

Nominations & Remuneration Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting	Wednesday 30 March 2016
Paper Title	Process for appointment of GCRB student Board members
Agenda Item	12
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Responsible Officer	Martin Fairbairn, Interim Chief Officer
Status	Disclosable
Action	For noting

1. Report Purpose

- 1.1** To brief the Committee on the agreed arrangements for the nomination process for the two student board members of the Board.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** The Committee is invited to **note** the agreed process.

3. Background

- 3.1** At its meeting on 28 May 2014 the Board agreed the process described in this paper for the nomination of the student Board members (paper BM1-G).
- 3.2** The Further & Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005 (as amended) provides the authority for the Student Associations in Glasgow to nominate students for membership of the Board. During 2013-14 a working group of students and staff members from each of the assigned colleges, supported by Student Partnerships in Quality Scotland (SPARQS), developed the Glasgow Regional Student Executive (GRSE), which has the remit for nominating 2 student members to the Board. Membership of the GRSE comprises the three Presidents and six Vice-Presidents of the three student associations. The Interim Chief Officer has worked closely with the GRSE over the past year to assist with its continued development.
- 3.3** This arrangement is consistent with paragraphs 3(2)(e) and paragraph 4 of Schedule 2B to the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005:

3 Membership

3 (1) The board is to consist of no fewer than 15 members.

(2) The board is to be comprised of—

...

(e) two persons appointed in accordance with paragraph 4; and

...

4 Student members

(1) The students' associations of the board's colleges are each entitled to nominate students for appointment in pursuance of paragraph 3(2)(e).

(2) Where only two students are so nominated, those students are to be so appointed.

(3) Members are otherwise to be so appointed by being elected by the students of all the board's colleges from among the students so nominated.

(4) Sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) do not apply where only two colleges are assigned to the board and, in such a case, the students' association of each college is to appoint one member from among the students of their respective colleges.

- 3.4** The student members of the Board are appointed for one-year terms (1 September to 31 August).

4. Process

- 4.1** The GRSE nominates and supports the two student members of the Board, chosen from the three Student Presidents elect. The third Student President becomes Chair of the GRSE and is also invited to attend the Board meetings of GCRB as an observer.
- 4.2** Student elections for all three student associations for 2016-17 have either already started or will take place in the April to June term. This will then allow the GRSE to nominate the two new student members of the Board of GCRB prior to the start of 2016-17.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** There are no significant risks; the terms of reference in relation to the appointment of student members sets out the steps to be taken in the event that a member leaves, resigns or is removed.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 Contained within the body of the report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no immediate cost implications to the GRCB.