

Report by Student President

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Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Main Priorities	Progress <i>What have you achieved since the last meeting?</i>
1.	Develop work on the NUS Think Positive Student Mental Health Agreement 2018-19	<p>Last year, I developed the first partnership agreement on Student Mental Health between GCU Students' Association and Glasgow Caledonian University. The Agreement was submitted to NUS with an evaluation document in June.</p> <p>In September, we received extremely positive feedback on the SMHA from NUS.</p> <p>I then presented our SMHA at Think Positives' Launch Conference as an example of good practise in the sector. This was the only individual SMHA from the Higher Education Sector presented to the conference.</p> <p>Moving forward for this year, I've established a working group for the SMHA 18-19, and have set a provisional action plan, which has since been submitted to NUS. We have formally signed up to take part in the project again this year.</p> <p>I'm working on a launch of the project to assist in getting student consultation with the project.</p>
2.	Implement 'Let's Talk' Preventing and Responding to Gender Based Violence Workshops at GCU Students' Association.	<p>Re-Branded GCU Students' Associations Let's Talk about Sexual Violence Workshops to be aligned with the Universities Erase the Grey Campaign.</p> <p>Embedded workshops into the Student Leaders Programme</p> <p>Organised and hosted a Re-Fresh Session for trainers in the Lets' Talk Programme in partnership</p>

		<p>with SRC and Rape Crisis</p> <p>Organised an information form for the Lets' Talk Workshop Trainers.</p> <p>Met with the SRC at Glasgow university to discuss a potential partnership agreement relating to our work on preventing and responding to Gender Based Violence. A draft agreement has been circulated, and I'm awaiting feedback from SRC.</p> <p>Developing a handover document on the workshops for the next incoming officer – complete with timeline.</p> <p>Exploring the potential of developing the workshops to include curriculum from RFKUK Human Rights.</p> <p>Developing the workshops with the University Executive to ensure their sustainability throughout future years.</p> <p>National</p> <p>Co-Delivered a workshop on GCU's work on Gender Based Violence which I'd led on last year, and explained how the project will continue moving forward, at NUS's first National Event of the Year – The Gathering.</p>
3.	Negotiating a potential relocation of GCU Students' Association on campus	<p>Negotiations have been ongoing for quite some time around the possibility of GCU Students' Association relocating to a new venue on campus.</p> <p>Throughout my term in office I've been working actively with the Principal and University Executive Board to further develop a proposal on a potential move of GCU Students' Association.</p> <p>I collaborated on a paper with our Trustee Board outlining the Associations' thoughts on a potential move, and will bring the discussion to Student Voice later in the agenda.</p>

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Main Priorities	Progress <i>What have you achieved since the last meeting?</i>
1.	Undertake the NUS Healthy Body Healthy Mind Award Accreditation	Established a working group to take forward work on the Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Award

		<p>I wrote and submitted the HBHM application to NUS.</p> <p>Began to develop and structure an annual action plan.</p>
2.	Evaluate and relaunch Student Partnership agreement	<p>The Student Partnership Agreement was discussed at the ETSE (Enhancing the Student Experience) forum which both the I and VP SCEBE attend.</p> <p>The group have agreed to include evaluating and re-launching the SPA as part of the Student Experience Action Plan (SEAP) – which is the document ETSE work on.</p> <p>Work is ongoing regarding the evaluation of current knowledge of the partnership agreement, and once the agreement has been re-developed, a campaign will occur to launch this to students.</p>
3.	Evaluate and Implement a review of the representative structure	<p>Developed new representation structures for the undergraduate and PGT models to continue aligning the model to the departments in light of the schools re-fresh</p> <p>Continuing to work with the Graduate School and AQD to develop a representation model for PGR Students</p> <p>Mapping vacancies in both models has been completed, and we have begun to actively recruit for vacancies in undergraduate representation.</p>

Remit Progress

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1.	GCU London	<p>Appointed London PGR Rep</p> <p>Will be attending the GCU London Graduations in November.</p>
2.	GCU Caledonian New York College	<p>In December I will be travelling to the New York Campus with VP SCEBE to attend the GCNYC Graduations, and review the student representation structure at NYC.</p>
3.	Estates (excluding Caledonian Court)	<p>Work is ongoing in this area regarding the potential move as mentioned previously under my objectives.</p>

