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Curriculum, Quality & Student Experience Committee

BORDERS COLLEGE REGIONAL BOARD

Subject: BCSA Update	**Purpose:** **For Approval** ☐ **For Discussion** ☐ **For Information** ☒
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Purpose:

To update the committee on BCSA activities.

Linked to Strategic Ambition: Proactively engage with our community and stakeholders to ensure our practice reflects their needs

Performance Measures: Alumni who are skilled, resilient, enterprising

Linked to Strategic Risk Register: New Risk (outwith themes)

New Risk Commentary:

Executive Summary:

The paper updates the committee on new appointments to the BCSA, those activities that have happened and also what future work is planned.

Recommendation:

Previous Committee Approvals: No

For publication ☐	**For publication with redactions** ☐	**Not for publication** ☐

Appointments

Eilidh Forrest has been appointed to the role of Student Association Support Officer.

Two Vice Presidents have been elected and will shortly take up their paid positions on the 16th February:

Vice President for Education: Christopher Alder
Vice President for Activities and Wellbeing: Micah Hall

The election for Newtown Vice President opened on Wednesday 8th February and will close next Wednesday. There are two candidates standing.

Activities

Christopher Alder will attend the NUS conference in Edinburgh on the 28th March.

The Student Association Support Officer and Quality Manager have visited Dumfries & Galloway College's Team, who manage the student Association on the 7th February, and further visits are planned to West Lothian College on the 21st February and Fife college on the 1st March.

Following that visit it is proposed that four Class Representatives have the opportunity to take up the role of Sustainability Champion, Equality & Diversity Champion, Global Citizenship Champion and Wellbeing Champion. They would work closely with staff who have similar roles and lead on the student voice in these areas.

LGBT History Café was held on the 6th February and class visits have commenced. A wellbeing fair was held jointly with student support on the 23rd January. Both were well attended.

Planning is underway for the old shop area to become a BCSA space for students and host activities such as Swap, Take and Donate.

Discussions with Heriot Watt continue to agree on a location for a quiet room for students, as yet the location has not been agreed.

A chess Club is being set up at the request of ESOL learners.

The student survey closed on the 5th of February, and 88% of students surveyed were satisfied with their college experience.

As an alternative to pull out banners the Students Association is proposing to purchase an interactive screen where future events and activities can be promoted to students.

The first meeting of the Student Experience Committee will be held on the 27th February.

Future Developments

The BCSA Operational Plan will be prioritized once the three Vice Presidents are in post.

The BCSA awards will be held in May 2023.

The campaign for the election of a new BCSA president will commence after the Easter holiday, with further class visits planned to promote the role. We hope to have the new president in post by May/June 2023.