Minutes of the 1st Caledonian Student Voice Meeting of Session 2024/25

Meeting held on Monday, 21st October 2024, in-person in NH208, at 17:00pm.

Sign In:

Present: Robert Gallacher (Chair); Kacy Chaudhry (Vice Chair); Wilfred Obi (Student President); Oluwatomisin Osinubi (VP GSBS); Laiba Tareen (VP SCEBE); Friday Oshiotse (VP SHLS); Aishwarya Kurhade (AK); Alex Tibbetts (AT); Alexander Dale (AD); Cameron Corbett (CC); Chenali Pitroda (CP); Chinaenyenwa Ugo (CU); Dylan Welsh (DW); Erica Calucando (EC); Holly Boyd (HB); Imoh Okoronkwo (IO); James Ewins (JE); Lian Yinghui (LY); Lou Russell (LR); Lucky Ehigiamusoe (LE); Mariam Akinwale (MK); Mark Sherlock (MS); Misbah Warsi (MW); Nicholas Kimilu (NK); Oluwalajuwomi Idowu (OI); Paul Brady (PB); Prince Chukwuemeka Ogaraku (PO); Zahraa Al Doori (ZD)

Absent: Akpevwenoghene Gbenedio (AG); Chloe Aylott (CA); Gabriel Jeremiah Oruikor (GO); Hammand Ali Akhtar (HA); Jenna Gamme (JG); Leah Phillips (LP); Lee Cassidy (LC); Naomi Patterson (NP); Olivia Crichton (OC); Paul Riley (PR); Yvonne Wilson (YW); Zain Ul Abidin Qureshi (ZQ)

Apologies: Amy Quigey (AQ); Amy Travers (ATR); Chunda Casca-Ogosu (CCO); Durdane Oz (DO); Ebenezer Adegoke (EA); Emma Dow (ED); Gillian Hunter (GH); Gordon Edwards (GE); Joy Onaise (JO)

In attendance: Sara MacLean (Student Voice Team Leader); Stephen Lopez (Academic Registrar); Dr Karen Thomson (Associate Dean, International); Karl Henry (Communications Co-ordinator); Philip Morton (Clerk)

Observers: Katie Duncan; Lauren Shaw Gillies; Ashwini Kedar; Gargee Bonde; Anuja Kanade; Riya Agarkar; Dharmishtha Jadega; Gbolahan Abodunrin

Any member of Student Voice, excluding Full Time Officers, who miss two meetings of Student Voice without apologies in an academic year, will have automatically deemed to have resigned as a member, Officer, Department, PGT or PGR Rep.

1. **Chair Announcements**

   The Chair welcomed all members to the first meeting of Student Voice for 2024/25 and asked members to raise their voting card if they wished to speak. Members were reminded of what conduct is acceptable during the meeting. It was noted that an additional agenda item had been added on the day of the meeting.

2. **External Speaker: Stephen Lopez**

   The Academic Registrar attended Student Voice to discuss the SEAtS attendance system and Attendance Monitoring Policy.

   An overview of the implementation of the SEAtS system was provided. It was noted that the previous card swipe system was replaced due the outdated system that didn't connect with modern operating systems, the desire to phase out student cards for both environmental and financial reasons and that swipe systems were in need of replacing at a cost of £1,500 per unit. Furthermore the previous swipe system did not present students with attendance record information.

   The previous attendance percentage thresholds were explained and it was confirmed that this has been modified to 0% attendance over a three-week period to identify non-engagement. During this

period, non-engaging students will be contacted weekly to check if there are any issues or support may be provided to aid their return. Students have two weeks to reply after the three-week period before withdrawal actions may be taken. Due to issues implementing the system, bugs whilst using the system and time for both staff and students to familiarise themselves with use, a grace period has been extended to the end of October in which all attendance monitoring has been waived. Multiple QR codes have been added to large lecture theatres to avoid congestion and lecturers may request additional QR codes or have them moved to less obtrusive areas. It noted that areas on campus suffer from poor signal connection although free wi-fi on campus can be used.

Three main reasons for the university to monitor attendance are; to report to SASS, reporting to UKVI and to ensure student welfare for those that are non-engaging. It was however noted that the introduction of both SEAtS and the updated Attendance Monitoring Policy at the same time may have led to many issues and confusion with students.

The Vice Chair commented on digital accessibility as not all students have access to smart devices and the potential issue of devices running out of battery. Although lecturers have the ability to monitor attendance manually, this does not always happen, with present students marked as absent. The Academic Registrar reiterated that being marked as absent on a single class would have no impact on attendance monitoring and that no action would happen in these cases. Plug points are available on campus for charging devices although it was appreciated that not all students have smart devices and the university could perhaps provide a loan system to aid this. It was clarified that lecturers can manually mark attendance and that training and resources are available to all academic staff on this system. It was noted that there had been glitches in terms of new and casual staff who should now be fully trained on protocol. If there are further issues with manual attendance marking, individual students should notify their programme leader.

MS provided input on SEAtS not registering with their timetable until after class, at which point they are noted as absent with this issue persisting after the app has been uninstalled and cache cleared. Due to this, they have received emails from the university due to 0% attendance noted. In reply, it was stated that this will not impact studies and that there is currently an MS Form to complete for individual issues that can be assessed on a case by case basis before SEAtS may be contacted for a solution. Furthermore, in response to IO, it was stated that students with long-term sickness or inability to attend campus may contact the university or fill in an online form to obtain an authorised absence that will not impact their attendance. They may wish to communicate with their personal tutor upon their return for the best action when continuing their studies to ensure progression.

It was noted that unlike the previous system, SEAtS is integrated with timetabling allowing access to identify where students are on campus as well as lecturers occasionally carrying out manual attendance audits. It was further discussed that the university wish to identify 'ghost classes' where timetabled classes appear that student may be marked absent on when these classes do not exist. It was stated that room changes should be minimal although if it is the intention for notifications to be sent to students through the GCU app if classes are cancelled at the last minute.

3. **Change to Committee Meeting Rules – Digital Voting**

The Chair explained the Mentimeter voting system and requested the approval of its use for the duration of the 2024/25 academic year.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Change to Committee Meeting Rules – Use of Digital Voting. **Vote: For: 25; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.** The Change to Committee Meeting Rules – Use of Digital Voting was approved.

4. Full Time Officers Team and Individual Objectives

The Full Time Officers presented their Team and Individual Objectives for approval.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Full Time Officers Team and Individual Objectives.
Vote: For: 20; Against: 0; Abstentions: 1. The Full Time Officers Team and Individual Objectives were approved.

5. Full Time Officer Reports

The Full Time Officers presented their reports for approval. It was highlighted that the team continue to work with the university to address issues with the SEAtS system. It was encouraged for members of Student Voice to vote in the upcoming Chair of Court elections. Vice President GSBS provided clarity on their objective to 'Launch Campus Bean Bag Conversations' to benefit student experience.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Full Time Officer Reports.
Vote: For: 27; Against: 0; Abstentions: 2. The Full Time Officer Reports were approved.

6. Student Voice Officer Reports

The Chair asked if any Student Voice Officers wished to present a verbal report.

The Biology & Biomedical Sciences Department Rep noted a lack of water dispensers near lecture theatres on campus. IO commented that students have requested more access to microwaves and coffee stands at strategic areas on campus as well as the increase in food and drinks prices on campus.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Student Voice Officer Reports.
Vote: For: 22; Against: 1; Abstentions: 3. The Student Voice Officer Reports were approved.

7. Clubs and Societies Proposed for Affiliation

The Societies Council Chair presented the list of new societies seeking affiliation to the Students' Association.

AK raised the dissolve of the previous GISA society and their confusion as to why. They further asked for clarity on the objectives of the Desi Society. Furthermore, it was commented that there are external affiliations that were due to align with the GISA society who will no longer do so. MW provided insight that the Desi society encourages all Asian communities to feel inclusive under one society, representing a multitude of cultures. It was confirmed by the Societies Chair that both GISA and Desi had almost identical constitutions and that the decision to dissolve the society was undertaken by the committee members of GISA who voted to dissolve the society. It was however noted that further questions could be brought forward outside of the meeting with the Societies Chair and Vice President SCEBE to identify and resolve any issues.

