

Board Meeting

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Glasgow Colleges Strategic Partnership – Students Response

City of Glasgow College

The following report is compiled by the feedback and student consultations held by the student executives and Student President Sanjay Lago from City of Glasgow College.

The points in this report were raised by students at City of Glasgow but were echoed across the region as well; issues such as travel complications and the cuts to Creative Industries being highly opposed.

Within the regional consultation, over 450 students were consulted with over 30 focus groups and students from all the subject areas have given their feedback on the proposal from across Glasgow.

Our points:

Principles of the Curriculum and Estates Review

- 85% of City of Glasgow College students consulted agreed with the principles behind the review although there were written objections to the principle stating no duplication of courses (38% of written responses rejected this principle)

Sources of Information Used

- 46% of students consulted at City of Glasgow College indicated that they feel additional sources of information should be considered. These include: student demand for courses and national and international employability. Also courses that may lead to self-employment.

Curriculum

- 64% of students consulted at City of Glasgow College agreed with the rationale behind the proposed curriculum changes although a number of written responses (38%) were concerned about cuts to Creative Industries and possible reduction of courses. A separate case study of Creative Industries students objected strongly (97%) to cuts in this area.

Estates Changes

- 70% of City of Glasgow College students agreed to the proposed estates changes to Glasgow's colleges and responded positively to improved quality buildings for study. A number of written responses (40%) indicated concerns about possible transportation issues that may arise from course relocation though and students stressed that this should be considered when making plans.

Other Curriculum and Estates

- City of Glasgow College students also reported that they believed learning should remain accessible for students across the city, that college resources should be improved and that disruption to courses while implementing the changes should be minimal.

General Future of Glasgow Colleges

- City of Glasgow College students asked for wider consultation on the plans including consulting high school students.