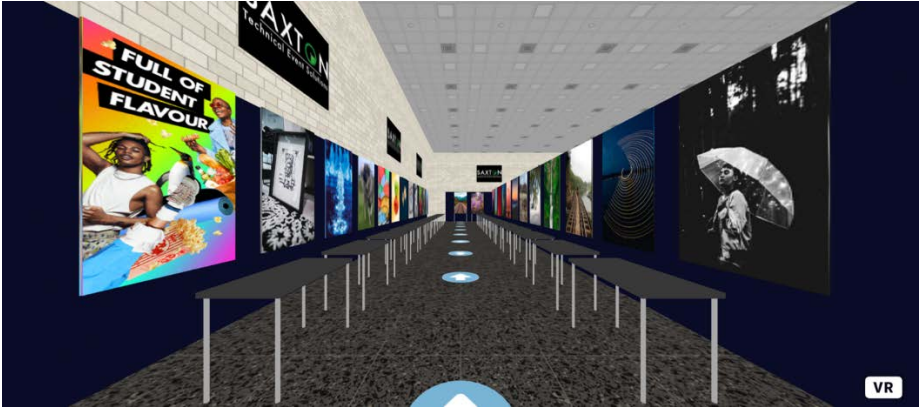


<b>Committee Title</b>	Student Voice					
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2020					
<b>Item Number and Title/Subject</b>	Impact of Coronavirus Update					
<b>Paper Presenter</b>	Susan Docherty, Student President (or nominee)					
<b>Brief Summary of Issues/Topic</b>	An update on how the Students' Association is responding to the Coronavirus outbreak in Trimester A 2020/21. The latest information is available from <a href="http://www.GCUstudents.co.uk/coronavirus">www.GCUstudents.co.uk/coronavirus</a> .					
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	Information	X	Discussion		Approval	
	Student Voice is asked <b>to note</b> the report.					
<b>Who have you consulted when developing the paper?</b>	Full Time Officers Students' Association Staff Trustee Board					
<b>Staff/Student Protocol</b>	Yes		No	X	N/A	
<b>Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?</b>	Chief Executive has been consulted					
<b>Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting?</b>	N/A					
<b>If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.</b>						

## Impact of Coronavirus Update for Student Voice (November 2020)

The following table outlines our planned approach to services and activities in Trimester A 2020/21. A Coronavirus Virus Update: Trimester A webpage was created on [www.GCUstudents.co.uk/coronavirus](http://www.GCUstudents.co.uk/coronavirus) on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and this was communicated across social media and in our all student email on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Area	Trimester A Delivery
<b>Building/London Office</b>	<p>The Students' Association has agreed with the University that the Students' Association Building and our London Office will not open until at least January 2021 (this is likely to be extended to include Trimester B). Where possible, all Students' Association services and activities will move online.</p> <p>Online provision will be delivered through our website, GCU Learn Community, Microsoft Teams and Zoom and our social media channels. Our bi-weekly all student email will resume during Trimester A.</p>
<b>Freshers Week/ Induction</b>	<p><b>Freshers Mailing</b></p> <p>It has been decided to continue to send our Student Handbook out to all new students (subject to SRTC approval processes). This will include The EDIT (student magazine) Freshers Edition. The Freshers Mailing will include information about the services and activities of the Students' Association, about Freshers Week 2020 and it is planned to include a Students' Association branded face mask and hygiene hook keyring.</p> <p><b>Virtual Freshers Fayre</b></p> <p>The Virtual Freshers Fayre will run on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 between 1-4pm. The Tuesday will focus on sports and the Wednesday on our societies and student groups. Students can navigate our specially designed virtual Freshers Fayre and click on the link to the club, society or group and speak to them through live video chat.</p>  <p><b>Freshers Events</b></p> <p>Our sports clubs, societies and student groups are current being approached to hold online events to welcome students and introduce them to these activities. Our Advice Centre will also host some events to support mental health and we are organising some evening activities such as DJs, quizzes and bingo. Our events once finalised will be <a href="#">posted on our website</a> and social media channels.</p> <p><b>Freshers Packs</b></p> <p>With our external partner PSL Team Sports we will sell Freshers Packs that would be externally collated and delivered to individual students' homes. This includes a white T-Shirt with "WE ARE GCU" Graphic, embroidered GCU Navy Hoodie, Lanyard, Tote Bag and Notebook.</p>