4.	Library	Met with the Library and DVCA to further discuss a proposal at implementing a 24 hour library on campus.
5.	Marketing and Communications	<p>Presented a speech at the installation of GCU's new chancellor – Annie Lennox</p> <p>Actively involved in a variety of communication strands by the university, including producing a clip for clearing</p> <p>Presented at GCU's Open Days with VP GSBS, VP SHLS and VP SCEBE</p> <p>Worked with the FTO team to deliver induction talks throughout fresher's week to every induction</p> <p>Supported VP GSBS in communication materials for BHM Events.</p> <p>GCU was able to host NUS's first national event of the year – The Gathering. I sat on the steering committee to help shape and plan the event, and was also able to open the event and present a speech. This is also the previous event mentioned above in which I co-delivered a workshop on GCU's work on Preventing and Responding to Gender Based Violence. https://www.gcustudents.co.uk/articles/presenting-at-the-gathering</p>
6.	Student Voice and Ideas Process	<p>Work is ongoing in this area to develop an ideas KPI for the Association, and an action plan to encourage students to become more actively engaged in this area</p> <p>Supporting ongoing actions in standing policy</p> <p>Developed new papers to come to Student Voice</p>
7.	GCU Wellbeing (Campus Life Desk, Faith and Belief and Gender Based Violence)	<p>Gender Based Violence</p> <p>Let's Talk Workshops</p> <p>Discussed above under individual objectives.</p> <p>National Work</p> <p>Participated in a national working group with</p>

		<p>Universities Scotland and NUS to develop support resources for all universities and colleges</p> <p>Attended a Launch Event in Edinburgh with NUS and John Swinney where the national resources were launched.</p> <p>Took part in the Chancellors <i>One Reason Why I'm a Global Feminist Campaign</i></p> <p>https://www.gcustudents.co.uk/articles/onereasonwhyimaglobalfeminist</p> <p>University Projects</p> <p>Continue to attend the GCU and GCU/GU Joint Working group to develop our joint work. This includes supporting the Universities introduction of Erase the Grey Ambassadors, and working on other initiatives to prevent and respond to gender based violence.</p> <p><i>Mental Health</i></p> <p>Work ongoing on the student mental health agreement and healthy body, healthy mind accreditation as per above.</p> <p>Working to develop a proposal for a Student Mental Health Representation Officer and Group, which is brought to this Voice for discussion.</p> <p>Working with the university to promote and develop mindfulness courses for GCU Students</p> <p>https://www.gcustudents.co.uk/articles/gcu-student-mindfulness-taster-session-and-8-week-course</p> <p><i>Other</i></p> <p>Involved in the consultation for the review of the mitigating circumstances policy</p>
8.	Champion: Disabled Students' Group	Actively involved in promoting the position for a Disabled Students Officer

		Working to shape some events to help promote Disabled History Month (22 nd November – 22 nd December)
9.	Glasgow Student Forum	<p>I was nominated as interim chair at the beginning of summer</p> <p>Contacted each association and union to nominate their representative</p> <p>Work is ongoing to find a suitable date, and potentially co-ordinate an election for the GSF</p> <p>Working with other unions through this form to help shape local projects – such as transport, and student mental health.</p>
10.	Other	<p>Attended every GCU Glasgow Graduation ceremony</p> <p>Secured an additional 7.5k in funding for student groups, and secured a sponsorship agreement with BaxterStorey for student groups throughout the 18/19 academic year.</p> <p>Attending a variety of training courses including SPARQS in Stirling, Lead and Change in Hertfordshire, Trustee Training in Clydebank, and Executive training in Aviemore over the summer.</p> <p>GCU Student Association were able to achieve the Green Impact Award at accreditation Very Good, which is a level above what we aim for in our strategic plan. I led on our ethical and environmental work last year, and was pleased to announce the award!</p> <p>https://www.gcustudents.co.uk/articles/green-impact-award-2107</p> <p>Contributed to NUS's plan of work when they visited campus during trimester 3.</p> <p>Actively involved in meeting and training sessions with GCU to prepare for our upcoming ELIR in</p>

		<p>19/20.</p> <p>Attended and produced reports for University Court Meetings</p> <p>Worked with the team on developing and reviewing the current student engagement framework</p> <p>Collaborating with the University to establish the pop-up collection points for Free Sanitary Products in tri A, this has consisted of a working group to discuss how products will be distributed to the student population, and the work for a launch in week 2 of trimester A.</p> <p>https://www.gcustudents.co.uk/articles/free-sanitary-products-f6d9</p> <p>Hosted the Principle of the Nursing College in Bangladesh when she visited the GCU Glasgow campus.</p> <p>Entered a partnership with Strathclyde Union, City of Glasgow College Union and Glasgow University Union to work towards establishing a community fridge in Townhead Community Hall. This was through an application to the Climate Challenge Fund.</p>
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Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact <i>What difference will this meeting or event make?</i>
1.	Launch last year's student mental health agreement, alongside an action plan for this year for student consultation	Student consultation on the student mental health agreement actions which can be used to shape the action plan and ways in which we support students moving forward
2.	Action plan for HBHM agreed and finalised	Progress with work on HBHM and hopefully achieve the award at the end of the year
3.	Finalise plans to ensure sustainability of Scottish Mental Health First Aid Training at GCU Students' Association by securing an individual to be trained to deliver the workshop	The SMHFA can continue to be delivered at GCU Students' Association into the following years, and the current funding allocated for this initiative can be reallocated to other initiatives.