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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Minute of the Extraordinary meeting of the Board of Management held at 4.30pm on Monday the 28 April 2015 at Langside Campus.

PRESENT:	
G Chalmers (Chair)	
R Leggett	
B McCrindle (Student President)	
L Jacobs	
J Hamilton	
E Proudfoot	
S Pickles (Support Staff Member)	
P Laverie (Teaching Staff Member)	
K McKie	
G Reid	
IN ATTENDANCE:	
E Harris	Vice Principal, Curriculum
B Hughes	Vice Principal, Strategy & Performance
C Adam	Secretary to the Board
Niall McLean	Brodies LLP
Lynn Marr	Brodies LLP
APOLOGIES:	
A Ponton	
A Clocherty (Student Vice President)	

		ACTION
28/04/1	Welcome and Apologies	
	Apologies have been received from A Ponton and A Clocherty.	
23/04/2	Declarations of Interest	
	No declarations of interest were noted.	
28/04/3	Determination of other Business	
	No other business was noted.	
28/04/4	Student Association Structure Proposal	
	B Hughes and B McCrindle will talk to the proposal with	

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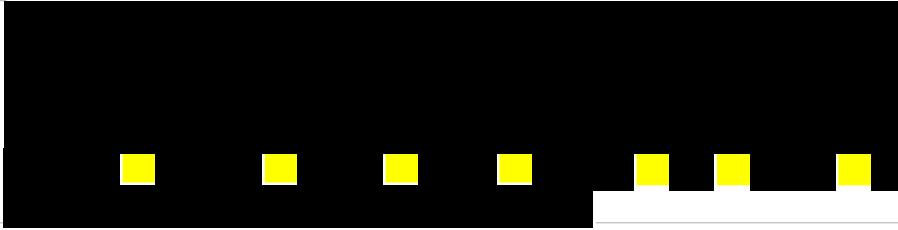
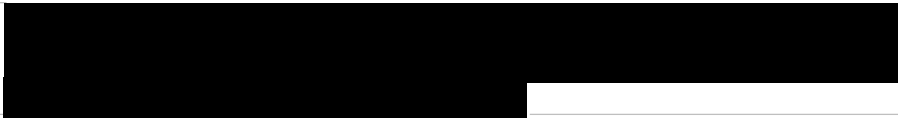
	Brodies giving advice as appropriate.	
	There has been much discussion around the proposal and potential changes and B Hughes became aware that these discussions had come to a halt. B Hughes then went on to give the back ground to the proposal.	
	There are three potential options of which one could be chosen or none. There are proposed to be two posts to assist the sabbatical officers. It was felt that the current Student Association Co-ordinator post was not operating at the correct level and is currently vacant. The current Student Association Assistant is operating on a 0.7 pro-rata basis but has been off long term sick and has not yet fully returned to work. Therefore the Student Association (SA) currently has a very low level of support available. Appendix 1 shows the current costs with Appendix 2 and beyond showing different permutations of proposed costs.	
	Lynn Marr of Brodies joined the meeting.	
	The proposed new posts have been job evaluated for salary points and job specifications are included with the papers for the meeting.	
	In 2015/16 GCC has available from SFC remnants of transitional funding for the development of the Student Association, 95/96k is still available with SFC happy to support the Student Association.	
	A national framework is being launched which is working towards strengthening Student Associations in the future. However it is not clear if there will be any additional Student Association funding to support this aim. The posts for 2015/16 are fixed term for one year only as it may become clearer as the year progresses what funding may be available. These posts are not to be added to the overall staffing complement and are ring fenced only for the Student Association.	
	B McCrindle stated that Edinburgh College puts 295k per annum towards its Student Association with no transitional funding left, Glasgow Kelvin puts 159k per annum towards its	

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	Student Association with some transitional funding available, City of Glasgow 167k with no transitional funding and Ayrshire 160k with no transitional funds available.	
	G Reid suggested that we currently have a strong Student Association structure with it having been commended and held up as exemplary. There would need to be good reasons to change this. Concern was raised around any increase in costs as this might not be sustainable into 2016/17.	
	K McKie raised a concern around risk rather than costs and felt these needed to be taken into account before any decision is made on which proposal to agree.	
		
		
	R Leggett suggested that a vote could be taken in principal on the proposal subject to the constitution being amended by a prescribed date.	
		
	G Chalmers stated that he was not keen to approve the proposal without a change to the constitution.	

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	E Harris suggested that the Board agree the amendment and then agree one of the proposals at this meeting.	
	B Hughes agreed that the constitution needed to be tidied up so that the constitution and the schedules are aligned.	
	R Leggett stated that he is not happy to do any of this by email and reiterated his point that it should be possible to make a decision in principal and vote for it subject to the student body putting the appropriate changes approved by Brodies in place and subject to the amendment of the constitution by the Student Association.	
	P Laverie stated that he needs reassurance from SFC that there are no further governance issues around the proposed changes to the Student Association.	
	B McCrindle agreed that there was no reason why the date for student elections cannot be set now and that he would do this.	
	P Laverie agreed that it would be best to have a sabbatical representative in each campus.	
	The Student Association also need to take a decision to amend the constitution before any elections take place. B McCrindle agree to progress this.	B McCrindle
	B McCrindle stated that he had delegated authority to agree any of the options. P Laverie proposed Appendix 3 of the proposal with B McCrindle seconding. With one year to review and check on the sustainability of the structure.	
	The staff posts are one year fixed term posts to be reviewed in 2015/16 starting in June 2015 and running to June 2016. They will be advertised both internally and externally.	
	A form of words will be circulated by Brodies to the Board of Management which seeks reassurance from SFC around governance concerns before the Board can proceed to formally agree any proposal.	

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	Correspondence on delegated limit of 25k	
	It was noted that B McCrindle asked who had procured Simpson & Marwick's services.	
		
		
		
		
		

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