

Overview of Faculty Councils at Borders College



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Overview

- Development of Faculty Councils
- Structure of Faculty Councils
- Sample agenda/minutes
- Benefits to students, College and BCSA
- Opportunities
- The Future of FCMs



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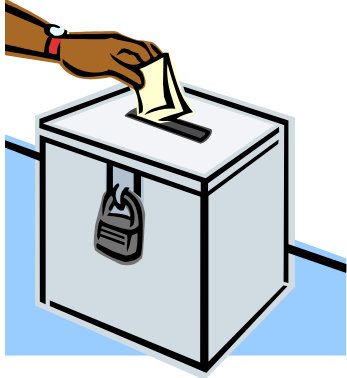
Development of Faculty Councils

Previously;

- Class rep meetings on each campus
- 4 per year
- Chaired by College staff member
- Vice Principal in attendance
- Effectiveness of model
- Campus relocation



Class Reps in Borders College



Each academic year, every class elects someone (under secret ballot) to take forward their class views to the Faculty Council meetings.





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Faculty Council Meetings

- 3 per year (Nov, Feb and April/May)
- Chaired by a Class Rep from the previous year
- Election for Chair held at the April/May meeting
- Each Faculty Council Chair automatically becomes a member of the Borders College Students Association Student Representative Council.



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Faculty Council Meetings



These are attended by:

- Faculty's Class Reps
- Head of Faculty
- Programme Leaders
- Lecturer
- Students Association



Admin Officer



VP



President



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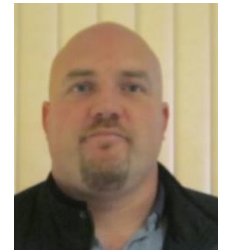


Equalities Officer



Access Chair

Student Representative Council



Construction
Chair



Business
Chair



Care
Chair



Landbased
Chair



Creative
Industries
Chair

Student Representation on College Committees

**Students
Association
Executive
Committee**



**Faculty
Council
Chairs**



**Student
Representative
Council**

Committees:

Academic Board

Board of Management

Campus Management

Curriculum & Quality

Enrolment

Equality & Diversity

Finance

FM Users

Health & Safety

ICT Users

Library Users

Sustainability



Example of FCM Agenda

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- Welcome and apologies
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Actions
- Activity: Faculty strengths and weaknesses feedback
- Agree actions from HoF focus groups (block 2)
- Consideration of future chair
- Feedback from recent reviews and audits
- Equality and Diversity
- Sustainability
- BCSA update
- AOB



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Benefits to Students

- Representation
- Development of transferable skills
- Opportunity to make meaningful changes
- CV
- Opportunity to hold faculty to account
- Ownership
- Direct line of communication



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Benefits to College

- Improving course structure
- Collecting accountable feedback
- Interaction with class reps
- Direct feedback (reviews, audits and focus groups)
- Effective communication system
- Validation of direction/improvements



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Benefits to Students Association

- Talent identification
- Identify of cross-college themes and priorities
- Supporting the students voice
- Awareness raising
- Communication of key priorities/actions
- Additional source of valid information
- Establishing positive relationships with staff
- Establishing positive relationships with students



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Opportunities

- Tailored to faculty e.g. Access, Landbased
- Establish stronger link between class reps and BCSA
- Better support for Chair
- Shared expectations/standard across faculties
- Encourage CRs to take on additional roles and responsibilities (Freshers, buddying)



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The Future

- Partnership approach to driving improvement of representational structures
 - Course tutor time
 - Further training
 - Partnership Agreement
- Role of BCSA
 - Additional meetings
 - Coffee mornings
 - Exclusive merchandise