

Committee Title	Student Voice					
Date of Meeting	23 rd October 2023					
Item Number and Title/Subject	Full Time Officers Reports					
Paper Presenter	Chidozie Nwaigwe, Student President Wilfred Obi, Vice President SCEBE Jennifer Abali, Vice President SHLS Solomon Ajala, Vice President GSBS					
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	<p>The Constitution outlines that 'Student Voice has the power to scrutinise the work of the Executive Committee'.</p> <p>The reports outlined progress made against remits and Team and Individual Objectives.</p>					
Recommendation(s)	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p><i>Any member can ask a question by raising their voting card and being recognised by the Chair to speak.</i></p> <p>Student Voice is asked to approve the Full Time Officers Report.</p>					
Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Executive Committee					
Staff/Student Protocol	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?	The Chief Executive has been consulted in the development of the team and individual objectives and remits.					
Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting?	No					
If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.	The Full Time Officer reports are made available to the membership on the Students' Association website.					

Report by The Student President

Author:	Chidozie Nwaigwe
Date Produced:	05/10/2023
Committees:	Student Voice Report
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Main Priorities	Progress <i>What have you achieved since the last meeting?</i>
1.	Estates/Campus Masterplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke with the Principal and received assurances the students and the SA will be carried along in the process.
2.	London Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VP GSBS and VP SCEBE visited London and gathered on the spot feedback. Setting up of joint Teams channel between myself and London Reps.
3.	Promoting Glasgow Caledonian's Race Equality Charter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the EDI team on Black History Month. Discussions about improving student engagements with REC survey.

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Main Priorities	Progress <i>What have you achieved since the last meeting?</i>
1	Mitigate cost of living crisis for students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussions about the provision of microwaves on campus for students. Ongoing conversations about a community larder and possible location.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing discussions about an alternative to the free breakfast to help with the cost of living crisis. • Ongoing conversations about the provision of cereals, tea and coffee for breakfast in the SA building
2	Increase voter turnout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing an action plan on how to improve voter turnout. • Discussions on how to further encourage students to run for FTO elections to improve the election turn out.
3	Improve student engagement as well as increasing high response rates in NSS and MEQs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing an action plan on how to improve student engagement. • Ongoing conversations with the University on improving student engagement.

Remit Progress

1	GCU London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping to shape the London expansion. • Received assurances of an office space for the SA.
2	GCU Communications and Public Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received intelligence that we do not currently have any ongoing official University business or students on approved trips in the Israel/Palestine regions.
3	Estates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Estates to determine and develop a suitable site for our Student Pantry.

4	GCU Strategy and Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Court Strategy Day, which involved shaping the GCU strategy for the coming years.
5	Student Voice and Ideas process.	
6	University Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing conversations about GCNYC. • Ongoing conversations about the campus masterplan. • Meeting between Court Governors, Home and LGBT+ Students.
7	University Court Standing Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remunerations Committee did an overview of senior management remuneration, in comparison to sector wide practice. • Honorary Degrees Committee confirmed some nominations for conferment of honorary doctorate degrees at the next GCU graduations.
8	Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate Reaffirmed commitment to the Student Partnership Agreement.
9	Champion LGBT+ Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reached out to the Network, to attend the Court Governor's session.

Report by Vice President (SCEBE)

Author:	Wilfred Obi
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Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Main Priorities	Progress <i>What have you achieved since the last meeting?</i>
1.	Increase in SCEBE student engagement and participation in GCUSA activities and School Operational Plan, NSS completion, MEQ completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging with stakeholders (Event team, School management, other fulltime officers etc)
2.	GCU App (as access to push notifications, as elections, and accommodate GCUSA activities in the app.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion ongoing
3.	Better Wi-fi services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged the University on it and it has been worked on

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		Ongoing conversations about the provision of cereals, tea and coffee for breakfast in the SA building
2	Increase voter turnout	Developing an action plan on how to improve voter turnout. Discussions on how to further encourage students to run for FTO elections to improve the election turn out.
3	Improve student engagement as well as increasing high response rates in NSS and MEQs	Developing an action plan on how to improve student engagement. Ongoing conversations with the University on improving student engagement.

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress <i>What have you achieved since the last meeting?</i>
1.	School of Engineering and Built Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended first board meeting of SCEBE
2.	Mature and part Time Students	Had engagement with some part time student
3.	Teaching Awards	Discussion ongoing
4.	Careers and Employability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had a catch-up meeting with the career team The association to make a statement on the plan by university management to terminate the services of the career workers This will affect the part time job that the student gets
5.	Ethical and Environmental	Had an introductory meeting with the chair
6.	Campus Trade Unions	Planned to have a catch-up meeting with the chair
7.	Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The app is up and running Survey collected and being process
8.	International Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on to extend the visa of those who might have reseat
9.	Catering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion to add more intercontinental cuisines to the menu Discussion to reduce prices of food for students due to cost of living
10.	Freshers, inductions and Open day	Concluded and very sucessful
11.	Champion: Disabled Students' Network	Nothing yet

Report by Vice President (SHLS)

Author:	Jennifer Abali
Date Produced:	05/10/2023
Committees:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Main Priorities	Progress <i>What have you achieved since the last meeting?</i>
1.	Promote mental health and wellbeing of students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed an action plan for mental health and wellbeing following the Student Mental Health Agreement guidelines.
2.	More external recognition and awards for the Students' Association.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended NUS meetings and accountability sessions. Meetings with Sabbatical officers from other universities to share best practices.
3.	Improve student engagement in the School of Health and Life Sciences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular catch up with the Dean and Staff of SHLS. Discussions about student engagement in School Board meetings.

