

Committee Title	Student Voice					
Date of Meeting	26 th November 2018					
Item Number and Title/Subject	Student Voice Officers Reports					
Paper Presenter	Student Voice Officers					
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	Student Voice received a written report from each Student Voice Officers once a Trimester.					
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 Student Voice Officers Report.</p>					
Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Executive Committee					
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.	No					

**Mature and Part Time Student Group
Paper for Student Voice**

- We have issued a planner to all our members via email with a list of events for 2018/2019 so they can put the dates in their diary in advance. These include; a visit to the Christmas Market with mulled wine and mince pies, a movie night, get-togethers and an end of year party.
- We are running an age awareness campaign aimed at tackling unconscious age bias on mature students and also younger students. We have asked for volunteers to get involved with this involved and have had a good response. These volunteers can also use this towards the common good award.
- We welcomed Judith Derrick as our depute officer.
- We are launching our Easter egg campaign again next year, starting slightly earlier this time, involving staff and students, aiming to beat last years generosity with the eggs going to disadvantaged adults. Any society/group who would like to help and get involved with our campaign please come see me or drop me an email.
- We are in discussion about having a quiet space for mature students to study throughout exam time in line with every other UK university as most student associations have a dedicated mature student space all year round. If this is approved we are happy for other groups to get into discussions with us to use the space if they also want somewhere quiet during this time.

Officer Report:
Department Representative for Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE)
Hannah A. Brown

Article I. Before Previous Voice: 12th September -> 22nd October

Attended Department Rep Training	12 th September; featured where dept reps fit into the representation cycle and how to communicate with who we represent and how to approach the role.
Assisted with listening events for students	10 th and 16 th October; acquired both positive and negative feedback from students in the department of applied computer games,
Attended SCEBE School Board as a student representative	Presented work trying to increase student voice and representation within the school and specifically the EEE department, commented on the new PT system and school refresh.

Article II.

Article III. Since Previous Voice: 22nd October -> 12th November

Student Panel member at programme review event	24 th October; the event provided interesting insight into the “behind the scenes” work that goes on with programmes at the university, student opinions of the course were particularly interesting, with a very high NSS score and most citing the staff support as the reason.
Attended SAGE meeting	31 st October; the meeting covered a lot of the methods students can use to get involved in and approach representation, also the possibility of a class rep gathering was discussed.
Acquired EEE department rep email address	2 nd November; used the email to get in touch with the class reps within the EEE department and currently trying to arrange a mini meeting to provide a more formal introduction and a place to exchange thoughts and ideas.
Attended the Student Experience Summit as a Facilitator	12 th November; the event was really interesting with table discussions focusing on the student voice, it gave me the opportunity to hear from a variety of students and staff from outside my field that I normally wouldn’t hear the opinions of, information may be used in furthering voice within EEE department.
Attempts to promote “Women in STEM” and “Women in Engineering Events	Mainly future work, but I have attended several events with the goal of championing women in STEM and wish to try to further push this within EEE and SCEBE.

BME Officer Report

- Worked with vice-presidents Yetunde Ogendenbe and Moses Apiliga in creating activities for the black history month in October.
- The first event was the seminar talk about issues in the society, this event included interactive talks from Sir Geoff Palmer OBE and many others
- The second event was a multicultural night on the 16th, this event involved performances from student African dancers and musicians. There were also speeches from several ethnic SME's. The event ended with food and dancing.
- I am planning to have drop in sessions beginning in January for bme students to come and talk about any issues they are experiencing at the university.

Dion Maroulis
Department Rep for Biological and Biomedical Sciences

Actions I have taken:

- Attended the School Officer Induction Training on Wednesday September 12th.
- Attended and participated at the SHLS School Board on Friday October 5th.
- Offered apologies for absence from School Officer meeting with Full Time Officers due to clashes with my timetable on Friday September 28th. Received update from VP SHLS on my role as Department Rep for Biological and Biomedical Sciences.
- Offered apologies for absence from Student Voice due to clashes with my timetable on October 22nd.
- Offered apologies for absence from SAGE meeting due to clashes with my timetable on October 31st.
- Gained access to Department Rep email account and contact information of Class Reps within the Department.
- Contacted each Class Rep individually to gather feedback on their university experience so far.
- Set up a Facebook group for the 2018/19 Class Reps of the Department, in order to communicate and exchange feedback more efficiently.
- The feedback that was gathered was managed in different ways. For issues regarding the facilities of the university, the IT and Estates Department were contacted directly, while for comments regarding the teaching of the courses, academic staff were contacted directly and/or records have been kept for further discussion at the next School Board meeting.
- The Head of the Department was contacted for the arrangement of a meeting in the coming days to discuss what I have been working on.
- Attending a SHLS Program Approval and Review Board as a student representative panel member on Thursday November 15th.