Affiliation for Societies:

• 	The Redeemed Christian Fellowships (Restarter)
• 	Nordic Society (Restarter)
• 	Nutrition and Dietetics Society (Restarter)
• 	Sikh Society (New)
• 	Desi (Restarter)

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Sports Clubs and Societies Proposed for Affiliation.

Vote: For: 17; Against: 8; Abstentions: 2. The Sports Clubs and Societies Proposed for Affiliation were approved.

8. **External Affiliations**

The Student President noted that approval is needed for the Students' Association to remain affiliated to the following organisations:

• National Union of Students (NUS)
• British Universities and College Sports (BUCS)
• Scottish Student Sport (SSS)
• Nightline Association (NA)
• Advice Centre (AUK)

The Chair called for a vote to approve the External Affiliations.
Vote: For: 27; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0. The External Affiliations were approved.

9. **Elections**

The Chair presented the Student Voice Elected Positions needing filled for 2024/25. It was noted that anyone wishing to volunteer should ensure that they are available for the meetings their position holds as to not impact studies.

The following Student Voice Members ran for each Student Voice Elected Position:

• Senate Student Representative (3 open places)
Imoh Okoronkwo, Chenali Pitroda, Chinaenyenwa Ugo, Lucky Ehigiamusoe, Lian Yinghui, Cameron Corbett

• Senate Disciplinary Committee (2 positions):
Kacy Chaudhry, Lucky Ehigiamusoe, Dylan Welsh, Aishwarya Kurhade,

• Learning Enhancement Sub-Committee Rep (1 UG, 1 PGT):
UG - Lian Yinghui, Zahraa Al Doori
PGT – Nicholas Kimilu, Chinaenyenwa Ugo

• Honorary Degrees Committee (1 position):
Nicholas Kimilu
This position was duly elected.

• Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (1 position):
Prince Chukwuemeka Ogaraku, Mariam Akinwale, Misbah Warsi

The positions not duly elected will have separate online elections take place after this meeting of Student Voice.

10. **Ideas**

The Chair presented ideas (based on the number of votes submitted on the Students' Association website) for approval.

Keep Wednesday Free for Sports Day

The proposer presented an overview of their submitted idea. It was additionally clarified that it is written in university policy that after 1pm on Wednesday's, only teaching that cannot be accommodated at any other time should be scheduled to allow for sports, volunteering and participatory activities. It was noted that this policy is abided by in other universities to allow for participation, ensuring students have time to compete in sporting events and take part in a wide range of extracurricular activities. The percentage of students who have classes on a Wednesday afternoon was questioned, how this may be lowered and communicated to staff and timetabling.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the changed improvement to include other volunteering and participatory activities in addition to sports in the motion.
Vote: For: 27; Against: 2; Abstentions: 0. The revised improvement was approved.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the improvement to the motion that the university enforce the policy for Wednesday afternoon as it was already a GCU policy but poorly enforced.
Vote: For: 28; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0. The revised improvement was approved.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the full idea proposed.
Vote: For: 28; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0. The Idea was approved. **Action: Vice President GSBS.**

Eid Holidays

The proposer presented an overview of their submitted idea. It was commented that it is not a legal requirement for the university or an employer to grant a day off for religious reasoning although it was asked for enhanced flexibility as a mark of respect for students who wish to celebrate and practice their faith, including students on placement. An improvement was proposed for the university to be flexible with students wishing to take time off for religious and faith-based engagement as opposed to a campus wide day off.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the changed improvement for the university to be more flexible, allowing students to take time off to for religious and faith-based engagement.
Vote: For: 17; Against: 9; Abstentions: 0. The revised improvement was approved.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the full idea proposed.
Vote: For: 11; Against: 12; Abstentions: 3 The Idea was not approved.

Get Rid of the SEAtS App!

The proposer noted their proposed idea although commented that due to the discussion with the Academic Registrar during the meeting, that the university seem to be addressing the raised issues with the system and rolling out improvements. It was noted that the only worry is if students and lecturers are not used to the system by the start of November when attendance monitoring begins.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the full idea proposed.
Vote: For: 5; Against: 21; Abstentions: 2 The Idea was not approved.

11. **Election Rules Update**

The Student Voice Team Leader outlined the proposed changes to Election Rules as outlined in the paper. The changes are minimal this year and for clarification rather than addition of new rules.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Election Rules Update.
Vote: For: 26; Against: 1; Abstention: 2. The Election Rules Update was approved.

12. **By Law Changes – Increasing Ideas Likes for it to be Eligible for Student Voice**

It was proposed that the number of 'likes' for an idea to be discussed at Student Voice be increased to 15 and that the overall number of likes should be the number of positive reactions minus the number of negative reactions. A minor change in wording surrounding NUS conferences was also proposed due to NUS UK conference no longer being held.

The Student President suggested an improvement to increase the overall number of likes needed to 25 providing the rationale that due to the number of students on campus, that this may encourage for more active campaigning to ensure that enough students have been consulted before an idea is discussed and presented to the university. A further improvement was presented by the Vice Chair to increase this further to 30 overall likes, to further encourage campaigning and for an increase in engagement with the ideas platform. The Chair commented that further increases may result in good ideas with little engagement being missed.

Before an improvement was made, the Chair asked for a raise of hands to identify if this is necessary and if so, what the number of likes should be raised to (25 or 30). The majority raised their hands for 25.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the changed improvement for the number of overall likes necessary to be increased to 25.
Vote: For: 19; Against: 6; Abstentions: 1. The revised improvement was approved.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the By Law Changes including the approved improvement.
Vote: For: 17; Against: 6; Abstention: 2. The By Law Changes were approved.

13. Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 08th April 2024

The Chair invited members who were present at the last meeting of Student Voice to consider the minutes of the previous Student Voice meeting held on 08th April 2024.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 08th April 2024.
Vote: For: 2; Against: 0; Abstention: 3. The Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 08th April 2024 were approved.

14. Matters Arising from Meeting on 08th April 2024

There were no Matters Arising to be discussed.

15. Minutes of Student Voice Sub-Committees

There were no Minutes of Student Voice Sub-Committees to be approved.

16. Standing Orders

The Standing Orders were presented as ideas that have previously been approved during Student Voice. It was noted that after five years the policy will lapse unless brought forward as a new motion.

17. Audited Accounts

The Audited Accounts were presented with no further questions.

18. Strategic Plan Progress

The Strategic Plan Progress was presented with no further questions.

19. National Student Survey Results 2024

The National Student Survey Results 2024 were noted for information.

20. Election Timetable 2023/24

The Election Timetable 2023/24 was noted for information.

21. Full Time Officer Remuneration

The Full Time Officer Remuneration was noted for information.

22. AOCB

Vice President GSBS highlighted the NUS student housing campaign and encouraged student voice members to complete their survey to allow for a bespoke report to be provided on GCU engagement to identify concerns and issues that current students are facing.

IO suggested that informal suggestion boxes be available at strategic areas across campus for students to leave feedback and areas of improvement for the university and Students' Association.

AK asked for further information on committee approvals and how this may be approached in regards to the previously discussed dissolved GISA society. Vice President SCEBE and the Societies Council Chair commented that they can be met with privately, as well as with the Societies Co-ordinator within the Students' Association to discuss the matter further and identify a solution for rectifying the issue or restarting the society. The Student President commented that for future meetings of Student Voice, that societies could be voted on separately to avoid contention. The Student Voice Team Leader explained the process of society vetting through Societies council and Student Voice.

The meeting was concluded at 19:00pm.