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2	Increase voter turnout	<p>Developing an action plan on how to improve voter turnout.</p> <p>Discussions on how to further encourage students to run for FTO elections to improve the election turn out.</p>
3	Improve student engagement as well as increasing high response rates in NSS and MEQs	<p>Developing an action plan on how to improve student engagement.</p> <p>Ongoing conversations with the University on improving student engagement.</p>

Remit Progress

1	GCU Wellbeing (Mental Health, Smoking and Gender Based Violence)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing an action plan for activities and event to promote mental health and wellbeing for this academic year.
2	Nightline Volunteer Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote nightline volunteer programmes on social media by reposting activities on social media. Catch up with the advice centre about nightline programmes.
3	Societies	
4	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (including Faith and Belief)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with REC project officer towards improving response rate in Race Equality Charter surveys

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended meetings to discuss the University's upcoming EDI Strategy and make input. • Discussions on reviewing our EDI policy with staff.
5	GCU Foundation, Alumni & Graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions with alumni team about partnership events, common good fund and mentoring. • Successfully got a speaker (alumni) for an upcoming event. • Regular catch up with staff from Alumni team to discuss plans moving forward.
6	GCU Outreach (including Articulation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with staff about GCU outreach activities

Report by Vice President (GSBS)

Name:	Solomon Ajala
Date Produced:	04/10/2023
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress <i>Update on what has been achieved since the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.</i>
1.	Ensuring all students have free/subsidized access to the University Gym (Arc) Facility		Preliminary discussions with Activities Manager and plans in place to meet with the Gym manager
2.	Championing and promoting Student's learning experience through active engagement with Learning and Development Centre within the Glasgow School of Business and Society		Ongoing discussion with the LDC on ways to improve student learning experience and participation.
3.	Promoting student awareness of the Student Association Advice Centre		Discussions held with SV Leader on possible ways to achieve this. Student advice centre will be communicated to on further engagements

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress <i>Update on what has been achieved since the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.</i>
1.	Mitigate cost of living crisis for students	<p>Student pantry established.</p> <p>Provision of hot water for students.</p> <p>Provision of microwaves for students.</p> <p>Increase in the number of students who use the student pantry.</p>	<p>Ongoing discussions about the provision of microwaves on campus for students.</p> <p>Ongoing discussions about a community larder and possible location</p> <p>Ongoing discussions about an alternative to the free breakfast to help with the cost-of-living crisis.</p> <p>Ongoing discussions about the provision of cereals, tea, and coffee for breakfast in the SA building</p>
2.	Increase voter turnout	Improved voter turnout in the next FTO elections	Developing an action on how to improve voter turnout.

		An improvement in the number of students who register to vote in general elections.	Discussion on how to further encourage students to run for FTO elections to improve the election turnout
3.	Improve student engagement as well as increasing high response rates in NSS and MEQs	An increase in student engagement Increase in number of students who attend events Increase in number of volunteers High responses in University wide surveys.	An increase in student engagement Increase in number of students who attend events. Increase in number of volunteers. High responses in University Wide surveys

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress <i>Update on what has been achieved since the last meeting.</i>
1.	VP, GSBS	Recruitment and training of PGT Reps been planned and underway by the VP and Academic Rep Coordinator. Works ongoing with the Head of Department, HRM to take out the international trip on the department's site as this has continuously generated issues amongst prospective and current students Several meetings were held with the Dean, GSBS with major issues surrounding early release of result and prompt feedback, proper classroom management discussed.
2.	Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A couple of meeting were held with the accommodation support unit to assist incoming students with difficulties in settling down. The bed spaces reserved with Safe Stay was the primary arrangement on ground as the housing crisis continued. Accommodation packs were successfully sent out to new students as they prepare to resume accordingly, messages and webinar links will be sent out to enlighten students on how to go about their accommodation search.

3.	Student Attendance and Engagement Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current swipe card system is being used along with the new policy – factoring in percentages.
4.	Review of Academic Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions centred around whether to bring Exams before Christmas or maintain status quo. The Registrar has since made a proposal to the management on possible implications, and this is currently being considered. • Students on Visas now have Six weeks added to their CAS end date to allow for them adequate time to apply for other visa types since PAB decisions sometimes do not come on time.
5.	Research Degrees Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy consideration detailed around research degree regulations specifically on how exam arrangement should be done with emphasis on supervisors flagging all necessary areas for corrections before students' work are being submitted and published
6.	Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing discussion with Library team to ensure and find a way for students to take full advantage of its resources
7.	Student Action Group for Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handovers done with the Academic Rep Coordinator and interim SAGE dates fixed with papers submitted. Only three SAGE committee meetings have been scheduled for the year, one in Tri A and two for Tri B.
8.	Research and Taught Postgraduate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment process underway for PGT students as mails have been sent to different schools with timeline for applications and interview.

Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact <i>What difference will this meeting, or event make?</i>
1.	Accommodation	A review meeting with the accommodation support unit will be held to ascertain the status of accommodation and to have a proper record of how the temporary accommodation was sorted amongst the new students
2.	Student Engagement	Consultation with students and academic reps to get feedback on timetabling, teaching, and learning experience amongst other things. This will help specifically towards improving their learning and teaching experience and as a measure of progress made.