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**BOARD MEETING**

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Date of Meeting	21 June 2017
Paper Title	Acting Principal's Report
Agenda Item	17.33
Responsible Officer	Brian Hughes
Status	Disclosable
Action	Note

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**1. Report Purpose**

To provide an update for the Board of Management on the type of activity that has been happening within the College since the last Board of Management meeting that is not covered within other Board of management papers.

**2. Recommendations**

The Board of Management are asked to **note** the report

**3. Background**

**National Bargaining / Industrial Action**

A verbal update on the current situation will be provided at the Board meeting.

**Student Success**

As we approach the end of term there are a range of activities taking place that showcase students' work and their successes. These include, but are not limited to; A month long Festival of Creativity – covering Art and Design and Graphics exhibitions, Fashion shows and exhibitions, A Luthiers' Concert featuring the work of the Stringed Instrument courses and Acting productions in the Theatre at Langside.

Additionally, some of our students have been recognised in external competitions; our HND Practical Journalism students picked up four awards at the Scottish Student Journalism awards including one for the Publication of the Year – awarded for the College's Clyde Outside magazine.

These and many other stories can be found in the News section of the College's website.

**Staff recognition**

Work undertaken by the College's Community Learning and Development section has been recognised as an exemplar of best practice by Education Scotland and features in their National Improvement Hub. The team worked with parents from a primary school and used a family learning programme based around STEM to increase the parents' confidence of being able to help their children with their school work.

**Audit Scotland Review of the Sector**

This year's review of the sector by Audit Scotland is due to be published in June 17 but, at the time of writing, is not yet available. This will be distributed to the Board once it is received.

#### **“Acting” Posts currently in place**

As the College seeks to appoint a new Principal, the following members of staff have been appointed to “acting” roles until a new Principal is in place;

Brian Hughes – Acting Principal

Janet Thomson – Acting Depute

Eric Brownlie – Acting Vice Principal Curriculum and External Relations

Alistair Rodgers – Acting Assistant Principal Quality and Performance

Additionally, Gillian Crankshaw is undertaking the role of Assistant Principal Human Resources during Lorraine McGaw's maternity leave.

#### **Student Elections**

The elections for next year's sabattical officers have now taken place and the outcome is as follows;

Student President - Karolina Gasiorowska

Vice President - David Parada

Vice President - Taylor Campbell

Vice President - Michaela Ditrichova

This provides some continuity across sessions 2016/17 and 2017/18 as the three current Vice Presidents have all been re-elected

#### **GCRB**

The Regional Strategy that was presented by Margaret Cook at a previous Board meeting has now been approved by the GCRB. An operational plan is now being prepared. Both the Chair of Glasgow Clyde and myself contributed to a recent risk workshop as the GCRB reviews its risk register.

#### **Meeting with Principals from Northern Ireland**

Facilitated by the Colleges Partnership, (previously WoSCop), a workshop recently took place between the Principals of Northern Ireland's six regional colleges and some Principals from the Colleges Partnership member colleges. We discussed the opportunities that may arise for colleges following the Brexit process.

#### **Estates**

The College is undertaking some large scale estates projects, one of which is the large scale plant upgrade/replacement at the Cardonald Campus with a major refurbishment of the five Tower Block building lifts, partial upgrade of the heating and ventilation system and replacement of switchgear. The project value of these works is £2.75M in the capital masterplan with phase 1 being completed this summer which is part of the overall project. This project is being funded by the Glasgow Clyde Education Foundation. The lifts project commenced on site at the beginning of May, with lift 1 expected to be completed in July 17 and all 5 lifts completed in early 2018.

A range of summer works is also being undertaken based on priorities as identified through the College planning cycle.

#### **4. Risk Analysis**

The current uncertainty around the outcome of the National Bargaining process and the potential implications of changes to Terms and Conditions of Service for lecturing staff mean that there are risks in relation to both the College's financial position moving forward and also Industrial Relations.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications arising from the above update.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

There would be a negative impact on the College's financial position if the outcome of National Bargaining led to further unplanned costs.

#### **7. Regional Outcome Agreement Implications**

There are no ROA implications.

#### **8. Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out (Y/N/NA)**

N/A