

Student Voice Officer Reports

Name: Abdul Rehman Rafiq

Role: Department Representative for Postgraduate Taught students of SCEBE & Class Rep for MSc Cyber Security Full Time

Activities completed since the previous Student Voice meeting:

- Introduced myself to as many Postgraduate students within SCEBE
- Send out introductory email to class reps
- Attended the SCEBE Networking session on the 15th March 2022
- Brought up the issue to the department head of delayed feedback for a module and the unrealistic criteria set for an assessment in May.

Name: Liam Brown

Role: Postgraduate Taught Rep for GSBS

Activities completed since the previous Student Voice meeting:

- Sent out emails to GSBS class reps regarding important events such as the Principal's Student Surgery session on the 14th of March and any other events brought to my attention.
- Continued working with the Positive Impact Survey Committee on attaining more survey respondents prior to the deadline.
- From this, we met our threshold goal of respondents for both undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- Began working with Priscilla on plans for a GSBS PGT Mentor scheme, to decrease the number of international students leaving study.
- Attended meetings regarding this, both a one to one with Priscilla and a GSBS PGT Mentor Scheme Committee meeting.
- Approved the mentoring application form which Priscilla proposed.

Name: Laiba Tareen

Role: International Students' Officer

Activities completed since the previous Student Voice meeting:

- Have communicated with international students by introducing by self through emails.
- Joined the WhatsApp group on representative groups and communicated with other officers.
- Brought up the issue of discretionary funds for international students.
- Talked about racism and language barrier for international students at equality and diversity committee.

- Arranged online get together with international students.
- Ensured that new international students are not facing any challenges while settling in.
- Resolved issues of international students like communicating with visa team for extensions.

Name: Jodie Murdoch

Role: Department Representative for Economics and Law

Activities completed since the previous Student Voice meeting:

- Sent a message to class reps inquiring if they have had any feedback or concerns to bring up
No response
- Consulted fellow 2nd year LLB students in absence of class rep feedback, found that a number of them felt anxious at the prospect of in-person exams next year
 - No experience with in person exams previously, feel they are not adequately prepared to sit in person exams as 3rd year marks go towards final distinction
 - Either have online/open book in person exams next year or offer substantial exam preparation help seems to be the two main ways suggested by students to solve it
- Upon consultation with other students, eager to get back to in person lectures but feel that lectures to still be recorded
 - Upholding the accessibility measures which were a result of the pandemic
- Discussed engagement with class reps with fellow department reps on Whatsapp

Name: Louise Dunn

Role: Department Representative for Physiotherapy and Paramedicine

Activities completed since the previous Student Voice meeting:

- Continued to make myself available to both Paramedicine and Physiotherapy Class Representatives through WhatsApp and email.
- Provided guidance to the Level 4 Physiotherapy Class Reps to help them discuss graduation plans with the Physiotherapy Programme Lead.
- Maintained communication with other Department Representatives within the SHLS.
- Maintained communication with the SHLS VP.

Name: Georgi Smith

Role: Radiography and Podiatry Department Representative

Activities completed since the previous Student Voice meeting:

Using a Whatsapp group, I have maintained regular contact with the class reps. I don't seem to have been sent any contact details for radiography but I have podiatry and radiotherapy and oncology. No issues have been brought to light with nothing to report.

Name: Abbie Houston

Role: SHLS PGT Representative

Activities completed since the previous Student Voice meeting:

- Welcome email to class reps, asking for trimester A feedback and offering support and advice – *3rd January 2022*
 - Three responses
 - Responded to all three to consolidate feedback, and offer available knowledge – *7th January 2022*
 - Emailed again to ask for course co-ordinator contact details to take forward feedback as it was at the course level – *31st January 2022*
 - One response
- Attended Student Voice training session – *31st January 2022*
- Emailed Health Psychology (*31st January 2022*) MPH and Forensic Psychology (*2nd January 2022*) course co-ordinators with feedback as and when contact details were provided
 - Fed back MPH course co-ordinator guidance to the class rep – *2nd February 2022*
 - Received one more response
- Attended SHLS board meeting – *2nd February 2022*
- Emailed academic rep co-ordinator with regards to on piece of academic rep feedback regarding role and training – *2nd February 2022*
- Disseminated relevant information from current meetings to class reps, including information on a postgraduate networking lunch at the end of the week – *2 February 2022*
 - Via e-mail, Facebook and WhatsApp
- Received responses from MPH and Forensic Psychology course co-ordinators but with nothing to disseminate back
- Attended Student Voice meeting – *21st February*
- Attended SAGE meeting – *23rd February*
- Emailed a check-in email with class reps and to disseminate information from recent meetings, and determine changes in class reps in place – *28th February*
 - Turnover of Diabetes Care and Management reps fed back
 - Turnover of MPH reps fed back
 - Introduced new rep, with relevant information and Facebook and WhatsApp group optional joining links
- Promoted academic rep gathering to class reps for SHLS – *14th March*

Name: Maryam Chishti

Role: Biological and Biomedical Sciences Department Rep

Activities completed since the previous Student Voice meeting:

- Attended the Trimester b SAGE meeting
- Sent Messages to all class reps in the group chat asking how they are getting on
- Working with first year biomedical science class rep on tutorial issues
- Working with fourth year class rep for biomedical sciences on issues with marking schemes given at tutorials

Name: Zainab A. N. A. M. Ali

Role: Chair of Societies Council

Activities completed since the previous Student Voice meeting:

NB. Only served as chair during the second half of the academic year.

Completed Post-election as Chair:

- Two council meetings were held and an additional one will take place mid-April to address any remaining matters before the academic year concludes.
- Three new societies have been approved, and three more are anticipated, which brings the total number of societies to 55 (+3 potential new ones).
- Council decided to run a Tri-B Round of Dragon's Den, and funds were allocated to applications that were approved.
- The addition of a London Representative to council was discussed and a motion to ensure that roles are promoted and available to London society members was approved.
- The promotion of Societies Council to London Students was also discussed and Societies Head of Communication requested that the Societies Coordinator share the council's social media information on the London SA's page to encourage students to join council.
- Changes to the Students' Association's Transport Policy were also approved (Changes merely included modifications to language & structure to promote clarity & coherence).
- On the 25th of Jan, the PENSA Glasgow Society Affiliation, the risk of violating the Equality Act 2010, and the Trustee Board's decision regarding the society was explained to the council members. Chair met with Students' Association staff and Societies Head of Culture and Faith Groups for further guidance in preparation for presenting the Trustee Board's paper to Student Voice.
- Discussion of raising awareness of the council's role in supporting societies across both GCU campuses and a plan to promote through the council's social media accounts was put in place. Societies Head of Communication and the Chair met outwith meetings to brainstorm further strategies and ideas were put forth to the Societies Coordinator to discuss with council members in the upcoming meeting.

In Progress

- Design of a Fresher's Help Pack for 2022/23
- Changes to the design of Society Starter Packs
- Continued promotion of the council's role in supporting societies