

Committee Title	Student Voice					
Date of Meeting	4 th April 2022					
Title/Subject	Student Partnership Agreement Refresh Briefing for Student Voice					
Paper Presenter	Priscilla Otuagoma, Vice President GSBS					
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	<p>The Student Partnership Agreement is a shared commitment between Glasgow Caledonian University and GCU Students' Association that underpins how we work together for the benefit of students.</p> <p>We are currently in the process of refreshing and renewing our commitment to partnership working and this paper provides members of Student Voice and update on the process as well as opportunity to provide feedback through a linked padlet.</p>					
Recommendation(s)	Information	X	Discussion		Approval	
	<i>Any member can ask a question by raising their voting card and being recognised by the Chair to speak.</i>					
Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Senior Quality Officer (Policy and Student Engagement) at GCU Student Voice Team Leader					
Staff/Student Protocol	Yes		No	X	N/A	
Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?						
Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting?						
If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.						

The Student Partnership Agreement is a shared commitment between Glasgow Caledonian University and GCU Students' Association that underpins how we work together for the benefit of students.

We are currently in the process of refreshing and renewing our commitment to partnership working using the last Student Partnership Agreement as a springboard for discussion. The last Student Partnership Agreement was pre-covid and has four principles.

- ✓ Take **shared responsibility** for working in partnership to ensure an excellent student experience

This means:

- *There is a culture of dignity and mutual respect across the University*
- *This culture enables open and honest conversations between students and staff; there is joint responsibility for engaging in discussion, providing feedback and sharing views*
- *Students and staff are proactive in identifying what works and what doesn't in relation to the student experience*
- *Students and staff provide and respond to feedback, and act on the outcome of discussions*
- *There are a wide range of opportunities for students and staff to work in partnership to enhance the student experience*

- ✓ **Foster a sense of belonging** in all students and staff

This means:

- *Embracing and respecting the diversity of the GCU student and staff community, and ensuring that there are equal opportunities for everyone's voice to be heard*
- *Normalising community engagement through the promotion of clubs, societies and extra-curricular activity*
- *Encouraging peer interaction and support both in and out of the classroom*
- *Actively promoting student and staff wellbeing*
- *Encouraging and supporting graduates and alumni to remain part of the GCU community*

- ✓ Have the **confidence to become engaged lifelong learners** at university and throughout their careers

This means:

- *Developing the four Common Good attributes: Active and Global Citizenship; an Entrepreneurial Mind-set; Responsible Leadership; Confidence*
 - *Supporting each other to develop in confidence – academically, personally and professionally*
 - *Supporting students and staff to work in partnership to enhance the student learning experience*
 - *Widening horizons for students and staff through opportunities for international mobility and career development*
- ✓ Have the **skills and knowledge to find creative, innovative solutions to 21st Century challenges**

This means:

- *Working in partnership to reinforce our defining position as the University for the Common Good*
- *Developing graduates who are proficient in their discipline as well as entrepreneurial, confident responsible and capable of fulfilling leadership roles in different organisational, cultural and global contexts*
- *Developing digital confidence and competence in all students and staff*
- *Making a positive impact on the communities that we serve through new developments in social innovation, transforming our lives and the lives of others*

We began our consultation at the Spring Academic Rep Conference where we asked attendees to feedback in the session and on a Padlet about the current principles. Members of Student Voice are also encouraged to leave comments on the Padlet. The padlet can be accessed by scanning the QR code on the right or here:

<https://padlet.com/studentvoice4/StudentPartnershipAgreement>

Timeline

Trimester 2 2021/2022

- Discussion with groups across the university

Summer 2022

- Drafting proposal for new Student Partnership Agreement

Trimester 1 2022/23

- Proposal out for consultation
- Proposal amended



- Agreement ratified by University and Students' Association

We will be talking to numerous groups across the university this academic year, drafting a proposal for the Student Partnership Agreement over the summer which will then be the basis for further discussions in Trimester 1 next year. The renewed Student Partnership Agreement will then be signed off by both the University and Students' Association and an action plan based on the agreement taken forward.