Things I plan on doing:

- Arrange to meet with Class Reps in person in the coming weeks.
- Meet with the Head of the Department.
- If relevant, submit feedback to School Board / SAGE meetings.

Idea for future campaign based on feedback:

- Providing access to microwaves and hot water to students within the Department.

We have been hosting a variety of different events throughout October/November. These include -

- Faith discussion with Metropolitan Community Church and a representative from Hidayah about how relations between faith groups and the LGBTQI community can be strengthened and resolved.
- Coming out party in honour of National Coming Out Day (Oct 11) where we discussed our personal coming out stories and then played some fun games with prizes.
- 'Paris is Burning' movie night in honour of Black History Month all October. A documentary which shows BME culture in the LGBTQI community ball scene of New York City.
- Halloween night out. Of course to celebrate Halloween we went to some of the major LGBT bars in fancy dress.

Upcoming events -

- Glasgow Rape Crisis Meeting where they will be delivering a workshop on gender, consent and rape culture.
- Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil to honour all the lives of trans people which have been lost in 2018.

No issues have come up so far.

Nicole Kusel-McCrory
LGBT+ Liberation Officer

Women's Officer Report

- Sent out survey regarding student opinion on women's group going forward, has so far had small engagement.
- Delayed collaborative event with LGBT+ liberation group (new date TBC).
- Working towards creating a promotional video to highlight women's group future campaigns and the work done last year (to be done by end of Nov).
- Women's officer to be featured in video regarding university GBV campaign.
- Have contacted women's health charities regarding potential involvement in March Health, Equality and Empowerment event.

As the International Student Officer I have completed the liberation training as requested by the GCU Students Association. I have also attended the first Student Voice Meeting, however I was unable to attend the Liberation Committee meeting due to a conflict with my course schedule. I had tried to organize an International Students Social at the Students Association Pub at the end of October but was unable to confirm a date. I have worked with Sara MacLean and Yetunde Ogedengbe to organize the first International Students Committee meeting, contact available International Students groups and email lists the meeting is planned for November 23 at 5pm. I have been collaborating an agenda for this meeting to include upcoming events I have been planning for the Winter semester and to organize issues that have been raised by International students. I have sent out a request for additional information from individuals and groups that would they would like to be added to the agenda to some of the names that have been forwarded to me from other student groups that have requested to be a part of the International Students Committee. After the meeting I will be able to more fully outline the planned agenda for the upcoming months.

Tara Campbell
International Students Officer

Aliisa Pulkkinen – Applied Computer Games Department Officer

1. I have taken part in department officer introduction on 27.9.18
2. I have taken part in two listening events on October - one for Computer Games Development program and one for Computer Games Design program.
3. I have taken part in Student Voice meeting on 22.10.18
4. I have gained access to the department officer email
5. I am currently reaching for my department's student representatives to make introductions, and to identify pressing issues – ongoing
6. Currently I am also working on having the closing time of Charles' Oakley computer labs lengthen to midnight (C110, C117, C116) as they are crucial for many students in the department and contain software that is unaccusable in other parts of the campus. At the moment I am planning on having student representatives in my department to gather feedback from the students and teacher about this topic and its relevance- ongoing.



In this trimester, The EDIT has made more substantial progress and gained significant outreach to GCU students. This has been a result of a lot of different pieces of work and contributions from volunteers.

