

## Report by VP GSBS

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### Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	<b>Main Priorities</b>	<b>Progress</b> <i>What have you achieved since the last meeting?</i>
1.	Promote greater wellbeing within the Student Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalised first draft of Student support booklet</li> <li>- Established student group for consultation on draft of the booklet</li> <li>- Working on establishing an accessible map of the campus with VP SEBE</li> <li>- Working with NL committee to establish a campaign for the awareness week</li> <li>- Attending NUS Zones Conference to discuss nationally what is being done for Mental health</li> <li>- Contacted a mental health speaker to come onto campus to discuss mental health stigma; and ways to reduce this in society. This is ongoing.</li> </ul>
2.	Implement a variety of extra-curricular programmes to Students across GCU and GCUSA. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SMHFA,</li> <li>2. Unconscious Bias Training,</li> <li>3. Preventing and Responding to Gender Based Violence,</li> <li>4. Sewing Workshops.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First SMHFA Session has occurred. Great feedback from students – with the session reaching near maximum capacity with only 2 vacancies.</li> <li>- Unconscious bias training has been delivered multiple times to students through the SLP.</li> <li>- P&amp;R GBV Training is occurring at GCU. Upcoming dates have been published many times on social media and to student groups by myself. I was also interviewed by a student regarding my work as FTO Policy Lead in this initiative.</li> </ul>
3.	Have Sanitary products introduced for free across the GCU Glasgow Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Redrafted report detailing contextual background to the campaign, as well as impacts, and financial implications for all parties involved. Included new information regarding expected expenditure of project.</li> </ul>

## Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Main Priorities	Progress <i>What have you achieved since the last meeting?</i>
1.	<p>Improve the NSS 2018 students' association score to at least Scottish sector average</p> <p>Form NSS Working Group to create action plan and feed into GCU NSS Working Group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attended first meeting of NSS working group</li> <li>- Discussed that each FTO would take responsibility for one campaign topic within the action plan. Mine will be relating to the work on Mental Health.</li> </ul>
2.	<p>Reduction of students' fee for those graduating in absentia.</p> <p>Review current costs associated with graduations &amp; Meet with relevant staff members to discuss a reduction in costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collated a report with all the current associated costs to graduation.</li> <li>- Spoke with other university departments regarding impacts for their respective student groups in regard to graduation fees</li> </ul>
3.	<p>Review academic Class rep structure within GCU.</p> <p>Work with the Department of Academic Quality and Development and academic schools to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the role descriptions for Class Reps</li> <li>• Review recruitment process for academic reps</li> <li>• Establish centralised point of contact with academic schools for academic reps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reviewed current role description for class representatives</li> <li>- Discussed class rep issues with Dean and ADLTQ in GSBS</li> <li>- Began to investigate current structure of recruitment of GSBS representatives. Report will be produced shortly.</li> </ul>

## Remit Progress

	Main Priorities	Progress <i>What have you achieved since the last meeting?</i>
1.	GSBS	<p><b>Contact with staff in GSBS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have attended various meetings with individual staff members; heads of departments; and other influential staff members within GSBS to discuss objectives. Outcome of this is that I now have a GSBS newsletter which can be communicated to students.</li> </ul> <p><b>School Representatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Actively involved in the planning of the representation gathering in which all school officers; class representatives and post - graduates reps are invited to attend.</li> <li>- Promoted the online class representative training to students</li> </ul>

		<p><b>Student Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appointed the third School Officer within the School (GSBS). Now have a full committee of school officers. Were also involved in the interviews and process for SHLS; and appointed the final officer for Psychology, Social Work and Allied Health Sciences.</li> <li>- Interviewed by 3 individual groups of GSBS Students for their coursework. Used this time to communicate work within my role such as the additional funding which will be expanded on below.</li> </ul> <p><b>GSBS School Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attended and presented verbally work at school board. Have now been invited to contribute a written paper on a rolling agenda point for each board.</li> </ul> <p><b>Attended Assessment Regulations Working Group</b></p>
2.	Nightline Volunteering	<p><b>Volunteers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Began to assist in recruitment for February intake of volunteers.</li> <li>- Attended joint volunteer social at Strathclyde Union where I updated on what I've been working on since the last social; and coordinated collaboration between the Gaming Society to lend games to the social. This was done through myself to ensure volunteer anonymity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Committee Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attended second Nightline committee and updated on work that I've been doing for the service over the past few weeks.</li> </ul> <p><b>Publicity Campaign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nightline awareness week is coming up and I am liaising with the committee on how I can help to promote this – and working on a campaign I intend to run to promote Nightline</li> <li>- I was recently interviewed by a student about the campaign on the Paws for Stress event</li> </ul>
3.	Wellbeing Volunteering	<p><b>Volunteers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First campaign was a huge success; volunteers were fully trained and on the days all 40 exclusive</li> </ul>

