

Student Action Group for Engagement (SAGE)

Meeting 3 Minutes

15/3/17, 1pm, NH209 (Students' Association Building)

<u>Present</u>	Kevin Campbell (VP SHLS & Chair), Lesley McAleavy (Policy and Development Officer), Charlie Beaumont (GSBS PGT Officer), Amir Shafiq (BM Officer), Tamar Everson (CCIS Officer), Jen Broadhurst (GSBS RSL)
<u>Apologies</u>	Romina Arefin (E Officer), Scott Buchanan (LEAR Officer) Caroline Fleeting (SSMJ Officer), Abhishek Mandal (SHLS RSL), Brendan Owen (Life Sciences Officer), Linda Cupples (NCH Officer)
<u>Absent</u>	Robyn Moffat-Wall (PSWAHS Officer), Gil McComb (C+S Officer), Kanayo Iken (SHLS PGT Officer) Godswill Azubuike (SEBE PGT Officer), Bolutife Oyemomi (SEBE RSL),
<u>In Attendance</u>	Aimee Cuthbert (SVC & Clerk), Chris Daisley (VP SEBE), Jodie Waite (VP GSBS)

1) Apologies

As above

2) Approval of previous meeting minutes

LMcA asked if the minutes had not been circulated to FB and KMcf (who attended the previous meeting) that they be circulated to them. **ACTION - CLERK**

SAGE was then asked by the Chair to approve the minutes from the previous meetings.

For – 6, Against – 0, Abstain – 0.

The minutes for the previous meeting were unanimously approved and will be presented to Student Voice.

3) Student Partnership Agreement Update

The Chair updated SAGE that the Student Partnership Agreement was in the final design stages and that everything should be completed by the end of the trimester

LMcA also added that the university and the Students' Association would be working on website content over the summer as well as the communication strategy and planned campaign around the launch of the new agreement.

SAGE were thanked for their contributions over the past year towards the agreement.

4) On Your Marks Get Set Feedback Campaign

The Chair fed back to SAGE on behalf of the Student President that the campaign had received 963 postcard responses from students both face to face and online, making it the most successful campaign the Students' Association had ran in a decade and that 29 students participated in a focus group ran during the Class Rep Gathering. Next stages for the project included data analysis and the Student President was congratulated on the efforts put towards the campaign as well as the Full Time Officer team.

5) Common Good Curriculum Update

The Chair informed SAGE that the focus groups organised by Karen McFarlane on the Common Good Curriculum and Frank Brown on the Common Good Award had been circulated the SAGE members and Class Reps with SAGE members being encouraged to take part if possible.

LMcA added the KMcf's group had no set date as she wanted students to get in touch and a time would then be arranged.

6) Student Engagement in Quality Enhancement Update

LMcA updated SAGE that two programmes had been identified for a pilot of student involvement in programme board review – BSc Forensic Investigation and MSc Clinical Ophthalmology and Vision Research – and 2 students had volunteered to get involved who were currently being individually briefed and trained. Ideally for future panels students from the same school but different departments would ideally be selected. It was also mentioned that feedback will be gathered from these pilots to develop training over the summer with the Students' Association that would be included in School Officer and PG Officer induction training in future.

The Chair commented that this represented a good combination of good work and a great win as this put the Students' Association and university ahead of the sector in terms of high meaningful student involvement in these levels of quality enhancement. LMcA added that having students involved in programme review was new and that it was good to work with students to develop this work as their could share their expertise and knowledge on the experience.

7) Assessment Methods Campaign Update

The Chair gave a quick update to SAGE stating that a case study of the Learning Disability Nursing assessment would be presented to an Assessment and Feedback Working Group in April with the aim to roll out a student-designed assessment across the IPE module in SHLS for next academic year. Once this had been rolled out, its effectiveness and challenges would be reviewed with the aim to roll out across the university.

8) Teaching Awards

The Clerk reminded SAGE members that they were to fill out the relevant Doodle polls to help with promotion of Teaching Awards nominations closing between 20th and 31st March

as well as helping out in shortlisting panels from 13th-21st April as soon as possible and that those who had signed up to help promote would be notified by the end of the week.

9) AOCB

VP SEBE informed SAGE of his current campaign “Smooth Sailing or Stormy Seas” to gather information on students’ experience of settling into GCU and encouraged SAGE members to complete the survey and encourage reps to do the same as there was a £50 Amazon voucher that participants could win.

LMcA informed SAGE that in relation to the Enhancement Themes work the university were undertaking that the institutional working group were looking to gather student commentaries on case studies created – the two selected were the Student Summit and SAGE. The group were currently undecided on how to approach these commentaries to make interesting for future students and that members may be asked to get involved at a later date through email. The Chair agreed and felt that a way to make the content unique and exciting .

LMcA also informed SAGE that linked to the Enhancement Themes work there was a current MOOK project in place looking at creating online resources for students to engage with before coming to GCU. GSBS RSL then asked if the new Enhancement Theme had been decided to which LMcA responded that this would be announced at the Enhancement Themes Conference in June. The Chair encouraged SAGE members to look into the conference and if they were interested in going to inform him. VP SEBE agreed and said that they were looking for students to get involved with the day also.

The Chair also informed SAGE that the Student Partnership Agreement had been nominated for a sparqs Engagement Award and that NCH School Officer had been shortlisting for University Course Rep of the Year.

VP GSBS also informed SAGE that the Full Time Officer team had been shortlisted for Team of the Year and Diversity Award at the NUS Scotland Awards.

10) Date of Next Meeting and closing thanks

As this was the last meeting of SAGE for the academic year, the Chair extended his thanks to members for a productive year with great discussion and exciting projects coming to fruition due to SAGE’s input.