

Committee Title	Student Voice
Date of Meeting	10 th February 2020
Item Number and Title/Subject	Merge Mental Health and Men's Health and Alliance Officer and Group
Paper Presenter	Susan Docherty, Vice President SCEBE
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	<p>This paper proposes the merger of Student Mental Health Officer and Group and Men's Health and Alliance Officer and Group to become the Mental Health and Wellbeing Officer and Group. This would continue to be a representation group.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The merger will utilise more resources rather than diluting them • By appointing one Mental Health and Wellbeing Officer this will cover all Gender identities. • The both groups fall under the same representation. • They are already involved in the same campaigns and events. • Mental Health and Wellbeing issues affect all genders and combining the both groups together will strengthen the representation. • The Mental Health Group is currently inactive. • The Men's Alliance Officer is agreeable to the changes and is happy to take this new role in agreement with Student Voice. <p>It is therefore proposed to remove the Men's Health and Alliance Officer and Student Mental Health Officer and their retrospective groups from the Students' Association By-Laws within sections 3.5 and 3.6. It is proposed to add the position of Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Officer and Group to section 3.5 and section 3.6 of the Students' Association By-Laws with the following remits:</p> <p>Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Officer</p> <p>The Mental Health and Wellbeing Officer is responsible for ensuring that physical and mental health of all students at GCU are effectively and legitimately represented.</p> <p>Remit:</p> <p>a) To ensure the effective and legitimate representation of students' mental health and wellbeing to the University and externally on their student experience, working as appropriate with the Executive Committee and Students' Association Staff.</p> <p>b) To ensure the current and future needs of student wellbeing and mental health are met through a balance of representative work and market research and having responsibility for putting forward the democratically decided views and policies of the Students' Association. This will involve running at least one campaign each year where students need has been</p>

	identified.					
	c) To work in partnership with NUS on informing GCU students on any relevant campaigns and attend and help to organise delegations to any relevant conferences.					
	d) To ensure the Students' Association has strong connections with our students and that the Students' Association establishes new methods to encourage participation and that there is an overall high student satisfaction with the Students' Association.					
	e) The Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Officer is a full member of Student Voice, the Equality and Diversity Committee and is the Chair of the Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Group for which they will help recruit members each year.					
	<p>Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Group</p> <p>Composition: Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Officer (Chair) Students from each School Full Time Officer with the policy lead for GCU Wellbeing</p> <p>Remit:</p> <p>a) It is the responsibility of the Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Group to represent the general interests of student mental health and wellbeing and help develop Students' Association policy.</p> <p>b) Responsible for running campaigns on student mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>c) Four statutory meetings will be held throughout the academic sessions; two in Trimester 1 and two in Trimester 2.</p>					
Recommendation(s)	Information		Discussion		Approval	X
	<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 removal of the Men's Health and Alliance Officer and Student Mental Health Officer and their retrospective groups from the Students' Association By-Laws within sections 3.5 and 3.6. It is proposed to add the position of Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Officer and Groups to section 3.5 and 3.6 of the Students' Association By-Laws.</p>					
Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Executive Committee Men's Health and Alliance Officer Student Mental Health Officer Student Voice Team Leader Chief Executive					
Staff/Student Protocol	Yes	X	No		N/A	
Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?	The Chief Executive was consulted on this proposal.					
Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its	N/A					

consideration/approval at this meeting?

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