Committee Title	Student Voice				
Date of Meeting	21st October 2024				
Item Number and Title/Subject	Full Time Officer Reports				
Paper Presenter	Wilfred Obi, Student President Laiba Tareen, Vice President SCEBE Friday Oshiotse, Vice President SHLS Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President GSBS				
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	The Constitution outlines that 'Student Voice has the power to scrutinise the work of the Executive Committee'. The reports outlined progress made against remits and Team and Individual Objectives.				
Recommendation(s)	Information		Discussion		Approval	X
	Any member can ask a question by raising their voting card and being recognised by the Chair to speak. Student Voice is asked to approve the Full Time Officers Report.				
Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Executive Committee				
Staff/Student Protocol **Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?**	Yes		No	X	N/A	
	The Chief Executive has been consulted in the development of the Full Time Officers team and individual objectives and remits.				
Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting? **If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.**	No The Full Time Officer reports are made available to the membership on the Students' Association website.				

Report by Wilfred Obi, Student President

Name:	*Wilfred Obi*
Date Produced:	**10/10/2024**
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Collaborate with the University to increase students access to Better Sporting facilities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Higher number of students engaging with campus sport facilities	Had a preliminary meeting with Arc manager to find a common ground to make this happen.
2.	To facilitate Student engagement with the campus masterplan	Number of students consulted by the University	Planed a meeting with the school management to discuss this
3.	To collaborate with the university to Identify programmes with lowest NSS score for overall satisfaction to improve the student experience and sense of belonging.	An improved NSS Score (GCU overall satisfaction	I have had engagement with ECE and building services engineering 4th year students to discuss this

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Explicit sports. Strategy within Campus Masterplan.	In progress
2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school to better understand student needs	Action Plan completed. NSS result improved	In progress
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression	Improved progression rate	In progress

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	GCU London	No meeting yet
2.	GCU Communications & Public Affairs	I have had two meetings with the university communication team
3.	Estates (excluding Caledonian Court and Catering)	No meeting yet
4.	GCU Strategy and Planning	I have had a meeting with the management to discuss the university strategy for 2030
5.	Student Voice and Ideas Process	No meeting yet
6.	Champion: LGBT+ Network	No meeting yet
7.	University Court	I have attended 2 court meeting where the university strategy was discussed
8.	University Court Standing Committees	No meetings yet
9.	Senate	I attended Senate meeting on the 09/10/2024
10.	Academic Appeals Committee	No meeting yet
11.	Honorary Degrees Committee	I have attended 1 meeting to consider nominations for honorary award
12.	Prevent Steering Group	No meeting yet
13.	Student Survey Working Group	Attended just one meeting
14.	Trustee Board (Chair	Attended 1 trustee board meeting
15.	Executive Committee (Chair)	We have had four executive board meeting where issues affecting
16.	Appointments Committee (Chair)	Attended two meeting

Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact *What difference will this meeting or event make?*
1.	Estate	
2.	GCU strategy and planning	
3.	GCU London	

Report by Tom Tom – VP GSBS

Name:	*Oluwatomisin Osinubi*
Date Produced:	**03-10-2024**
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Quiet room establishment	Official publication and launch of the space to all students on social media and emails via student comms.	Conversations ongoing with wellbeing team on a possible space that could be used but needs funding to be furnished.
2.	Student housing campaigns	- Rent guarantor Scheme set up for next academic year. - GCU students access to Glasgow Housing Cooperative. - Student feedback on their better knowledge of renting rights. - Better student housing experience.	Lobbying plans in progress with other Scottish Sabbs.
3.	Launch Campus Bean Bag Conversations	- Initial pilot session & Full roll-out of the initiative with monthly sessions to be launched by the end of Tri A. - Attendance of students each session and their levels of participation. - Track number of student issues raised during the sessions that are presented in meetings and how many lead to positive changes or responses from the university. - Social media and Student Feedback	Plans & Topics being consulted on.

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus.	- Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA. - Explicit sports strategy within Campus Masterplan. - E-Sport Arena Business Case approved.	
2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school	An improved student learning experience	

	to better understand student needs.	Higher satisfaction for learning and teaching in NSS.	
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression.	-Action Plan completed (milestones) -Improved progression rate Students' Association feedback included in Education Strategy.	

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.
1.	Wellbeing	- Quiet room conversations ongoing with Katie at the Uni Wellbeing department - Free Haircuts & Braids on campus for Black History month - World Mental Health day plans with Rachel for 10th October to be finalized Friday 4th October
2.	Accommodation	Ongoing Housing campaign plans with Scottish sabbs on several objectives including Increased regulations for PBSA's - rent controls and rights.
3.	Sports	- Sports council meeting date being voted on - Conversations with BUCS on how to support smaller HE like GCU to develop their sports activities on a university level rather than just SA
4.	Disability Project Board Review	Formation of guidance for staff
5.	Academic Dev & Enhancement	-
6.	Mature & Part-Time Students	-
7.	Student Media Groups	Radio Caley consultation on being open 24/7
8.	Care Experienced & Care Estranged Students	-
9.	GCU Foundation, Alumni & Graduation	-
10.	Student Leaders Programme, SDGS, Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship	-
11.	Outreach & Articulation	Meeting with the Uni Outreach Department on providing more integration support
12.	GSBS	- Requested for School Strategy - Introduction email sent to GSBS student emails - Education committee notes from Thursday 3rd October, 2024

Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact What difference will this meeting or event make?
1.	Black History Month	More undergraduate black, Afro-Caribbean Scottish/UK student engagement
2.	Identify & meet with student social media influencers	Help with amplifying campaigns and engagement

3.	GSBS students' welcome email & Dean catch up	- Emails to encourage school based engagement with SA - Dean catch up after Exec - Requested operational plan from Dean awaiting response. - Working with Associate Dean Samantha & Ellie to create a closer partnership with department reps & department heads.
4.	Meeting with Care Experienced & Care Estranged student groups	- To gain a better understanding of their student experience

Report by Laiba Tareen, Vice President SCEBE

Name:	Laiba Tareen
Date Produced:	10/10/24
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Improve cost of living by increasing access to hardship funds for international students	Successful approval of expanded eligibility criteria for hardship funds.	Ongoing conversations with university Exec
2.	Implementing bidet shower on Campus for students	Commitment of Installation of bidet showers in campus masterplan	Ongoing conversations with university Exec
3.	Promoting and increasing social computer lounges.	Positive student feedback in IT services and facility surveys.	Ongoing conversations with university Exec

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Explicit sports strategy within Campus Masterplan E-Sport Arena Business Case approved	Ongoing conversations with university Exec
2.			Ongoing conversations with university Exec

	To work with key programmes within each academic school to better understand student needs.	Action Plan completed NSS result improved	
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression	Action Plan completed (milestones) Improved progression rate Students' Association feedback included in Education Strategy	Ongoing conversations with university Exec

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	Societies	Increased the number of societies, focusing on creating more inclusive spaces for students
2.	EDI	Successfully hosted an EDI awareness week, bringing in diverse speakers and panelists.
3.	Catering	Improved food options across campus with a focus on affordability and diversity, including more dietary options for students with specific needs
4.	International Students	Ongoing Conversations about increasing hardship funds
5.	Women's Network	Met with women's Officer
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Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact *What difference will this meeting or event make?*
1.	International Students	Increase in hardship funds for International students
2.	Social computer Lounges	Having an agreement in place
3.	Bidet showers	Having conversations about masterplan

Report by Friday Oshiotse, Vice President SHLS

Name:	Friday Ohimai Oshiotse
Date Produced:	08/09/2024
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Dialogue with the university executive for early retrieval	• Data reports • Feedback from students	• This has been presented before the education committee and to Pro Vice-Chancellor for Education
2.	Collaborate with the Induction Planning Steering Group for a continuous induction programme for freshers who might not be able to resume in week one	• Data reports • Feedback from students	• This was presented to the Induction Planning Steering Group (IPSG) for action • Measures was put in place to identify students who will resume in week two and three and organise a separate induction for them
3.	Collaborate with continuing students and alumni to provide academic guidance for students through tutorials	• Feedback from students	• This has commenced in the School of Health and Life Sciences • Plans has been made to call on volunteers (alumni and continuing students) across the various departments and programmes

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Explicit sports. Strategy within Campus Masterplan.	In process
2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school to better understand student needs	Action Plan completed. NSS result improved.	In process
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression	Improved progression rate	In process

