

<b>Committee Title</b>	Student Voice					
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019					
<b>Item Number and Title/Subject</b>	Student Voice Officers Reports					
<b>Paper Presenter</b>	Student Voice Officers					
<b>Brief Summary of Issues/Topic</b>	Student Voice received a written report from each Student Voice Officers once a Trimester.					
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	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>					
<b>Who have you consulted when developing the paper?</b>	Executive Committee					
<b>Staff/Student Protocol</b>	Yes		No	X	N/A	
<b>Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?</b>						
<b>Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting?</b>	No					
<b>If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.</b>						

### **Vision Sciences Department Rep Report**

Initially access to the Vision Sciences department rep email account was unobtainable therefore no contact was able to be made with the vision sciences class reps. After gaining access to the email account I then emailed the vision sciences class reps to introduce myself.

I am involved with OPSOC, the student society tied to the vision sciences department, allowing me to gather knowledge of the needs of vision sciences students.

I will continue to support the full time officers' work to improve the student experience.

### **Chair of Societies Council Student Voice Report**

We will have had two meeting when Student Voice takes place.

We have approved thirteen new societies since the beginning of term, and we have over 60 active societies.

We approved a policy change to allow for staff support to recommend that an active society is deactivated if there are continuous failures to respond to correspondence.

We also approved for CUMSA (Caledonian University Muslim Student Association) to have a name change to CISA (Caledonian Islamic Student Association).

We discussed having a societies wall in the Re:Union Bar & Grill and we have started a competition to have the societies design a society tree.

We have not had another council meeting since the last report was submitted. So I have included all the changes that I gave in my verbal report.

The dragon's den panels were held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of October and 30<sup>th</sup> of October and the funds were given out to the societies that were approved.

### **Psychology Representative Student Voice Report**

I recently completed training which now means that I have access to the email account. I have reviewed all emails that have been sent since the start of term and replied if necessary. I have attended my first School Board where I gave my opinion on the removal of courses. I have also attended the SHLS Forum which was informative on how the departments run. In the SAGE meeting banded marking has been discussed. I have had a meeting with the head of Psychology to discuss working together in the year ahead. I recently received a list of fully trained class representatives; so far there is only two from fourth year. Once more are fully trained, I will hold a meeting with all of them to discuss how I can assist them and get to know them as I will be working with them in the year ahead.

### **Department Rep for Management & HRM Report**

As department rep for Management & HRM, I have undertaken some activities since the last student voice meeting. I have been given a list of class reps which are responsible to the department; all of whom can provide a key link to the student body as a whole.

I have created a Facebook group with the class reps, which grants me access to a source of feedback and it allows me to support them through social media, which some may find an easier way to contact me.

I have also set up a meeting with the department head (Susan Ogden) and some of the class reps which will take place next week. I am looking to run a Q&A session, so that we can discuss feedback about the student body's thoughts/feelings about their learning experience so far at GCU this year. The session would last no longer than an hour and I thought it would be good for Susan to be there as she can add any more formal discussions to the session.

Furthermore, I have engaged with some of the "pause for feedback" module evaluations. I have these to be quite useful to use and students I've spoken to have said they have been effective. For example, for a 4<sup>th</sup> year module, the "pause for feedback" has been added as a section of their GCU learn page. Students have come back to me and said that they found this very useful, as a PowerPoint has been created which shows the results of the feedback.

The students liked that there was a slide based on what was enjoyable about the module and a slide on what could be improved/the action they will take to improve it.

It could be an idea to have a "pause for feedback" evaluation for more of the modules throughout the Management & HRM department; as I know that only some modules do this.

### **THE EDIT - Editor-In-Chief Report**

We have had a successful Tri A so far at The EDIT. We currently have a record number of 93 members! We are continuing to prosper and create 40 page magazines. Our Christmas Edition is well underway and we aim to have it on campus for the 2nd of December, possibly sooner. We are holding a Christmas Variety Event on the 3rd of December in the Re:Union Bar where we will be launching the Christmas Edition. We have plans in place to produce a Student Elections' Edition once again this year. Our committee is working well and we are intending on forming a 'Social Media Team' to assist Siobhan as we have so many more articles to be shared on the website and on all social media platforms we would rather there were more people able to do it rather than just the one. We have managed to secure another sponsor for the magazine helping with our finances with the help of the Activities Manager. We are implementing a Food Bank Collection Point at the EDIT desk in collaboration with the Common Good Society. Other collaborations include doing press-release type articles for events that other committees are running on campus, examples include the Swap Shop the Ethical and Environmental Group are running on the 9th of December and The Circle's Chai Day on the 25th of November. We have yet to put concrete plans in place for Tri B but we intend on being present at the Re:Freshers Fair to try and recruit even more contributors!

