

Student Voice 10-02-20

Matters Arising

Date Raised	Action	Who	Update
26/03/2018	Referendum on exams before Christmas during the academic year 2018/19.	Student President	
26/03/2018	Allow non-native speakers to have a dictionary	VP SCEBE	<p>Resolved-Students whose first language is not English must be able to demonstrate required levels of proficiency in the English language as part of the admission criteria. These levels are set so that all those commencing on their studies have the requisite level of English language aptitude to be able to successfully undertake and complete the programme. As part of our UKVI Tier4 sponsorship compliance requirements, we have to be able to demonstrate how we ensure that students have the required level of English language proficiency required for the course they are undertaking. The UKVI take this requirement and expectation seriously, in part to ensure that students admitted are able to successfully engage and complete their studies. As part of routine UKVI audits, we have had to provide details of evidence submitted by applicants, and our internal language assessing provision was interviewed and their material & processes reviewed by the auditors.</p> <p>Therefore, as students are admitted to the University on the basis that their English language is of a required standard to successfully undertake their course, language dictionaries are not permitted within exams, which is the standard practice across the sector.</p> <p>However, I am working on trying to provide support for International students with continued development of their English language skills and will update on this separately.</p>
11/02/2019	Campaign for facilities that would enable using more reusable cups/boxes (i.e. washing facilities)	VP GSBS	Ongoing
28/10/2019	Plant-based canteen drive	VP GSBS	Introduced vegan corner, planning an event to promote plant based diets.

25/11/19	To find out about the impact of the Nov 2019 strike on tuition fees of international students	Student President	
25/11/19	To represent students interests in the case of Strike action adversely affecting research ethic boards	VP SHLS	Completed and informed the concerned student.
25/11/19	Plastic free campus – get rid of all single use plastics and strofoam on campus (with exception of plastic straws available on request only)	VP GSBS & VP SHLS	Ongoing due to a change in Baxter Storey staff.
25/11/19	Every programme cohort to have a session on academic writing and expectations within that course.	VP GSBS, VP SHLS & VP SCEBE	Ongoing
25/11/19	Replacement/upgrade of weightlifting equipment in ARC	VP SHLS	Ongoing.
25/11/19	Increase wildflowers on campus	VP GSBS	Unable to do so, as wildflowers require high maintenance. However more trees have been planted.
25/11/19	Reflection spaces (for prayer, quiet space) to be in each building on campus	VP SCEBE	Ongoing
25/11/19	More food recycling bins on campus including in satellite catering venues (learning café, recharge café, re:Union bar)	VP GSBS	Spoke to GCU Sustainability Officer; working on communications in regards to where the bins are located.
25/11/19	To help BME group with changing By-laws to reflect change in groups name to Ethnic Diversity Network	VP GSBS	Completed and paper going to student voice for approval