

GCU School Conferences: A picture of School specific engagement across GCU

Welcome!

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Agenda

- School Conference Overview
- Students as partners
- Conference themes
- Long term benefits



The past

- School specific representation within remit of the school officers
- Occasional meetings with school leadership
- Gap in representation identified
- School conference proposed to the School of Engineering and Built Environment
- Core concept of the conference

Benefits to the school



- To reinforce the ethos of students being partners
- To touch base with the school specific issues that the average students has
- Built a stronger relationship between the school officers and the schools leadership
- To receive student led solutions to solve the issues
- To find solutions to challenges that arise in the NSS



How students shaped each conference



- School officers take on a leadership role
- Shaped and proposed themes
- Developed the conference plan
- Created and implemented communication plan

However each school was unique



School of Engineering and Built Environment

- School were consulted before moving on
- School officer took lead being highly autonomous
- Supported by school intern
- Influenced where budget was spent
- Hosted by the school officer with speakers
- Hosted on campus
- Organised with minimal support of the vice president education



However each school was unique



School of Health and Life Sciences

- Discussion to arrive at decisions
- Joint decision making
- Vice Dean hosting conference, with associate deans for relevant themes
- Hosted off campus
- School took operational lead
- Organised with minimal support of the vice president education



However each school was unique



Glasgow School for Business and Society

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- Influenced where budget was spent
- Hosted by the school officer with the dean as a opening speaker
- Organised with the support of the vice president education



How we plan to inform students of the impact



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How successful were they?

- Received quality feedback from all of the students which attended
- Able to develop recommendations on the themes
- Limited attendance by students
- All school commit to support a 2nd conference

Lessons learned



- Communication is key to gaining attendance
- Plan date and location in advance
- Engage with students to develop themes
- Create a formal working group



Long term benefits



- Enable for the school vice presidents
- Embeds students into influencing their schools strategy and priorities
- Conference reports
- Develops school officers as leaders



Recap

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Any questions?

Thank You

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