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	School of Health and Life Sciences	• The issue of some students from medical bioscience who couldn't write their dissertations in Trimester C due to resits was presented. An appeal was made to allow them write their dissertations in Trimester 2024 A rather than waiting till Trimester C 2025 and this was granted • A request was made to investigate the high failure rates in medical bioscience and this was granted • Some courses have been withdrawn in SHLS due to low number of intakes and because those courses are no longer sustainable financially
2.	Taught & Research Postgraduate Students	• Introductory meeting held with a discussion on how to improve postgraduate experience • A research subcommittee was set up and a request was made for the committee to have at least a student representative SHLS, GSBS, and SCEBE
3.	Student Carers	• Recruitment process is going on to appoint a Representation Network Officer for this position
4.	Freshers, Induction, and Open Days	• Freshers programme and induction took place between 16th to 19th of September 2024
5.	Nightline Volunteer Programme	• No event has taken place
6.	Quality Assurance and SPARQS	• The Full Time Officers attended a SPARQS event at Edinburgh between 5th and 6th of August, 2024
7.	Library	• No event has taken place
8.	Information Technology	• Meeting held with a discussion on how to improve on the GCU student app
9.	Campus Trade Unions	• No event has taken place
10.	Ethical and Environmental	• No event has taken place
11.	Champion: Ethnic Diversity Network	• Some Representation Network Officers have been appointed
12.	Education Committee	• The issue of students with visa expirations on September 17th, 2024, and in February 2025 was presented to the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Education, and a request was made for priority marking so they could apply for a post-study visa. This request was granted for students with visa expirations on September 17th, 2024.

Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact *What difference will this meeting or event make?*
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Minutes of the 2ˢᵗ Caledonian Student Voice Meeting of Session 2024/25

Meeting held on Monday, 02ⁿᵈ December 2024, in-person in NH208, at 17:00pm.

Sign In:

Present: Robert Gallacher (Chair); Kacy Chaudhry (Vice Chair); Wilfred Obi (Student President); Oluwatomisin Osinubi (VP GSBS); Friday Oshiotse (VP SHLS); Aishwarya Kurhade (AK); Akpevwenoghene Gbenedio (AG); Cameron Corbett (CC); Chenali Pitroda (CP); Chinaenyenwa Ugo (CU); Dylan Welsh (DW); Ebenezer Adegoke (EA); Erica Calucando (EC); Gabriel Jeremiah Oruikor (GO); Imoh Okoronkwo (IO); Imtiyaz Mohammad (IM); Lian Yinghui (LY); Lou Russell (LR); Lucky Ehigiamusoe (LE); Mariam Akinwale (MK); Zahraa Al Doori (ZD)

Absent: Alex Tibbetts (AT); Anja Du Preez (ADP); Durdane Oz (DO); Emma Dow (ED); Holly Boyd (HB); James Ewins (JE); Jenna Gamme (JG); Joy Onaise (JO); Leah Phillips (LP); Lee Cassidy (LC); Misbah Warsi (MW); Olivia Crichton (OC); Prince Chukwuemeka Ogaraku (PO); Savi Shripad Marathe (SM); Yvonne Wilson (YW)

Apologies: Laiba Tareen (VP SCEBE); Alexander Dale (AD); Amy Quigey (AQ); Amy Travers (ATR); Chloe Aylott (CA); Chunda Casca-Ogosu (CCO); Gillian Hunter (GH); Gordon Edwards (GE); Mark Sherlock (MS); Michael Whitworth (MW); Nicholas Kimilu (NK); Oluwalajuwomi Idowu (OI); Paul Brady (PB); Paul Riley (PR); Zain Ul Abidin Qureshi (ZQ)

In attendance: Sara MacLean (Student Voice Team Leader); Philip Morton (Clerk)

Observers: Anuja Kanade (AKA); Ashwini Kedar (AKE); Gargee Bonde; Riya Agarkar (RA)

Any member of Student Voice, excluding Full Time Officers, who miss two meetings of Student Voice without apologies in an academic year, will have automatically deemed to have resigned as a member, Officer, Department, PGT or PGR Rep.

1. **Chair Announcements**

   The Chair welcomed all members to the second meeting of Student Voice for 2024/25 and asked members to raise their voting card if they wished to speak. Members were reminded of what conduct is acceptable during the meeting.

2. **Representation Officer Appointments**

   There were seven Representation Network Officers that were co-opted by the Executive Committee brought to Student Voice for 2024-25 for approval:

   • Chloe Aylott – Womens Officer
   • Lou Russell – LGBT+ Officer
   • Zain Ul Abidin Qureshi – Ethnic Diversity Officer
   • Ebenezer Adegoke – Mature and Parttime Students Officer
   • Erica Calucando – Disabled Students Officer
   • Aishwarya Kurhade – Caledonian Court Residents' Officer
   • Chenali Pitroda – Student Carers' Officer
   • Tesicca Truong – Ethical and Environmental Officer

   The Chair called for a vote to approve the Representation Officer Appointments.
   Vote: For: 11; Against: 0; Abstentions: 5. The Representation Officer Appointments were approved.

3. **Full Time Officer Reports**

The Full Time Officers presented their reports for approval.

Vice President GSBS highlighted the existing quiet room within the Faith and Belief Centre that is currently being used for prayer, it was noted that the timetable will be reviewed to provide increased access as a student quiet space. Furthermore, a designated quiet space was raised in regards to being included in the campus masterplan. An update was provided on the rent guarantor scheme, campus beanbag conversations, student wellbeing and enhancing sports on campus. It was further noted that the university will clarify the number of classes taking place on Wednesday afternoons to assess any reductions to increase free time for sports clubs, societies and volunteering activities.

Vice President SHLS discussed resit submission periods with the university, to move from trimester C to B to alleviate implications on dissertation submissions. It was also confirmed that fee-paying students who have visa expirations on February 4th 2025 will receive priority marking to allow for post study visa applications.

The Student President highlighted the Student Pantry, recent engagement with GCU London campus, graduation ceremonies, lobbying in Westminster and Holyrood as well as student engagement to ensure a student friendly campus within the campus masterplan.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Full Time Officer Reports.
Vote: For: 15; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Full Time Officer Reports were approved.

4. **Student Voice Officer Reports**

The Student Voice Officer Reports were presented for noting with no additional updates.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Student Voice Officer Reports.
Vote: For: 11; Against: 0; Abstentions: 4. The Student Voice Officer Reports were approved.

5. **Clubs and Societies Proposed for Affiliation**

The Chair presented the list of new sports clubs and societies seeking affiliation to the Students' Association.

Affiliation for Sports Clubs:

• Surf Club

Affiliation for Societies:

• Palestine Solidarity Society
• Therapeutic Writing Society
• GCU Warhammer Society
• Music Society
• Winners Campus Society
• GCU Hindu
• Folk Society
• Caledonian Robotics Society
• GISA

An explanation on table top gaming and the Warhammer Society was provided by CC. IM received clarification on the difference between GISA and Hindu society as one is region based and another religion. It was further noted that GISA's objectives include the exchange of cultures and traditions, celebrating festivals, organising events and supporting students on campus.

An overview of the Societies Council was provided by CC to explain how the committee review and approve each society before being presented to Student Voice. The Chair confirmed that all societies would be voted as one item due to this vetting process.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Sports Clubs and Societies Proposed for Affiliation.
Vote: For: 13; Against: 0; Abstentions: 4. The Sports Clubs and Societies Proposed for Affiliation were approved.

6. **By Law Change: Clarify "calendar year" for Ideas**

The Chair clarified the improvement of the wording 'calendar year' within the by law for ideas, so ideas have 365 days from submission to gain the necessary likes to be presented at Student Voice. The revision read: If an Idea does not reach 25 overall likes within 365 days of being submitted then it will not be considered at Student Voice however this Idea can be resubmitted.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the By Law Change: Clarify "calendar year" for Ideas.
Vote: For: 15; Against: 1; Abstentions: 2. The By Law Change: Clarify "calendar year" for Ideas was approved.

