

<b>Committee Title</b>	Student Voice					
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> February 2020					
<b>Item Number and Title/Subject</b>	Proposal for change of Gender Safe Space in NH205 to Quiet Room					
<b>Paper Presenter</b>	Susan Docherty, Vice President SCEBE					
<b>Brief Summary of Issues/Topic</b>	<p>This paper proposes a change of use in NH205 from a Gender Safe Space to a Quiet Room, that can be used by any GCU student.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name change of room from Gender Safe Space to Quiet Room.</li> <li>• The original idea of Safe Space was for students to practice mindfulness and a place that provides information for students struggling with anxiety. This will remain the same.</li> <li>• The term 'Quiet Room' is universally known and a name that all students will be familiar with, therefore all students, no matter what their gender identity will be able to identify and utilise this space.</li> <li>• The room will be accessible to all students and will be used as a space to 'get away from it all' - when students simply want somewhere to go where they are unlikely to be disturbed. It can be used for contemplation, meditation and mindfulness.</li> <li>• The idea includes the proposal of the room to be a digital detox space as the Quiet Room is a place to refrain from using electronic devices such as smartphones or computers, and to be regarded as an opportunity to reduce stress.</li> <li>• This proposal has been in consultation with the Women's Officer and the LGBT+ Officer who currently use the space and are happy with the changes.</li> </ul>					
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	Information		Discussion		Approval	X
	<p><b><i>Any member can ask a question by raising their voting card and being recognised by the Chair to speak.</i></b></p> <p>Student Voice are asked to approve the change of the Gender Safe Space to a Quiet Space.</p>					
<b>Who have you consulted when developing the paper?</b>	Executive Committee Equality and Diversity Committee Chief Executive					
<b>Staff/Student Protocol</b>	Yes	X	No		N/A	
<b>Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?</b>	The Chief Executive has been consulted in this proposal.					
<b>Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this</b>	Trustee Board					

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If yes, please state the committee and  
proposed date of submission.