3. Black History Month Campaign and Toolkit

The VP GSBS said that he was still to submit the Black History Month Campaign Toolkit paperwork and that the relevant paperwork would be available at the next meeting. **Action: VP GSBS**. The Student President asked the Clerk to add Black History Month Campaign and Toolkit to the agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting. **Action: Clerk**.

## 4. Pathways Representation

The VP SCEBE discussed a proposal from College Connect in relation to having Pathways Officers within the University to work with the partner colleges to help engage with the pathway students. The VP SCEBE added that the Pathways Officers would not be involved in the academic representation as this was within the remit of the University. From further discussions, it was suggested from the Full Time Officers that the VP SCEBE contact the President from each of the partner colleges to talk about the partnership and the pathways from college into University and how Pathways Students could engage more with the services available and to then bring back this item for discussion at the next Executive Committee for further discussion on how to take this forward. Action: VP SCEBE.

## 5. **Previous Minutes**

The Chair called for a vote to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018. **Vote: For 4**. The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were approved.

## 6. Matters Arising

# 6.1 Student Mental Health Agreement Blog

The Student President said that a Student Mental Health Agreement Blog would follow shortly. This matter is ongoing. **Action: Student President**.

### 6.2 Ideas KPI & Action Plan

The Clerk invited the Student Voice Team Leader to the Executive Committee to add to the discussion on the Ideas KPI & Action Plan. This matter is resolved.

#### 6.3 **Previous Minutes Amendments**

The Clerk said that she had amended the previous minutes on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018, in relation to the two corrections within the Full Time Officer Individual Objectives section. This matter is resolved.

### 6.4 **GSBS Module**

A Senior Lecturer within GSBS, was encouraging the Students' Association to provide a brief to students on a module she delivers within the Fashion and Marketing Department. The students would act as research/marketing consultants. This matter is resolved.

# 8. Full Time Officer Engagement Statistics

The Executive Assistant presented the Full Time Officer Engagement Statistics from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 until 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The Executive Assistant asked the Chair if the Feedback Cards could be brought back to the next Executive Committee for discussion to which the Full Time Officers agreed. **Action: Clerk**.

## 9. **Life Membership**

A Life Membership application was received from Johnathan Rankin. The Chair called for a vote to approve the submitted Life Membership Form. **Vote:** For -4.

### 9. **AOCB**

# 9.1 **Department Representatives**

The VP SCEBE raised concern about the Department Representatives not having access to their generic email accounts yet or having their Class Representative lists. The Student President said that she would take this forward to ensure that Department Representatives have access sooner rather than later. The Student President said that she would have a response for the VP SCEBE by 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018. **Action: Student President**.

## 9.2 School Board Meetings Review

The VP GSBS discussed GSBS inviting representatives from last year to attend the School Board meetings, due to confusion around the Schools Re-Fresh. As the Student President sat on the working group to review the Terms and Reference of School Boards, she said that she would aim to get a section added into the Terms of Reference for staff to be mindful that Departmental Representatives roles end after Trimester B. **Action: Student President.** 

The meeting ended at 10.45am.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018, from 10-12pm, in NH209.