7. **Ideas**

The Chair presented ideas (based on the number of votes submitted on the Students' Association website) for approval.

Make the Multi-User Game Area (MUGA) Free for Students

The Student President presented their submitted idea to lobby for free use of the MUGA for students use as the facility is not being used by students due to the £17 per hour hire fee, adding that increased usage would promote health and wellbeing as well as enhance the student experience on campus.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the idea proposed.
Vote: For: 18; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Idea was approved. **Action: Student President.**

Stop the Promotion/Association with Barclays Bank

The proposer was not in attendance and no members were prepared to speak on behalf of the idea, it was decided that this idea would be postponed for proposal at the next meeting of Student Voice.

8. **Elections**

The Chair presented the Student Voice Elected Position needing filled for 2024/25. An overview of the position and commitment level was provided.

The following Student Voice Members ran for the Student Voice Elected Position:

• Elections Committee (5 positions):
Cameron Corbett, Kacy Chaudhry, Lian Yinghui, Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Chinaenyenwa Ugo

This position was duly elected.

9. **Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 21st October 2024**

The Chair invited members who were present at the previous Student Voice meeting held on 21st October 2024 to consider the minutes.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 21st October 2024. **Vote: For: 16; Against: 0; Abstention: 0.** The Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 21st October 2024 were approved.

10. **Minutes of the Extraordinary Student Voice Meeting on 18th November 2024**

The Chair invited members who were present at the previous Extraordinary Student Voice meeting held on 18th November 2024 to consider the minute.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 18th November 2024. **Vote: For: 14; Against: 0; Abstention: 2.** The Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 18th November 2024 were approved.

11. **Matters Arising from Meeting on 21st October 2024**

There were no Matters Arising to consider.

12. **Minutes of Student Voice Sub-Committees**

The Chair invited members to consider the minutes of Student Voice Sub Committees.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the minutes of Student Voice Sub Committees. **Vote: For: 17; Against: 0; Abstention: 1.** The minutes of Student Voice Sub Committees were approved.

13. **AOCB**

IO raised the compulsory student leaders programme for GSBS MSc students and the impact that this has on dissertation submissions as well as work-life balance. It was suggested to revert back to optional attendance with a hybrid option for those unable to visit campus. It was noted that Full Time Officers could register new students to the Students' Association website during inductions to ensure membership and ease to vote in the election. The Student President suggested IO to submit their concerns as Student Voice ideas and that these would be raised with the University.

CC commented that there has been no access to class rep details throughout Trimester A. It was stated that there is a lack of communication between programme leaders and the Students' Association on this matter that needs to be resolved.

The meeting was concluded at 17:47pm.

Committee Title	Student Voice
Date of Meeting	2nd December 2024
Item Number and Title/Subject	Full Time Officer Reports
Paper Presenter	Wilfred Obi, Student President Laiba Tareen, Vice President SCEBE Friday Oshiotse, Vice President SHLS Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President GSBS
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	The Constitution outlines that 'Student Voice has the power to scrutinise the work of the Executive Committee'. The reports outlined progress made against remits and Team and Individual Objectives.

Recommendation(s)	Information		Discussion		Approval	X
	Any member can ask a question by raising their voting card and being recognised by the Chair to speak. Student Voice is asked to approve the Full Time Officers Report.					

Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Executive Committee					

Staff/Student Protocol	Yes		No	X	N/A	
Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?	The Chief Executive has been consulted in the development of the Full Time Officers team and individual objectives and remits.					

Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting? If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.	No The Full Time Officer reports are made available to the membership on the Students' Association website.

Report by Wilfred Obi, Student President

Name:	*Wilfred Obi*
Date Produced:	**22/11/2024**
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

1. Full Time Officer Team and Individual Objectives
The Full Time Officers Team and Individual Objectives were approved by Student Voice on Monday 21st October 2024.
Team Objectives 2024/25
Student President Individual Objectives 2024/25

2. Black History Month
As part of Black History Month the Students' Association organised a Show Racism the Red Card Workshop on Tuesday 8th October 2024, free haircuts for black students by expert barbers specialising in cutting and styling black hair on Wednesday 9th October 2024 and held a joint Raising Your Career Aspirations event with GCU Careers on Tuesday 29th October 2024 with guest speakers Viana Maya, Mahmud Abdulla and Michael Jonathan.

3. Student Pantry and Winter Warmer

The Students' Association continues to operate the Student Pantry during 2024/25 on a reduced operating model and is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am to 9.30am, with 40 student visits available each week to collect up to 10 free food items every fortnight. We have submitted an external grant application on 31st October 2024 for £1,000 to the Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership Improvement Community Food Grants Scheme 2024/25.
During Trimester A students can also access the Winter Warmer on both the Glasgow and London Campus. Students can obtain a hot drink and porridge during Trimester A from the Students' Association.

4. Chair of Court Elections
The Students' Association supported the Department of Governance in organising the Student Stakeholder Group to meet the prospective Chair of Court candidates that took place on Monday 7th October 2024. The Full Time Officers were also recently filmed by GCU Student Communications to encourage students to vote in the just concluded election.

5. GCU London Visit and Student Engagement

The Student President and Vice President SCEBE visited the London Campus on the 4th November 2024 to engage with the students on issues that affects their students experience. The feedback was passed to the Director of London Campus during our meeting with him on the 6th November 2024.

6. **GCU London Graduation**

The Student President attended the GCU London Graduation ceremony held at the Festival Hall in London on the 5th of November 2024.

7. Governor Meetings with Students
Liaising with the Chair of Court, we have arranged opportunities for governors to meet with students to ask them about their GCU student experience. We agreed a school-based approach. The first session took place on Thursday 10th October 2024 with GSBS students. Year one students who attended stated they were quite satisfied with the induction process. However, some students raised concerns about the SEATs App attendance monitoring system and asked that the access be made better for disabled students.

8. Monthly Meetings with University Executive
In addition to the Student President regularly meeting separately with the Principal and Vice-Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Full Time Officers have collective monthly meetings with members of the University Executive. A meeting was held on the Thursday 17th October 2024 with discussions on the Full Time Officer Team and Individual Objectives and how we planned to achieve them as well as the success measures. Feedback from the Student Governors meeting was tabled before the University Executive and plans were put in place to sort the issues raised.

9. Student Engagement on their GCU Experience and Feedback

We continued engagement with programmes that had low scores in the last NSS survey, to gain more insight as to the reasons for those scores and we also engaged asking them the kind of facilities they would want to see on campus, this is to feedback to the university management to help make the campus masterplan student friendly.

12. Housing Week

As part of the NUS Scotland Fix Student Housing Campaign, the Vice President GSBS organised Housing Week from 11th to 15th November. Further information: www.GCUstudents.co.uk/articles/housing-week.

13. Visit to House of Commons

The Full Time Officers visited the House of Commons on an educational trip on 23rd October 2024 and to support the NUS UK National Lobby Day. We were received by Martin Rhodes MP (Glasgow North) and John Grady MP (Glasgow East), we had a robust discussion with both MPs and encouraged him to support the bill to remove guarantors as a requirement for letting houses to students. There were also conversations about the Government current immigration policy and its implication for international students.

13. Visit to Holyrood

The Full Time Officers along with Chair Robert Mark Gallaher and Vice Chair Chaudhry Kanwal of the student voice visited the Scottish Parliament, we engaged in discussions with Paul Sweeney MSP and Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP, the Shadow cabinet Secretary for Education for Scottish Labour, focusing on key issues such as higher education funding, student accommodation, and mental health. We also had the opportunity to attend the first ministers' questions where we observe the first ministers handling of inquiries from opposition party leaders and other MSPs. The visit proved to be an enlightening and informative experience for us, Providing valuable insights into the workings of the Scottish political system.