Highlights include:

- Successfully printed and distributed Freshers Edition. 300 copies were printed and distributed throughout GCU. It was very successful and well received.
- We currently have 71 approved members which has exceeded the past membership since 2015!
- Our Christmas Edition is currently being produced and will be sent to print by the end of November.
- We are having a joint Pub Quiz with Radio Caley on Tuesday the 4th of December, it will also be where we will firstly be dispersing our Christmas Edition.
- Majority of the committee are working well, however, there are some who aren't performing as well as others but these issues will be rectified. We re-elected a
- Continued the sponsorship deal with Dominos' and Secured a new Sponsorship deal with Baxter Storey for advertising to secure EDIT's financial position. These deals greatly cover The EDIT's running costs and this in turn will continue to allow at least 3 printed editions per academic year.
- A new Social Media Team has been created in order to greatly improve the outreach of the magazine. We are also anticipating incorporating a Social Media Schedule which we are hoping will give us more visibility.
- We anticipate creating a 'Manifesto Booklet' for the candidates running for Student Elections, however, this has yet to be confirmed.

Sports Council Chair

15/11/2018

- GCU Sports have been successful over the past year in unifying the brand as GCU Wolves. The “Launch of the Wolves” event in early October attracted over 200 students to Malones which showed the impact the brand is having on sport at GCU.
- The Wolf mascot has been purchased and was successfully launched at Malones.
- The Council are currently working to write the new sports club policy and branding guidelines before presenting them to student voice.
- Over the summer, Sports Council tendered a merchandise contract in which PSL were chosen as a company to implement Nike kit and leisurewear on behalf of the Student’s Association.
- Similarly to last year, sports membership is higher than the same time as last year. Our total membership count is 770. Sports membership is set to overtake the current membership record set in 2017/18 if current trends continue. The aim for total membership is to reach a minimum of 900 members by the end of the academic year.
- Another change for sports teams is sponsorship. In the past Bamboo sponsored all sports teams as part of an agreement with the SA. This was changed to allow individual clubs to agree their own sponsorship at their chosen establishment. This is a topic which has been re-discussed at Sports Council meetings as feedback has been mixed.
- PSL have recently delivered the first batch of playing kit which teams ordered, with the kit being on display as recently as the 14th November in a match between GCU Men’s Rugby 1st XV vs St Andrew’s Men’s Rugby 2nd XV.
- As well as the introduction of new team kit, Nike leisurewear offered by PSL has also been very successful which will help unify all teams under the one brand, GCU Wolves.
- “Focus Sports” were chosen by Sports Council and the selected clubs have received physio vouchers, money and support from the sports co-ordinator which will aid their club development.

Nursing and Community Health (NCH) Department Rep
Craig Davidson

Engagement with Class Reps

- Published an online video which was posted on GCU Learn and emailed out to students encouraging them to be class reps.
- Held a meeting a week prior to the first SSCG meeting to explain the role and the role of the Chair and Vice Chair of the SSCG meeting (both student-led roles).
- Have regular email contact with the class reps via email.
- Have continued the previous School Officers Facebook page in order to communicate with students to aid with regular communication.
- Have encouraged all class reps to sign up to the Student Leaders Programme.
- Have been working alongside GCU Nursing Society (which I sit on the committee of as Secretary) in order to provide extracurricular learning events for students. These have been shared to all students via Facebook and on GCU Learn.

Engagement with Department and School

- I have introduced myself via email and in person with all key contacts in the school: have developed a good working relationship with Department Head, Programme Lead and Year Leads.
- Have had two meetings with the Department Head to discuss what they would like to see from the Departmental Rep and how we can best help each other.
- Have had three meeting with the Programme lead to discuss how we can improve communication between the class reps and the students as the nursing cohort is so large. A work in progress, but suggestions have included both a physical photo board and a virtual one on GCU Learn with the class rep's photos, so they are more easily identifiable. There are talks of introducing a comment box for students to leave comments which the class reps could take to the SSCG meetings.
- I have attended the School Board meeting and the Student Voice Committee meeting. Was unable to attend the SAGE meeting due to being in class.

Within E&E, we are beginning to attempt to establish a working group, whilst aiming to schedule a series of ethical and environmental documentary screenings in order to raise awareness as well as some involvement with Green Impact and campaigns. We have not yet decided on a campaign for the year but hope to do this in the coming weeks.

Caitlin Reid

Ethical & Environmental Officer