

## REGIONAL BOARD REPORT

Subject: BCSA Update		Purpose: For Approval <input type="checkbox"/> For Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> For Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Purpose: Students' Association Update			
Linked to Strategic Ambition: Create high quality learning and training opportunities which are relevant, enabling and flexible			
Executive Summary: A brief roundup of action since the last Board Meeting			
Recommendation:			
Previous Committee Approvals:			
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## Student President's Update

September 2020

### Operational Theme 1: Sustainability

- Working with NUS regarding Student poverty and environmental issues – took part in working groups around levels of basic income required for students and BCSA are part of the NUS Cost of Learning Action Group.
- The Class Rep system has been redesigned to be more easily managed and more representative of the student body given the current restrictions and limited staffing.
- Online Welcome Week was well received with over 600 engagements. We worked with 16 external agencies as well as college support teams to deliver an engaging and informative week.
- Conducted a mapping exercise of communication platforms and streamlined our communication.
- BCSA trying to operate more efficiently as a student led organisation, with students conducting the majority of the operation with steering and strategic input from Support Staff. This is tricky as June – Present there is only one student trying to manage the operation! Support staff are fantastic when they are able to be there and additional hours were provided over the induction period.
- Results of the student elections will be announced via Teams on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Operational Theme 2: Unity

- Promoted opportunities to all students to become involved in BCSA events and activities. At the time of writing, students going forward for VP and officer roles is low.
- Initial survey was reasonably well received with responses from all curricular areas. It is inclusive and gives direct feedback quickly, making the method more streamlined than the traditional Class Rep System.
- Time has been tight and unfortunately the Student Partnership agreement is still only at draft stage and not ready for approval.
- Regular breakfast clubs and quizzes are scheduled throughout the year.

### Operational Theme: Personal Growth

- Linked up with volunteering organisations enabling students to find suitable volunteering opportunities
- Worked with Student Services to publicise the availability of Mental Health support options at College and external organisations
- Still making sure students have access to the resources they need to succeed – survey responses suggest some more work needs to be done regarding awareness raising of support available at college.

In conclusion, we are finding it more difficult to have conversations with students due to the online nature of college but the change to individual surveys has given us a great overview.