	<p><b>GCU Induction</b></p> <p>The Full Time Officers have filmed a short welcome video that will be presented at the GCU Generic Induction. Academic programmes can also sign up for the Students' Association interactive Induction events (formerly Workshops) to introduce new students to the work of the Students' Association.</p>
<b>Student Leaders Programme</b>	<p>The Student Leaders Programme will initially run online within Trimester A with a view that it will be delivered in a blended learning approach in the future. External organisations and paid Student Trainers would continue to be used for the delivery of synchronous workshops. All the workshops are currently being re-written to be delivered online both through synchronously and asynchronously learning. The workshops will be delivered through Collaborate Ultra (GCU Learn), Microsoft Teams or Zoom.</p>
<b>Societies and Liberation and Representation Groups</b>	<p>Guidance has been issued to our affiliated Societies and our Liberation and Representation Groups that no in person activities are currently permitted. The focus for Trimester A will be on the online delivery of these activities. Processes have been developed or are being developed to support the administration and finance systems of all student activities.</p> <p>Current governance guidance (01/09/2020) is that the "limits on meeting up with family and friends apply to social and recreational gatherings on and off campus".</p> <p>As lockdown eases, the introduction of in person activities and trips will be subject to government, our insurance provider and university guidance. It is likely that each activity will require an individual risk assessment before being permitted. We will continue to liaise with the University on when it is suitable/possible for clubs, societies and groups to book rooms and spaces on campus and when trips can be allowed.</p>
<b>Sports Clubs</b>	<p>Guidance has been issued to our affiliated sports clubs that no in person activities are currently permitted. The government have permitted outdoor contact sports and indoor non-contact sport. The indicative date for indoor contact sport was postponed from 14<sup>th</sup> September and then 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The GCU ARC is currently being used as a walk-through <a href="#">COVID-19 test centre</a> for Glasgow and it is current unclear whether this is for Trimester A only or Trimester A and B. The availability of sporting facilities and the numbers allowed to be involved will also be limited by physical distancing rules and will potentially have an impact on the members allowed to be involved in each sports clubs. In addition to government, our insurance provider and university guidance we will review the guidance from each individual sport's governing body and utilise support from Scottish Student Sport (SSS), British Universities &amp; Colleges Sport (BUCS) and Sport Scotland.</p> <p>We will write an overall Risk Assessment for our sports clubs and then approve individual sports clubs risk assessments before they can re-start. This will be undertaken in a phased approach, looking at outdoor sports re-starting first, indoor non-contact sport and finally indoor contact sport. Only public transport will be allowed initially, no carpooling and no minibuses.</p> <p>This is the latest information from <a href="#">SSS</a> and <a href="#">BUCS</a>. Once the suitability of each sport restarting has been assessed, then later in the Trimester the option of fixtures and attending events will be assessed. Currently the University has guidance against unnecessary travel.</p>
<b>Radio Caley</b>	<p>The Radio Studio is located within the Students' Association Building and will not be used within Trimester A. It has been provisionally agreed with Radio Caley that they will explore the creation of Podcasts (subject to licence and legal provisions) in Trimester A that can be shared with the membership.</p>