### **GSBS Postgraduate Research Rep Report**

- 1) Induction undertaken.
- 2) Better cooperation between the school bodies.
- 3) More events available for all study levels (conferences, summer schools etc.,)
- 4) Suggestions on the improvements of organization and course offerings at GSBS.

I just took the role of PGR, so I offer a short presentation of my goals, more information in future meetings.

### **Mechanical Engineering Department Rep Report**

- As I have only been a Department Representative for two weeks, I have been limited to what I could do.
- I also haven't been given any input from the Engineering School regarding who the class reps for each year are. This is slowing down the amount of progress we can make as a team.

- Although Department Rep Training has been provided and I'm eager to put it to use.

### **BME students Group**

- Had a BME meet and greet on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nov at the Strathclyde Students Union in coordination with the BME officers from University of Glasgow and Strathclyde University.
- We have a meeting planned with the Scottish Race and Equality Network Chair, along with BME officers across universities in Scotland to promote race equality in our institutions and also to see how we can influence policies
- We are planning an event to increase the visibility of the group. Details will be shared once confirmed.

### **Radio Caley Report Voice 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Radio Caley has been broadcasting 24/7 since the last Student Voice meeting. We started selling tickets for our Getaway event, which is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. As of 15<sup>th</sup> November, only 12 tickets are left. We continue to rent out the PA system to other societies and currently our funds look good. We received the Common Good Award and spent in on a new PA system for better sound quality at said events. The committee had another meeting where we discussed future events, our Head of Programming gave us a volunteer feedback update, which saw a high percentage of volunteer satisfaction. Re:Union Bar has agreed to broadcast us between 10am and 2pm. We set dates for committee elections: 11/3 hustings, 12/3 voting, 13/3 result announcement.

### **Mature & Part-Time Students' Officer**

Points of action for mature student group.

- Continue campaigning for a mature student room
- Planning joint event with other representation groups
- Holding our first event for mature student Christmas. Dates and times to be confirmed.

### **PGR Rep for SCEBE**

- Sent apologies for the PGR Rep induction training, received and familiarised with induction material
- Made contact with Deputy PGR Rep for SCEBE and established a communication line
- Met with Head of Department and introduced myself as the new PGR Rep for SCEBE
- Not aware of any major concerns from students (apart from the recent break in at T6, which is being addressed)

Actions to be done:

- Establish communication with Class reps
- Attend SAGE meeting (confirmed attendance)
- Attend Student Voice meeting (confirmed attendance)
- Work with Deputy to create a network (social media platforms, suggestion boxes, etc) where feedback can be gathered from students in SCEBE

## **Mens Health and Alliance Students' Officer**

- Staging White Ribbon Day stall on 25/11
- Participating in Circle Society Chai Day event, themed table on GBV
- Working on joint/alliance activity with Women's Officer
- First meeting of MHAG in December
- Social event for Men @GCU in Week 11
- Seeking potential activities for Tri B

## **Care Experienced Officer Report**

### **Update**

To date there hasn't been a meeting of the care experienced group, which I take responsibility for, I intend to rectify this soon.

It is my hope that the group will meet before Christmas, but it is a busy period so this may be after Christmas. The reason for the decision not to meet to date was made upon advice of a care experienced colleague, when she spoke of being on placement over December. This was a difficult decision to make but with the care experienced body spanning the four years I didn't want to place any undue stress on anyone. This will be put to the members this week and their opinions will be pivotal in the final decision on when to meet.

Myself and the depute officer have arranged to have a meeting to discuss ideas and suggestions and to develop a plan of action"

### **What have we done?**

Since taking on the care experienced officer role, actions taken have been:

- Depute care experienced officer role appointed.
- Application admitted to the common good society, with the intention of running an awareness campaign. – application part funded.
- Video produced to introduce care experienced officer to all students.
- Started developing a relationship between officer and student's association.
- Started developing a relationship between officer and Rachel Hyslop (named care link).
- Plans in the works to deliver a staff information day. Still tenuous due to potential dates that a large staff count can be pulled together for a development day, the first one of these will be a tester for both the staff and our delivery, should it go well, we will aim to do more.
- 11 accepted members of the care experienced group.
- Plans to work with other societies on a joint society day/week. This can't be expanded yet as the initial discussions will be starting at the next equality and diversity committee. Hopefully it will be fruitful, and the care experienced students can hold a role.