

Student Voice 25-11-2019

Matters Arising

Date Raised	Action	Who	Update
26/03/2018	Referendum on exams before Christmas during the academic year 2018/19.	Student President	Ongoing
26/03/2018	Allow non-native speakers to have a dictionary	VP SCEBE	<p>I have brought this issue up with Steven Lopez who has responded below.</p> <p>"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>With respect to support for students in relation to the continued development of their English language skills, I have contacted Stephanie Pitticas, our International Director and Interim Director of Marketing, Recruitment & Admissions to see if this is already existing or is something we can work on, therefore this section is Ongoing.</p>

11/02/2019	Increase the provision of daytime lockers around campus	Student President	Meeting on Monday 18 th Nov, will update at Voice. Ongoing
11/02/2019	Hot water to be made available on campus and promoted.	VP SHLS	Hot water promotional video has been made and will be distributed on social media starting 25 Nov. Advertisement posters for free hot water in reusable cups (charge if you need to buy single use coffee cups) have been posted around campus and in the bar. Resolved.
11/02/2019	Phase out single use coffee cups in catering outlets	VP GSBS	Ongoing however the outlets have introduced ugly mugs as a way phasing out single use coffee cups. Baxterstory indicate that they will always have to offer takeaway cups as some customers might wish to take their drinks away. Ongoing
28/10/2019	Plant-based canteen drive	VP GSBS	Ongoing.
28/10/2019	Mature student room	VP SCEBE	This has been agreed with Estates and a small room is being looked at with the aim of looking at a larger room for future use. Ongoing.
28/10/2019	Provision of free dental dams	VP SCEBE	Achieved, bought in by Advice Centre and now available between 9am-5pm at Advice Centre. Resolved.
28/10/2019	Extending locker rental period for post-graduate students	Student President	Meeting on Monday 18 th Nov, will update at Voice. Ongoing
28/10/2019	Report on what Lottery funding (e.g. Awards for All) the Students' Association receives and how it is allocated	Student President	<p>Only one application has been made to the Lottery Funding in recent years, according to their records. This was by GCU Trampolining but this application was unsuccessful.</p> <p>The Students' Association can submit one application per type of grant each calendar year. This includes on behalf of any group or affiliated club or society. The Students' Association would be required to authorise any application, as it needs to be from an organisation (with a legal entity) and the submission of bank account statements. Resolved.</p>