

Item 07c
For Discussion and Noting

Glasgow Kelvin College

Board of Management Meeting of 18 March 2026

Student Association Priorities Update

Report by Student Association Presidents and Student Support Services Manager

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update members on the progress of the Student Association (SA) this session and give an overview of future priorities and plans.



2. Update on Activity

Strengthening the Class Representative system

The Student Association continues to work in partnership with College teams to further strengthen the Class Representative system across Glasgow Kelvin College.

Work is underway with the ICT team to develop a more streamlined and sustainable Class Representative 'pipeline', helping to improve how representatives are identified, elected, upskilled, and kept engaged throughout the academic year. The aim is to ensure clearer communication, improved tracking of representation across courses, and stronger connections between Class Representatives, the Student Association and College staff.

These improvements will help ensure student feedback can be gathered more consistently and that the student voice continues to play a central role in shaping learning and teaching across the College.

During Staff Development Week, the Student Association will also deliver a CPD session for teaching staff focused on the role and importance of Class Representatives. The session aims to strengthen partnership working by helping staff better support student representation and encourage engagement in Course Team Meetings and wider college decision-making.

Student Executive Committee

The Student Executive Committee continues to play an active role in shaping student life across the College.

The Committee brings together elected student officers including:

- Vice President
- LGBTQ+ Officers
- ESOL Officer
- Campaigns Officer
- Sports Officer
- Helpers Team

Executive Committee members have supported a range of activity this year, including Food Bank and Clothing Bank initiatives, awareness campaigns, and Student Association events across campuses. Officers also gather and share student feedback to help inform priorities and future developments within the College.

Meet the Managers

The Block 2 Meet the Managers event took place in January, giving Class Representatives the opportunity to engage directly with senior College leaders and discuss the student experience.

Feedback focused on:

- What works well at Glasgow Kelvin College?
- What could further enhance the student experience?

As a result of student feedback, actions already underway include:

- Investigation into increased classroom power socket availability
- Additional lockers being introduced at East End Campus
- Review of hot water provision within catering areas

All feedback and agreed actions were shared through the 'You Said, We Did' approach, ensuring students can clearly see how their views lead to change.

Student Association Partnership Agreement

The Student Association Partnership Agreement for 2025–26, which was recently formally approved by the Board of Management, has now been officially signed by the Chair of the Board, the Principal and the Student Association President.

The agreement reinforces the College's commitment to partnership working between students and staff and highlights the shared responsibility for enhancing the student experience across Glasgow Kelvin College.

Student Mental Health Agreement 2025–27

A refreshed Student Mental Health Agreement has been launched across all campuses following collaboration between the Student Association and Student Support Services teams. The agreement outlines nine shared commitments focused on improving student wellbeing and mental health support across the College. Progress against these commitments will be reviewed throughout the two-year period to ensure accountability and continued improvement. Launch activities included campus information stalls and awareness promotion to help students learn more about available support.

Student Foodbank

Our fundraising efforts have now reached £719.26, and every bit of this will go directly towards supporting our Student Foodbank, which is now officially registered. This achievement reflects the generosity and kindness of everyone who has donated, taken part in activities, or helped us raise awareness. The support is making a real and meaningful difference for students who

need access to essential items, and we're incredibly grateful to everyone involved as we continue working to keep the foodbank stocked and available to those who need it most.

Since our last Board meeting, the GKC Student Foodbank has been busier than ever, with over 250 students accessing the service for essential support. This shows just how important the foodbank continues to be for our college community.

Student Activities & Clubs

The Student Association continues to expand opportunities for students to connect, socialise and support wellbeing through a range of clubs and activities, including:

- Flourish Together – Peer mental health support group
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- LEGO Club
- Walking Club

Regular on-campus engagement stalls also provide information and support on topics such as mental health, wellbeing and sexual health in an informal and accessible way.

Vodafone SIM cards for Students

Glasgow Kelvin Student Association has secured 250 free SIM cards from Vodafone to support students who are facing financial hardship or struggling with connectivity.

Each SIM card includes:

- Unlimited texts
- Unlimited minutes
- 40GB of data every month
- All free for 6 months

These SIMs are *not* being opened up to everyone, they're specifically for students who need extra support staying connected for studies, placement, and day-to-day life.

Students who are struggling with phone bills or data costs can be directed or reach out to the Student Association confidentially.

Priorities/Next Steps

GKC Student Presidential Elections

Glasgow Kelvin College Students' Association will be recruiting for new Student Presidents in April. Elections for the 2026-27 Student Association Sabbatical President roles will be taking place in April/May. Nominations for these posts will open in April for a two-week period. With the elections being held from towards the end of May.

Easter Raffle & Bake Sale

We're excited to kick off a week-long Easter fundraiser from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th March. Each day we'll be popping up at a different GKC campus with an amazing Easter Raffle, delicious home-baked treats, and plenty of chances to get involved and support the

Student Association. We'll be rotating across all campuses throughout the week, so everyone gets a chance to take part. We'll encourage students and staff to swing by, grab a tasty treat, buy a raffle ticket, and help us raise funds for the Student Food Pantry & Clothing Bank.

Pop-up events

GKCSA is preparing pop up events at each of our campus's, promoting the clothing bank. Themed weeks such as gym wear, women's fashion, kids wear and men's week will be incorporated. We have reached out to the holistic development team to be involved to promote activity, inclusion, diversity and sustainable ideas to our students.

Pride @ Kelvin

Planning is underway for Pride @ Kelvin, a college-wide celebration of inclusion and diversity taking place in May.

The event will bring students and staff together to celebrate equality, promote awareness and showcase Glasgow Kelvin College's commitment to creating an inclusive environment for all learners.

Ongoing SA awareness raising

The Student Association will continue to raise its profile across all campuses through promotional materials and regular updates on campus TV screens.

3. Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising directly from this report.

4. Impact on Students

This report highlights the opportunities for better student engagement and the positive impacts on students by supporting them to improve their experience at college, creating opportunities to further develop and gain new skills and experiences.

5. Risk and Assurance

This report provides assurance that the College is supporting the Student Association to engage with learners and participate in life and work of the College.

6. Equality

There are no equality implications arising directly from this report.

7. Data Protection

There are no data protection implications arising directly from this report.

8. Environmental and Sustainability

There are no environmental and sustainability implications arising directly from this report.

9. Recommendations

Members are recommended to note the contents of the report.

10. Further Information

Members can obtain additional information on the contents of this report from Jon Craig, President of Welfare, Community & Sustainability or Chantell McCallum, President of Learning & Teaching.

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