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# Class Rep Conference

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## Introduction

- Presidents Update
- What ECSA have been up to ?
- Healthy Body Healthy Mind
- Group break out - 'Student Values'
- Student Issues





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## Presidents Update

- Scottish Mental Health First Aid
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round Class Rep Conferences (199 reps)
- Trustee Board + Planning (Why you are here today)
- Christmas Fair (Midlothian)
- Student Parents Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1152766348151138/>

### What our students said...



- There is a lack of organization over timetables, class cover and assessment arrangements
- Staff are not trained to use resources such as Moodle
- We don't feel welcome or part of the college
- Many of the students who started in week 2 or 3 are the first to drop out
- There are long delays in getting funding applications processed
- Funding application process needs simplified
- Lecturers just read from Powerpoint presentations
- Most of the content of our course is not relevant
- Lack of respect fosters bad relationships between staff and students and creates hostile learning environments
- Students are missing assessments because support is not in place

For the future you want



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## What Have ECSCA Been Up To?

- Class rep training (Online) - This will be available imminently!
- Sports & clubs - you can create your own or join an existing one through the website
- Student opportunities (Executive Positions) - still positions up for grabs





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## Update on Class Rep Conference Reports!

- In the October Conferences Class reps & students worked on 'Why students drop out'
- This led to ECSA producing 4 conference reports on 'Retention'
- ECSA have had meetings with key senior staff following on from these reports
- Taking forward student concerns with some immediate fixes & discussions around long term solutions
- Can view all the reports in full on the ECSA website
- **Key win: Hired two new staff for Support for Learning this was directly through students raising this as a concern.**



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## The 5 Key Student Issues

- 1. Not enough support in place for Mental Health**
  - This mainly included staff being uncomfortable or unsupportive or not trained to deal with students exhibiting signs of poor mental health
- 2. Funding issues**
  - Including complicated applications process & long delays before receive funding
- 3. Student Support for learning**
  - Many students raised concerns that they or their classmates had not been assessed yet or have not had their support put in place after identifying they needed support at beginning of term
- 4. College & course Organisation**
  - An ongoing concern that at times, the college and courses felt disorganised and that lots of staff worked in 'silos' meaning things got lost even within course teams. Leading to lots of issues that could be solved if there was better communication between staff.
- 5. College Resources & IT**
  - Students raising lots of concerns over the quality of computer IT & software including network and Moodle issues.



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## Healthy Body Healthy Mind

- The Healthy Body Healthy Mind campaign aims to improve mental and physical health through sport and exercise, as well as tackling the stigma that surrounds mental ill health.

### What can I do?

- Run our own campaign with friends on topics relating to physical and mental health.
- Hold stalls/awareness events.
- Share your experiences through a blog/vlog.
- Set up a committee.
- Give advice on exam stress.





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## The Task - 'Student Values'

- ECSA is working to create its first 'Strategic Plan'
- This includes the 'Mission, Vision & Values' ECSA use to guide all the work that we do.
- It has to come from you, the students.
- The President will (try and) lead a session on 'Student Values' with the help from you.





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## What's Going on in Your Class?

- This is an open session for you to raise any concerns you are having
- Try to group yourself by school or curriculum area
- Staff & Officers will be here to facilitate discussions



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## Before You Go!

- ECSA are pulling together handbooks to improve the induction process for new and returning students
- The question is ‘What is the one thing you wish you had known before you started college?’
- Fill in the sheet provided before you head off!



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## Thank you! Questions?

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