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Collaborate with the University to increase students access to Better Sporting facilities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Higher number of students engaging with campus sport facilities	Had a second meeting with the Facility manager, Director of campus facilities and the Arc Manager to formally request for a free MUGA and reduction in Gym prices for Students.
2.	To facilitate Student engagement with the campus masterplan	Number of students consulted by the University	I have met and Engaged with civil and environmental engineering students as a focus group to ask the things they would wish to see on campus
3.	To collaborate with the university to Identify programmes with lowest NSS score for overall satisfaction to improve the student experience and sense of belonging.	An improved NSS Score (GCU overall satisfaction	I have had engagement with ECE and building services engineering 4th year students to discuss this, in addition, I have also engaged with climate justice students on this matter.

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Explicit sports. Strategy within Campus Masterplan.	The student president met with the Estate director, facilities manage, the Arc manager to start a discussion on how to improve health and wellbeing facilities on campus.
2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school to better understand student needs	Action Plan completed. NSS result improved	The full-time officers have identified key programmes and we are engaging with them to understand their needs
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression	Improved progression rate	We have met three times with the PVC education to discuss this issue and engagement will continue.

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	GCU London	Visited London campus, engaged with over 100 students who raised several issues affecting their student experience, those concerns where transmitted to the Director of London campus for urgent attention.
2.	GCU Communications & Public Affairs	I have had several meetings with the university communication team
3.	Estates (excluding Caledonian Court and Catering)	I have had two different meetings with the estate team.
4.	GCU Strategy and Planning	I have had a meeting with the management to discuss the university strategy for 2030
6.	Student Voice and Ideas Process	Several ideas have been raised on our websites and some of those have been discussed.
7.	Champion: LGBT+ Network	No meeting yet
9.	University Court	I have attended 2 court meeting where the university strategy was discussed
10.	University Court Standing Committees	I have had several court committee meetings.
11.	Senate	I attended Senate meeting on the 09/10/2024
13	Academic Appeals Committee	No meeting yet
14	Honorary Degrees Committee	I have attended 1 meeting to consider nominations for honorary award
15	Prevent Steering Group	No meeting yet
16	Student Survey Working Group	Attended two meetings where changes in module survey was discussed meeting
18	Trustee Board (Chair	Attended 1 trustee board meeting
19	Executive Committee (Chair)	We have had four executive board meeting where issues affecting
20	Appointments Committee (Chair)	Attended two meeting

Report by Tom Tom, Vice President GSBS

Name:	*Oluwatomisin Osinubi*
Date Produced:	**15-11-2024**
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Quiet room establishment	Official publication and launch of the space to all students on social media and emails via student comms.	On Agenda for next Exec Board Meeting with the university management.
2.	Student housing campaigns	- Rent guarantor Scheme set up for next academic year. - GCU students access to Glasgow Housing Cooperative. - Student feedback on their better knowledge of renting rights. - Better student housing experience.	- Biweekly meetings ongoing. - Housing week campaign done - Rally at Parliament to include students' rights in housing Bill. - Several MSPs & MPs contacted with a few showing support - Guarantor Scheme on agenda for exec board. - Event with accommodation adviser sensitizing students on their rights as renters for private renting. - Joined Glasgow student housing Co-op
3.	Launch Campus Bean Bag Conversations	- Initial pilot session & Full roll-out of the initiative with monthly sessions to be launched by the end of Tri A. - Attendance of students each session and their levels of participation. - Track number of student issues raised during the sessions that are presented in meetings and how many lead to positive changes or responses from the university. - Social media and Student Feedback	- Launched with a topic on Housing - Getting feedback for next topic to be held in December possibly on assessment support.

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*

1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus.	- Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA. - Explicit sports strategy within Campus Masterplan. - E-Sport Arena Business Case approved.	The student president met with the Estate director, facilities manage, the Arc manager to start a discussion on how to improve health and wellbeing facilities on campus.
2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school to better understand student needs.	An improved student learning experience Higher satisfaction for learning and teaching in NSS.	The full-time officers have identified key programmes and we are engaging with them to understand their needs
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression.	-Action Plan completed (milestones) -Improved progression rate Students' Association feedback included in Education Strategy.	We have met three times with the PVC education to discuss this issue and engagement will continue.

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	Wellbeing	- Think positive forum and contributed to the conversation about how housing is a key factor that determines student wellbeing - Campus bean bag conversation event launched - Worked with wellbeing team to create survey on student's wellbeing satisfaction and feedback.
2.	Accommodation	- Invited GCU accommodation adviser to share insights and answer student's questions about renting. - Plan to Set up meeting with Cale Court to get information and do a survey on student satisfaction.
3.	Sports	- Discussed Student voice idea to keep Wednesday afternoons free and the deputy vice chancellor, Susan to look into programs that have scheduled classes for Wednesday afternoon and work on reducing this where possible. Update to be gathered at next EXEC Board meeting. - Working on a blog on the importance of sports in HE and pitch to WONKHE - Conversations about how to increase sports engagement and sense of belonging - Glasgow Taxis Cup Photoshoot today
4.	Disability Project Board Review	- Disabled students expert panel set up with first meeting to hold on the 27th of November - Meeting with Disabled students' officer [15/11/2024] to discuss Neurodivergent spaces on campus and event for Disability History Month
5.	ACADEMIC DEV & ENHANCEMENT	
6.	MATURE & PART-TIME STUDENTS	
7.	STUDENT MEDIA GROUPS	- Introduced myself to the Edit [Love them!!]

		- Invited the Edit to cover the housing rally
8.	CARE EXPERIENCED & CARE ESTRANGED STUDENTS	
9.	GCU FOUNDATION, ALUMNI & GRADUATION	
10.	STUDENT LEADERS PROGRAMME, SDGs, SOCIAL INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP	-
11.	OUTREACH & ARTICULATION	-
12.	GSBS	- GSBS International students' event initial conversation - Meeting with Vice Dean and Academic rep Coordinator Ellie about departmental rep recruitment issue. - Requested support and funding for Academic rep gathering from dean - Attended GSBS international committee and contributed key themes to address for prospects such as accommodation - Submitted report for last School Board

Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact *What difference will this meeting or event make?*
1.	Sports strategy discussion with university management	University appoints a staff to take the lead on research and possible implementation routes
2.	Set up next campus bean bag event	Engagement
3.	Meeting with Care Experienced & Care Estranged network officer	To gain a better understanding of their student experience
4.	Press release about Housing campaigns	To raise awareness about the work done and what we're asking the government for.

Report by Friday Oshiotse, Vice President SHLS

Name:	Friday Ohimai Oshiotse
Date Produced:	21/11/2024
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Dialogue with the university executive for early retrieval	• Data reports • Feedback from students	• This was presented before the education committee and to Pro Vice-Chancellor for Education by VP SHLS. Feedback was received stating that the task has been delegated to the Associated Deans • Further presentation was made on 18th November, 2024 at the GCUSA-GCU Executive meeting by the VP SHLS and the response was that feedback will be made available soon.
2.	Collaborate with the Induction Planning Steering Group for a continuous induction programme for freshers who might not be able to resume in week one	• Data reports • Feedback from students	• This was presented to the Induction Planning Steering Group (IPSG) for action • Measures was put in place to identify students who will resume in week two and three and organise a separate induction for them
3.	Collaborate with continuing students and alumni to provide academic guidance for students through tutorials	• Feedback from students	• This has commenced in the School of Health and Life Sciences • Plans were made to call on volunteers (alumni and continuing students) across the various departments and programmes • First online academic session was held on Thursday, the 14th of November 2024 with FTOs, some alumni members, some continuing students, and some new students in attendance

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Explicit sports. Strategy within Campus Masterplan.	The student president met with the Estate director, facilities manager, and the Arc manager to start a discussion on how to improve health and wellbeing facilities on campus

2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school to better understand student needs	Action Plan completed. NSS result improved.	The full-time officers have identified key programmes and we are engaging with them to understand their needs
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression	Improved progression rate	We have met three times with the PVC education to discuss this issue and engagement will continue

