

Report by VP GSBS

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Committees: Student Voice

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Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Main Priorities	Progress <i>What have you achieved since the last meeting?</i>
1.	Through the Glasgow Student Forum (GSF) lobby the Scottish Government that students should be able to go home safely for the Christmas break from Halls of Residences and funding to Students' Association for COVID-19 response.	Achieved. Additional working from the last meeting: Working on creating a city-wide newsletter from Glasgow Student Forum to students with the help of SAs for student engagement, community building and increased lobbying power for any future talks with the Government on behalf of GSF.
2.	To identify barriers that international students experience at GCU, focusing on inequality and to work on an action plan.	Achieved/Ongoing Lobbied the government in October and November as a GCU student representative and chair of GSF for the coverage of International Students in hardship funds to remove the financial inequality faced by students in GCU but also the wider students. In February, the Winter COVID Fund was released by the government including hardship funds for International Students due to the collective student pressure. Frequent meetings with the International Student Officer to actively monitor any growing concerns of International Students.
3.	Utilising the recommendations from the previous HEAR pilot, working with the University to implement HEAR.	Ongoing
4.	Re-introduce Microwaves in the kitchen and implement a duty of care for the various dietary requirements of students (Halal Food, etc).	Ongoing Informal student consultations conducted regarding their preferences, options and alternatives. Planned meeting with multiple key management actors (Head of Estate, Catering, etc.) from March till May.

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Main Priorities	Progress <i>What have you achieved since the last meeting?</i>
1.	Mental Health	Tbc
2.	SDGs	Tbc
3.	Zero Tolerance on Racism	Tbc

Remit Progress

	Main Priorities	Progress <i>What have you achieved since the last meeting?</i>
1.	GSBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine Meetings with Dean • Meetings with Departmental Reps and Class Reps • Coordinating with Dean regarding student feedback • Connecting Programme specific issues of Class reps to Department Reps/Module Leaders and Head of Departments • Hosted the Spring Academic Rep Gather for GSBS students and took their issues forward with the relevant actors of the school. • Met with the Academic Reps to guide, discuss and facilitate the concerns to be raised in the upcoming GSBS School Board meeting.
2.	International Students	N/A
3.	Ethical and Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully invited guest speakers from the UN, EAUC, Sustrans, Electric Vehicle Association, Festivals Edinburgh and Keep Scotland Beautiful for the Speaker event organised by the Ethical and Environmental group on Climate Activism and COP 26. • Attended the GISU Webinar to discuss and explore potential ways of reducing the carbon footprint of GCU as well as bring forward the net-zero carbon emissions target of the University. • Met with the Ethical and Environmental officers in a routine committee meeting to discuss their initiatives and progress. • Met with the Sustainability Officer of GCU to discuss the Travel Plan of GCU and how it could be improved. • Met with the Sustainability Officer of GCU to discuss the net-zero Carbon Emissions target of GCU and the potential of bringing it forward.
4.	Caledonian Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke with the management regarding an advertisement opportunity for Caledonian Court. • Took forward a frequently occurring concern of students regarding student privacy at Caledonian Court with the Head of Campus of the University.
5.	Academic Quality	N/A
6.	Disabled Students' Group	N/A
7.	Student Media Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch-up with staff support to discuss the current progress of Radio Caley and The EDIT.
8.	Glasgow Students Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated a new project with the members of Glasgow Student Forum for city-wide newsletters being sent to students of the city through their Students' Associations. Initial feedback has been requested from the Chief Executives of all Associations of Colleges and Universities after providing a short introductory presentation on the plan, timeline and the details of the potential newsletters. • Started working on an official document of GSF that provides guidelines to incoming members on the elected/selected positions of the Executive Committee of GSF and their roles, rules of GSF and how to safeguard an efficient transfer of information during the handover.
9.	Equality and Diversity	N/A

10.	Others/Non-Remit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As VP GSBS, arranged routine Netflix Watch Parties for GSBS Academic Reps Expanded the range of students in Netflix Watch Parties to all students and created a new group for Watch Parties on Netflix for student engagement, lower levels of anxiety, depression and isolation. Met with the University's Head of Campus services to discuss student parking options and to develop an action point for exploring cheaper parking options/deals when the pandemic ends. Plans to host the Star Awards. Initial meetings held with the staff at the Students' Association. Finalised the timeline of the nominations and ceremony. Finalised the awards list. Created and edited a video to promote the Star Awards as the host. Promoted the awards privately with students. Networked with the Chief Editor of The Telegraph of the University of Strathclyde to get them in as an external panel member for the shortlisting process of The EDIT's Awards.

Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact <i>What difference will this meeting or event make?</i>
1.	Microwaves in the University	Ensure that progress towards Microwaves in the University is developed through meetings with the University staff in the next few months.
2.	Glasgow Student Forum	Finalise the development of the newsletter. Ensure the handbook of GSF is written and finalised before the handover period of the Forum.
3.	HEAR	Develop a course of action for the HEAR project after liaising with the academic staff of the University.