

Board Meeting

Date of Meeting	Wednesday 28 May 2014
Paper Title	Appointment of Student Board Members
Agenda Item	11
Paper Number	BM1-H
Responsible Officer	Julia Henderson, Advisor to the Board
Status	Disclosable
Action	For approval

1. Report Purpose

- 1.1** To advise the Board on the nomination process for the two student board members to sit on the Board with effect from 1 August 2014.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** The Board is asked to approve this report and the proposed nomination process.
- 2.2** The Board is asked to commend the excellent collaborative work of the Student's Associations, supported by SPARQS (Student Participation in Quality Scotland), in devising the nomination process and a new Executive structure to support student governance across the region.
- 2.3** The Board notes the training on offer by SPARQS and NUS and commends this to the new Student Board Members.

3. Background

- 3.1** The Post 16 Education (Scotland) Act 2013 provides the authority for the Student Associations in Glasgow to nominate students for membership of the Board. The draft constitution of the Board reflects the statute. As explained in Report BM1-A interim student members have been appointed by the Cabinet Secretary pending the establishment of the Board and the assignation of the 3 colleges to Board on 1 August 2014.
- 3.2** The Chair of the Board and the Advisor to the Board have met with NUS, SPARQS and the Student Presidents on a number of occasions over 2013/14. It was agreed in discussions

with SPARQS and the Student Presidents that a group would work to devise a nomination process.

- 3.3** A working group of students and staff members from each of the assigned colleges, supported by SPARQS, has developed and agreed terms of reference for a Glasgow Regional Student Executive (GRSE) who has the remit for nominating 2 student members to the Board.

4. Process

- 4.1** The GRSE will nominate and support the 2 student members of the Board. They will be from the 3 Student Presidents elect. The process proposed by the GRSE is to nominate 2 members. Therefore there will be no need for the conduct of elections. The 3rd Student President will become Chair of the Regional Student Executive.
- 4.2** The legislation provides that the student members vacate their posts on 31 August each year following their appointment. However, transitional legislative provision has overridden this requirement in 2014, for obvious practical reasons and the nominated student members will take up their positions on 1 August 2014.

5. Bespoke Training for student board members

- 5.1** In conjunction with NUS, SPARQS offers bespoke training sessions for student members and are holding their annual Supporting College Student Governors training under the new banner of 'College Student Leadership'. It will take place on 8th and 9th July 2014.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** There are no significant risks; the terms of reference in relation to the appointment of student members sets out the steps to be taken in the event that a member leaves, resigns or is removed.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1** Contained within the body of the report.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1** There are no immediate cost implications to the GRCB.