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	School of Health and Life Sciences	• The issue of some students from medical bioscience who couldn't write their dissertations in Trimester C due to resits was presented. An appeal was made to allow them write their dissertations in Trimester 2024 A rather than waiting till Trimester C 2025 and this was granted • A request was made to investigate the high failure rates in medical bioscience and this was granted. Further request was made on 18th November 2024 at the GCUSA-GCU Executive meeting by the VP SHLS and it was discovered that any programme with more than 30 percent failure rate ought to have been questioned by PAB • Some courses have been withdrawn in SHLS due to low number of intakes and because those courses are no longer sustainable financially
2.	Taught & Research Postgraduate Students	• Introductory meeting held with a discussion on how to improve postgraduate experience • A research subcommittee was set up and a request was made for the committee to have at least a student representative SHLS, GSBS, and SCEBE • Attended a research committee meeting. There was a discussion on how to assist PhD students to complete their studies within the funded period.
3.	Student Carers	• Student Carers recruited
4.	Freshers, Induction, and Open Days	• Freshers programme and induction took place between 16th to 19th of September 2024
5.	Nightline Volunteer Programme	• No event has taken place
6.	Quality Assurance and SPARQS	• The Full Time Officers attended a SPARQS event at Edinburgh between 5th and 6th of August, 2024 • A member of SPARQS visited GCU for a meeting with some GCU and SA staff in attendance
7.	Library	• No event has taken place
8.	Information Technology	• Meeting held with a discussion on how to improve on the GCU student app

9.	Campus Trade Unions	• No event has taken place
10.	Ethical and Environmental	• Recruitment is in process
11.	Champion: Ethnic Diversity Network	• Some Representation Network Officers have been appointed
12.	Education Committee	• The issue of students with visa expirations on September 17th, 2024, and in February 2025 was presented to the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Education, and a request was made for priority marking so they could apply for a post-study visa. This request was granted for students with visa expirations on September 17th, 2024 and for January, 2025

Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact *What difference will this meeting or event make?*
1.	Dialogue with the university executive for early retrieval	Resits to be submitted in April/ May (Tri B) as against August/ September (Tri C) for UG and PG students. This will allow students with resits to submit their projects in Trimester C, as the resits originally due in Trimester C have already been submitted in Trimester B.
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Report by Laiba Tareen, Vice President SCEBE

Name:	*Laiba Tareen*
Date Produced:	21/10/24
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Improve cost of living by increasing access to hardship funds for international students	Successful approval of expanded eligibility criteria for hardship funds.	Ongoing conversations with university Exec
2.	Implementing bidet shower on Campus for students	Commitment of Installation of bidet showers in campus masterplan	Ongoing conversations with university Exec
3.	Promoting and increasing social computer lounges.	Positive student feedback in IT services and facility surveys.	Ongoing conversations with university Exec

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Explicit sports strategy within Campus Masterplan E-Sport Arena Business Case approved	Ongoing conversations with university Exec
2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school	Action Plan completed	Ongoing conversations with university Exec

	to better understand student needs.	NSS result improved	
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression	Action Plan completed (milestones) Improved progression rate Students' Association feedback included in Education Strategy	Ongoing conversations with university Exec

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	Societies	Increased the number of societies, focusing on creating more inclusive spaces for students
2.	EDI	Successfully hosted an EDI awareness week, bringing in diverse speakers and panellists. Also, conducted EDI meeting with rep officers.
3.	Catering	Improved food options across campus with a focus on affordability and diversity, including more dietary options for students with specific needs
4.	International Students	Ongoing Conversations about increasing hardship funds
5.	Women's Network	Met with women's Officer
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Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact *What difference will this meeting or event make?*
1.	International Students	Increase in hardship funds for International students
2.	Social computer Lounges	Having an agreement in place
3.	Bidet showers	Having conversations about masterplan

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DEPARTMENTAL REP CONSTRUCTION & SURVEYING DEPARTMENT

Submission Date	Nov 21, 2024 4:31 AM
Name	OLUWALAJUWOMI IDOWU
Role	DEPARTMENTAL REP CONSTRUCTION & SURVEYING DEPARTMENT

What meetings/activities have you been doing since you last report at Student Voice (or starting role)?

Since starting my role as a Departmental Rep, I've participated in discussions addressing key issues within our department and across others. These discussions focused on challenges faced by departmental reps, as well as gathering and sharing student feedback to improve the student experience.

What student issues have you been working on or would like the Students' Association to know about?

One of the key issues I have been focusing on is improving communication and collaboration among Academic Reps in my department. I am currently working on gathering contact information for all Academic Reps to create a stronger network. This will help streamline the process of identifying and addressing student concerns more effectively.

By building this network, I aim to ensure that student feedback is consistently shared and that any issues raised are promptly communicated to the relevant teams within the department and the Students' Association.

What are your upcoming plans as Officer/Department Rep/Activities Chair/Media Manager?

As a Departmental Rep, I'm planning to focus on building a better network of Academic Reps in my department to improve communication and make it easier to address student concerns. I also want to hold informal feedback sessions with students to hear their thoughts directly and ensure their voices are represented. Finally, I'll keep working on broader issues that affect multiple departments, like communication from faculty, and make sure these are brought to the Students' Association.

Alex Tibbetts

Cyber Security & Networks Department Rep

Submission Date	Nov 14, 2024 2:31 PM
Name	Alex Tibbetts
Role	Cyber Security & Networks Department Rep
What meetings/activities have you been doing since you last report at Student Voice (or starting role)?	Attended SAGE Meeting on the 23rd of October.
What student issues have you been working on or would like the Students' Association to know about?	Students issues with Lectures and their Attendance.
What are your upcoming plans as Officer/Department Rep/Activities Chair/Media Manager?	I would like to propose a suggestion for my departments lectures starting from Semester 2 onwards. I believe introducing hybird lectures so they would be in person and also online. This would allow students who benefit from physical lectures to still attend and would also benefit students who prefer virtual lectures. Other benefits would include saving students money on travel (especially during rush hour services) and due to lectures being online would mean they have been recorded and accessable for students who could not attend the physical or virtual lecture.

Dylan Welsh

Law and Economics Department Rep

Submission Date	Nov 21, 2024 11:16 AM
Name	Dylan Welsh
Role	Law and Economics Department Rep
What meetings/activities have you been doing since you last report at Student Voice (or starting role)?	Made contact with Law programme Class Reps and am waiting for a response for contract details for Economic programme Class Reps from the programme coordinator. Will send a follow-up email. Attended the extraordinary meeting of Student Voice and made contributions. Attended as an observer meeting of the Senate Disciplinary Committee.
What are your upcoming plans as Officer/Department Rep/Activities Chair/Media Manager?	Intend to make contact with Economic Class Reps. Contact Reps for opinions on any relevant issues in upcoming School Board Meeting.

Gabriel Jeremiah Oruikor

Mental Health and Well-being officer

Submission Date	Nov 14, 2024 5:28 PM
Name	Gabriel Jeremiah Oruikor
Role	Mental Health and Well-being officer

What meetings/activities have you been doing since you last report at Student Voice (or starting role)?

I started by raising awareness about the department and encouraging students to join the group. As of today, 19 students have registered, although many others have yet to sign up, citing their academic commitments as the primary reason for the delay. I remain hopeful that as things settle down, more students will join and benefit from the support the group aims to provide.

In addition to this, I have been engaging with members individually and online to address mental health and well-being concerns. Unfortunately, I was unable to hold a physical meeting as my initial attempt to book a hall at GCU was unsuccessful—the venue informed me that all the halls were fully booked for the requested date. I am currently looking into securing an alternative date and venue for the meeting.

This semester, my activities planning has been delayed due to several unforeseen circumstances, including an essential trip to Nigeria and issues with course scheduling caused by internal matters within my department at GCU. These challenges have created some setbacks, but I am working hard to move past them and ensure that student well-being remains a priority.

What student issues have you been working on or would like the Students' Association to know about?

As the Mental Health and Well-Being Officer, I would like the Students' Association to be aware of a few key concerns impacting our peers. Many students are feeling the pressure of academic demands, financial stress, and a lack of connection due to isolation, especially in the aftermath of the pandemic. Additionally, access to mental health services is a significant issue, with long wait times and not enough immediate support. Stigma around mental health remains a barrier, preventing students from seeking help. Finally, students from diverse backgrounds face unique challenges that need tailored support. It's crucial that we work together to address these issues and ensure all students feel supported.