		<p>donation slots were filled across both days with students having to be referred to online sign up pages; and given generic opening times.</p> <p><b>Campaigns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engaged with over 400 students over the two day campaign</li> <li>- I myself volunteered for a hour on the stall to ensure that there was coverage for the entire campaign</li> <li>- Next campaign will be on the topic of mental health. Really excited for this!</li> </ul> <p><b>Wellbeing Fayre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have initiated planning for next trimesters annual Wellbeing Fayre. This has included contacting charities and liaising with them on this, as well as discussing activities for the day; and logistics.</li> </ul>
4.	Equality and Diversity	<p><b><i>Equality and Diversity Committee (Uni)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Both university wide, and GSBS specific equality and diversity groups have been attended, with my contributions to both groups noted.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Equality and Diversity Committee (SA)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As the policy lead within the SA, I chair this committee. Due to this I've been actively recruiting for open vacancies. Two positions have now been filled – one vacancy remains.</li> </ul> <p><b>Working with Action on Hearing Loss Scotland to co-ordinate "Deaf Awareness Sessions"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The aim of the sessions are to give students an introduction to sign language, lip reading, and various other elements such as tackling stigma and stereotypes which exist.</li> </ul> <p><b>Actively working to establish two new representation groups within the students' association for care experienced people, and student carers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have brought this proposal to voice for consideration. More information on this can be found in the idea.</li> </ul>

		<p><b>Mooncups work ongoing.</b></p> <p><b>Work listed above as individual objective (1) – Sanitary Products</b></p> <p><b>Work listed above in introducing Unconscious Bias training for GCU Students through SLP.</b></p> <p><b>Work with Preventing and Responding to Gender Based Violence as listed above.</b></p>
5.	Ethical and Environmental	<p><b>Student Engagement with Sustainability Go Green Week Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have successfully worked with the university to re-establish a fund for students who want to do an event to help educate others on how to be sustainable.</li> <li>- Had this funding opened to ALL student groups; including sports, medias, liberation groups, and representation groups. As previously; this fund had only been available to societies.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Ethical and Environmental Committee</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have actively been attempting to recruit students to sit on the ethical and environmental committee. Mentioned this on air when I was interviewed by Radio Caley; and have also put out various posts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Green Impact Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Been working on various projects relating to green impact; most prominent piece of work has been the launch of the “Wee Green Survey” to encourage students to shape our work as an association.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reported at last voice that I applied to Climate Challenge Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Application has been accepted for consideration and is ongoing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ecosia Proposal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I have been working with the ethical and environmental officer on their idea to encourage students to use Ecosia. Proposal has been drafted together; but a complete draft is not available yet.</li> </ul>
6.	Campus Trade Unions	<p>Continue to meet and foster relationships between the Association and Trade Unions.</p>

7.	Community Engagement	<p><b>Help the Homeless and Santa Sacks Donation Appeals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- So this year I've been working with Help the Homeless Glasgow to assist in efforts to get donations this Christmas. The donations consist of clothing; toiletries; etc. with the opportunity for students to get involved in all aspects of the drive – even handing these out to individuals in the city centre at the end of the drive (the 14<sup>th</sup> of December)</li> <li>- I've also been working hard to re-run our Santa Sacks Initiative! This is in collaboration with Glasgow University's 4 Unions and Strathclyde Union. As part of this I travelled to Glasgow University and met the other sabbatical officers managing the project at their respective unions.</li> <li>- There is also a blog, article, radio interview, various social media posts and university communications regarding the appeal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Working with Glasgow Council on Alcohol</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I've been working with Glasgow Council on Alcohol on the possibility of having them come to campus to speak to students on how to drink safely and responsibly.</li> </ul> <p><b>World Aids Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I have been working with Terrence Higgins Trust and the University to co-ordinate an event for World Aids day this November 30<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Previous work mentioned around Action on Hearing Loss Scotland.</b></p> <p><b>External Voluntary Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I've also been working to increase awareness to students of the external voluntary opportunities there are. I've focused on promoting Terrence Higgins Trust and Action on Hearing Loss Scotland thus far.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community within Glasgow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Delivered Preventing and Responding to Gender Based Violence training with Rape Crisis Scotland to GCU Students. I was also interviewed by a student regarding this initiative.</li> </ul> <p><b>Graduation Streaming Events (Alumni)</b></p>
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8.	Societies	<p><b><i>Societies Council</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have attended various societies council meetings to discuss various society related issues.</li> <li>- First round of Dragons Den funding process occurred. Sat in Panel for presentations from societies.</li> <li>- Attended various society events where possible</li> <li>- Have been doing a lot of work to promote integration of societies with their local communities; Alumni and other Association</li> </ul>

		<p>Groups. Contacted Alumni speaker for both engineering and psychology society.</p> <p><b>Sustainability within Societies (Go Green Week Funding as Discussed Above)</b></p>
9.	Fresher's (including GCU Events)	<p><b>Freshers' Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chaired freshers' de-brief committee</li> <li>- Work has commenced on re-freshers</li> </ul>
10.	Liberation Champion (Women's Group)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to support the group in their work</li> <li>- Have actively tried to increase membership to the liberation group via lecture shouts; speaking to students, and social media posts about the group.</li> </ul>
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11.	Other	<p><b>Worked on outstanding policies for Student Voice which had been agreed on at Executive Committee</b></p> <p><b>Attended and contributed fully to the University's working group to renew their Ashoka U membership. Produced a report detailing all the work the association does for social innovation and sent this to the university.</b></p>

### Plans Before the Next Meeting

	<b>Main Priorities</b>	<b>Intended Outcome/Impact</b> <i>What difference will this meeting or event make?</i>
1.	Mental Health Agreement (Support Booklet)	Finished consultations for support booklet with students and have finalised a second draft of the information for the booklet.
2.	Glasgow Council On Alcohol Seminar Booked	To finish arranging and fully book an awareness session with Glasgow Council on Alcohol for students.
3.	Anti-Stigma Seminar occur at GCU	To finish arranging and fully book an awareness session regarding mental health stigma for students.