

Committee Title	Student Voice																		
Date of Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2017																		
Item Number and Title/Subject	Full Time Officer Start Date																		
Paper Presenter	Kevin Campbell, Student President																		
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	<p>The By-Laws outline the start date for the Full Time Officers. Section 2.1 says “The term of office for the Executive Committee is the first Monday in the third week in June until the last Friday in second week in June annually”. This is currently preceded with a two week paid Handover.</p> <p>It is proposed to change the start date to the first Monday of the first week of June until the last Friday in the last week in May annually. This would again be preceded with a two week paid Handover. This proposal was endorsed by the Executive Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.</p> <table><tr><th>Academic Year</th><th>T2 Exams Finish</th><th>T3 Starts</th><th>Handover Start Date (2 weeks)</th><th>Official Start Date</th><th></th></tr><tr><td>2017/18</td><td>16<sup>th</sup> May 2018</td><td>21<sup>st</sup> May 2018</td><td>4<sup>th</sup> June 2018</td><td>18<sup>th</sup> June 2018</td><td>Current</td></tr><tr><td>2017/18</td><td>16<sup>th</sup> May 2018</td><td>21<sup>st</sup> May 2018</td><td>21<sup>st</sup> May 2018</td><td>4<sup>th</sup> June 2018</td><td>Proposed</td></tr></table> <p><b>Proposal Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ The Scottish Student Sport (SSS) Conference and Enhancement Themes Conference take place during the current Handover Period. This removes 2-4 days from the Handover Period. A move of start date would provide more time during the Handover Period.</li><li>✓ It would provide a longer Induction Period for incoming Officers before the start of Trimester 1.</li><li>✓ It would reduce the time between students finishing exams in Trimester 2 and their start date. Incoming Officers are often keen to start. Currently there is 2.5 weeks from last exam to Handover.</li><li>✓ This start date better aligns better with <a href="#">GCU academic calendar</a>, ie students studying a course over three trimesters can postpone Trimester 3 to the following year.</li><li>✓ Time is currently built into the Induction Schedule (summer period) for Officers to take an annual leave break during the summer months and will therefore not miss out on a summer break.</li></ul>	Academic Year	T2 Exams Finish	T3 Starts	Handover Start Date (2 weeks)	Official Start Date		2017/18	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	18 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Current	2017/18	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Proposed
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## Sector Picture

The start date of Full Time Officers in the Scottish Sector is mixed. It is often dependent on local circumstances (ie Term dates), with some Handovers shorter than others and some paid or not.

Association	Handover Period	Official Start Date
Edinburgh Napier	2 weeks (mid June to end of June)	1 <sup>st</sup> July
Glasgow SRC	None	1 <sup>st</sup> July
Aberdeen	Voluntary	1 <sup>st</sup> July
Edinburgh	2 weeks (end of May/1 <sup>st</sup> week June)  Basically the first two weeks of summer vacation are handover	Our handover moves with the term dates.  Mid June
Strathclyde	1 <sup>st</sup> June – two week handover	Mid June
Abertay	Last week June	First week July.
Stirling	Induction training prior to their start date. The outgoing officers stay for the 1 <sup>st</sup> week in June (paid) for a handover.	1 <sup>st</sup> June
Heriot-Watt	Induction training prior to their start date. The outgoing officers stay for the 1 <sup>st</sup> week in June (paid) for a handover.	1 <sup>st</sup> June
HISA	Handover last week of June.	1 <sup>st</sup> July
RGU	4 week handover from 1 <sup>st</sup> July.	1 <sup>st</sup> July
QMU	Voluntary	10 <sup>th</sup> June
West of Scotland	Proposed mid June for two weeks	1 <sup>st</sup> July

The Trustee Board have considered the financial implications of this proposal.

## Recommendation(s)

Information		Discussion		Approval	X
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***Any member can ask a question by raising their voting card and being recognised by the Chair to speak.***

Student Voice are asked to approve a change the following section in

	<p>Section 2.1 of the By-Laws.</p> <p><b>Remove</b></p> <p>“The term of office for the Executive Committee is the first Monday in the third week in June until the last Friday in second week in June annually”.</p> <p><b>Replace</b></p> <p>“The term of office for the Executive Committee is the first Monday in the first week in June until the last Friday in last week in May annually”.</p>					
Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	<p>Executive Committee</p> <p>Trustee Board</p> <p>GCU Deans: GSBS, SEBE, SHLS and GCU London</p>					
Staff/Student Protocol	Yes	X	No		N/A	
Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?	Relevant staff were consulted.					
Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting?	No					
If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.						