<b>The EDIT (student magazine)</b>	The EDIT will be producing a Freshers Edition to be included in the Freshers Mailing to all new students. In addition to the articles that they produce on <a href="http://www.theeditgcu.com/">www.theeditgcu.com/</a> , they will produce online editions of The EDIT magazine.
<b>Advice Centre</b>	<p>The Student Advisers will continue to provide confidential online support to GCU students for academic and personal issues. They are available by email, telephone and video chat. They are currently exploring the introduction of online chat. The Emergency Hardship Fund will be re-introduced in Trimester A using BACS instead of cash payments. The Advice Centre will continue to promote digital campaigns on student mental health and wellbeing and work will continue with the University on the Student Mental Health Partnership Agreement.</p> <p>As students cannot pick up <a href="#">free condoms</a> or <a href="#">sanitary products</a>, the promotion of the free delivery service provided by NHS Scotland and the University are being promoted.</p>
<b>Nightline (student listening and information service)</b>	<p>Nightline is our student listening and information service run by trained student volunteers and delivered in partnership with the University of Strathclyde Students' Association. The Nightline Service is located on campus at the University of Strathclyde.</p> <p>Nightline will not run a telephone service from its office during Trimester A. Nightline is currently exploring the Nightline Association Remote Nightline Service Guidance to explore providing online and email support. This would involve addressing the remote support of volunteers, the number of available volunteers, insurance requirements, new policies being implemented and the re-training of volunteers. All stakeholders would have to agree to this service running. Nightline are currently working towards restarting remotely for Trimester B. Nightline are also exploring partnership working with Glasgow Student Representative Council.</p>
<b>Academic Reps</b>	All training and support will be delivered for academic reps (Class Reps, Department, PGT and PGR Reps) online during Trimester A. This will include the Academic Rep Gathering. Former classroom based training will be delivered synchronously online through Collaborate Ultra and asynchronously training is delivered through GCU Learn Academic Rep Community. Guidance will be provided to Programme Leaders on the remote recruitment of Class Reps.
<b>Teaching Awards</b>	The nominations process for the Teaching Awards is through an online submission and this will continue in Trimester A. The Awards Ceremony takes place in Trimester B.
<b>Governance &amp; Democracy</b>	<p>Our Trustee Board, Student Voice and its subcommittee meetings will all take place through Microsoft Teams or Collaborative Ultra (GCU Learn) in Trimester A. We can perhaps look at the delivery of meetings both online and physically in future, with the right technology. Our website platform can facilitate any required election.</p> <p>The Full Time Officers are creating an Engagement Plan 2020/21. This will mainly be online delivery to engage with our membership in Trimester A. It has been agreed with the University that we will have a physical stall within the Library for students to access the Full Time Officers in a social distance way.</p>

## Full Time Officer Engagement Plan Trimester A 2020/21

The Full Time Officers have agreed their Engagement Plan for Trimester A.

Engagement Activity	Description	Dates	Target Total 2020-21
<b>Lecture Shouts</b>	7 Pre-Recorded FTO videos in Trimester A within all student email, article on website and social media channels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020</li> <li>• 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020</li> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020</li> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020</li> <li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2020</li> </ul>	<b>7 Lecture Shouts</b>
<b>Ask The Officer Online</b>	Ask the Officer Online on Facebook every two weeks	<b>Thursdays, 3pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020</li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2020</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2020</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020</li> </ul>	<b>6 Ask the Officer Online</b>
<b>Ask The Officer (on Campus)</b>	Ask the Officer in the Library during Trimester A (weeks 1-11)  2 hours each week for each Full Time Officers during Trimester A	<b>Weekly:</b> Adil, Wed's, 9am to 11am Tabitha, Thu's, 10-12noon Zoe, Fri's, 11-1pm Susan, various	<b>44 sessions, 11 sessions each FTO</b>
<b>Coffee Break</b>	Once a month during Trimester A on Collaborate Ultra (GCU Learn Community).	11-12noon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020</li> </ul>	<b>3 sessions</b>
<b>Video Blogs/Written Blogs</b>	Taking place on an ad hoc basis.		
<b>SA TV</b>	Taking place on an ad hoc basis.		