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## LEARNING & TEACHING COMMITTEE MEETING

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Date of Meeting	8 November 2017
Paper Title	GCCSA Update
Agenda Item	17.36
Responsible Officer	Karolina Gasiorowska
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Action	For Noting

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### 1. Report Purpose

- 1.1 This paper will highlight the activity of the GCCSA and include targets we are working to reach.

### 2. Recommendations

For Noting

### 3. Background/Objective/Discussion/Proposal

The following will outline key activities of GCCSA and how we plan to monitor progress and actions of our activities.

#### 3.1 Glasgow Clyde Regional Board

Karolina Gasiorowska is a member of the GCRB to represent Glasgow students She attended to the first meeting in City of Glasgow College on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

#### 3.2 Fresher's Week

Fresher's Week has delivered, cross-campus from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Fresher's packs have been promoted to a number of local and regional businesses. The purpose of these events was to provide students with the chance to socialise, and find out about local opportunities. 20 Organisations at Cardonald, 19 at Langside and 17 Anniesland participated and free food from Sodexo and GCC Catering, covered by GCCSA. Evaluation of the impact of the events is underway.

#### 3.3 Executive Elections

The Student Executive Elections will take place at the end of October. Elections guidance packs have been made, and the election process will be supported by GCCSA staff. Following this, the first meeting of the Student Executive will take place early November, with work plans being specified by GCCSA Sabbatical Officers. All Executive Officers will have the opportunity to work towards a digital badge and volunteering accreditation from the College.

### **3.4 Sparqs Training**

Sparqs training dates have been organised and took place consider revising 03-05<sup>th</sup> October to provide class rep training to all class rep students.

### **3.5 Hate Crime and Black History Months**

All sabbatical promoted the Hate Crime Awareness Week, and Black History Month. We had a stall at each campus from 10-12<sup>th</sup> October. SAMH had a stall to provide support and to promote positive mental health.

### **3.6 Strategic Plan**

GCCSA team are working on a three-year Strategic Plan. This will provide continuity to new sabbaticals. We would like to direct the new sabbaticals to understand what the previous team have been doing or have done but needs to be continued.

### **3.7 Class Rep Meetings**

Class rep Meetings have been booked between now and May 2017, and will be run cross campus each second by Sabbatical officers. We have 466 Class Rep and we hope to rise the list in the next weeks with the help of the management team. Also a new badge system will be developed to recognise the work of the Class Rep and engage better with them.

### **3.8 Communications**

Facebook group will provide updates on GCCSA Activity and also twitter. A number of new communications resources are being produced, such as a GCCSA Handbook, to increase awareness of the Student Association. GCCSA is visiting the classes and promoting the Student Association activities.

### **3.9 Welfare Fund**

GCCSA has ring-fenced, £1000 for the Student Welfare fund for students in most need.

### **3.10 HBHM in partnership with NUS**

Working in conjunction with the Mentally Health College Coordinator to promote Healthy Body and Healthy Mind.

### **3.11 Development of a SPARQs partnership Agreement**

Working with the College and other partners to develop key priorities. This will link to the GCCSA operational and Strategic plans.

## **4. Clubs and Societies**

### **4.1 Activities**

1. GCCSA started new activity Dance movement therapy. There will be three sessions.
2. Language Exchange and Homework peer have already started.
3. Planning a promotion of all the activities and projects with marketing, creating a pack that could fit with Clyde Connect.

GCCSA is committed to reduce the Carbon footprint and expenses using the electric car of the college.

## **5. Projects coming soon: GCCSA Operational Plan 2017/2018**

### **5.1 November**

Children in Needs 17<sup>th</sup> November (Fundraising and awareness)  
Focus Group (The HUB Langside: What student would like to do to make the HUB friendlier)  
Class Rep Meeting

### **5.2 December**

Christmas Fayre (All three Campuses. External organisation)  
Gift donation (Charities raising)

### **5.3 January**

Refresher Fayre (All three Campuses)  
Class Rep Meeting (All three Campuses)  
Executive Meeting (All three Campuses)

### **5.4 February**

LGBT Months (Plans TBC)  
Valentine's Day (Plans TBC)

### **5.5 March**

International Women's Day (Plans TBC)  
Class Rep Meeting  
Healthy Week (Stalls on Campuses)

## **6. Risk Analysis**

Students and staff may provide poor feedback, it is the responsibility of GCCSA to ensure we obtain as much student feedback as possible, and work to improve our services following feedback from students.

**7. Legal Implications**

None Foreseen

**8. Financial Implications**

All financial costs will be covered by the GCCSA allocated budget and we are working to make arrangements with external companies to be able to provide more services to the students.

**9. Regional Outcome Agreement Implications**

Engagement activity will contribute toward the attainment of the regional outcomes and this will be reflected in GCCSA planning and evaluation.

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

EIAs will be carried out on individual projects and pieces of work GCCSA will have a monthly meeting with Equality and Diversity department to