What are your upcoming plans as Officer/Department Rep/Activities Chair/Media Manager?

My goal is to create a supportive environment where students can thrive mentally and academically.
As the Mental Health and Well-Being Officer at Glasgow Caledonian University, my upcoming plans include:

1. Raising Awareness: Hosting workshops and campaigns to reduce stigma around mental health and promote self-care.

2. Expanding Support: Improving access to counseling and peer support networks.

3. Well-Being Activities: Offering yoga, mindfulness, and exercise sessions to help manage stress.
4. Safe Spaces: Creating quiet areas on campus for relaxation and reflection.
5. Student Engagement: Seeking regular feedback from students to tailor our services to their needs.

6. Peer Networks: Strengthening student-led groups for sharing experiences and support.

Zahraa Al Doori

SHLS Department Rep

Submission Date	Nov 25, 2024 1:25 AM
Name	Al Doori
Role	SHLS Department Rep
What meetings/activities have you been doing since you last report at Student Voice (or starting role)?	- student voice first meeting -met with sara to discuss about a new approach of replacing final exams with monthly exams - i was unable to attend the rest of the meetings
What student issues have you been working on or would like the Students' Association to know about?	Final Exams being a burden on students. Therefore, I was trying to approach the department head to break down the final exam to 3 parts. To be assessed throughout the trimester. And the online/ open book assessments to be taken druing the midterm or end of term break.
What are your upcoming plans as Officer/Department Rep/Activities Chair/Media Manager?	Speak to SHLS department head about the new approach

CHENALI PITRODA

Student carer representatives Officer and Senate university

Submission Date

Nov 26, 2024 11:59 AM

Name

CHENALI PITRODA

Role

Student carer representatives Officer and Senate university

What meetings/activities have you been doing since you last report at Student Voice (or starting role)?

Since starting my role, I have attended the induction for the University Senate as well as the Student Carer Officer, which was conducted online via Microsoft Teams. During this session, I gained valuable insights into the responsibilities and expectations associated with my role. This induction provided a comprehensive understanding of how to effectively proceed with my duties, ensuring I can contribute meaningfully to the university community.

What student issues have you been working on or would like the Students' Association to know about?

As a Student Carer Representative Officer, I am working to address the unique challenges faced by students balancing academics and caregiving. My focus includes advocating for tailored mental health support, flexible deadlines, and clear communication about available resources. I am also forming a committed team to plan events and collaborating with external organizations like North Lanarkshire Carers Together and Glasgow Carers to strengthen support networks.

As a Senate Member, I am reviewing key documents to contribute effectively to policy discussions. My focus includes improving the accessibility of academic resources, ensuring consistent feedback, and fostering transparent communication between staff and students, with an emphasis on equity and inclusion. I plan to introduce feedback sessions to gather student concerns and use data-driven insights to guide decisions.

What are your upcoming plans as Officer/Department Rep/Activities Chair/Media Manager?

As a Student Carer Representative Officer, my upcoming plans include building a strong network within my representative group and establishing a committed team with designated roles, such as President and Treasurer, to collaboratively plan and execute future events. I have initiated collaborations with external organizations, including North Lanarkshire Carers Together and Glasgow Carers, to enhance support and resources for student carers.

As a Senate Member, I plan to thoroughly review the relevant papers and files available on Microsoft Teams to contribute effectively to discussions and decision-making processes, ensuring the interests of all students are well-represented.

Minutes of the 3ʳᵈ Caledonian Student Voice Meeting of Session 2024/25

Meeting held on Monday, 17ᵗʰ February 2025, in-person in NH208, at 17:00pm.

Sign In:

Present: Robert Gallacher (Chair); Kacy Chaudhry (Vice Chair); Wilfred Obi (Student President); Laiba Tareen (VP SCEBE); Oluwatomisin Osinubi (VP GSBS); Friday Oshiotse (VP SHLS); Cameron Corbett (CC); Daniel Suarez Bernal (DB); Dylan Welsh (DW); Emma Dow (ED); Imoh Okoronkwo (IO); James Ewins (JE); Lian Yinghui (LY); Lucky Ehigiamusoe (LE); Mariam Akinwale (MK); Mark Sherlock (MS); Michael Whitworth (MW); Nicholas Kimilu (NK); Oluwalajuwomi Idowu (OI); Paul Brady (PB); Paul Riley (PR); Zahraa Al Doori (ZD); Zain Ul Abidin Qureshi (ZQ)

Absent: Aishwarya Kurhade (AK); Akpevwenoghene Gbenedio (AG); Anja Du Preez (ADP); Chloe Aylott (CA); Chunda Casca-Ogosu (CCO); Durdane Oz (DO); Ebenezer Adegoke (EA); Imtiyaz Mohammad (IM); Jenna Gamme (JG); Leah Phillips (LP); Lee Cassidy (LC); Misbah Warsi (MW); Olivia Crichton (OC); Savi Shripad Marathe (SM); Yvonne Wilson (YW)

Apologies: Alex Tibbetts (AT); Alexander Dale (AD); Amy Quigey (AQ); Amy Travers (ATR); Chenali Pitroda (CP); Chinaenyenwa Ugo (CU); Erica Calucando (EC); Gabriel Jeremiah Oruikor (GO); Gillian Hunter (GH); Holly Boyd (HB); Joy Onaise (JO); Lou Russell (LR); Prince Chukwuemeka Ogaraku (PO); Tesicca Truong (TT)

In attendance: Sara MacLean (Student Voice Team Leader); Philip Morton (Clerk)

Observers: Malaika Abdur-Rahman (MAR); Qurrat Ain (QA)

Any member of Student Voice, excluding Full Time Officers, who miss two meetings of Student Voice without apologies in an academic year, will have automatically deemed to have resigned as a member, Officer, Department, PGT or PGR Rep.

1. **Chair Announcements**

   The Chair welcomed all members to the third meeting of Student Voice for 2024/25 and asked members to raise their voting card if they wished to speak. Members were reminded of what conduct is acceptable during the meeting.

2. **Full Time Officer Reports**

   The Full Time Officers presented their reports for approval.

   It was asked whether the free gym membership campaign was indefinite or trial. It was confirmed that the campaign was being piloted with engagement monitored by the university.

   Vice President GSBS highlighted that the establishment of a quiet space on campus was still being discussed although full campaigning had been postponed due to the free gym accomplishment. The student housing campaign was noted with progress made in relation to the housing bill.

   The Chair called for a vote to approve the Full Time Officer Reports.
   Vote: For: 19; Against: 1; Abstentions: 1. The Full Time Officer Reports were approved.

3. **Student Voice Officer Reports**

Verbal Student Voice Officer Reports were requested with no additional updates.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Student Voice Officer Reports.
Vote: For: 14; Against: 3; Abstentions: 4. The Student Voice Officer Reports were approved.

4. **Societies Proposed for Affiliation**

The Chair presented the list of new societies seeking affiliation to the Students' Association.

Affiliation for Societies:

• Scottish Socialist Party (SSP)
• Catholic Society
• IEEE
• Fashion Society
• Pool Society
• Ethical Hacking Society

An explanation of IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) was provided for clarity. It was noted that there are many professional affiliations with courses across the university, encouraging and nurturing students. The Societies Chair highlighted their drop-in clinic every second Wednesday in NH008 (Students' Association) for any questions or information on societies.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Societies Proposed for Affiliation.
Vote: For: 19; Against: 0; Abstentions: 3. The Societies Proposed for Affiliation were approved.

5. **Senate Effectiveness Review – Change to Student Senator Composition**

The Student President provided an overview to the proposed by-law change for student senator places to be composed of the four Full Time Officers and two elected Student Voice members due to low attendance and vacant positions over the summer months. This amendment also provides the ability for the Executive Committee to co-opt senate members that can be approved subject to ratification by Student Voice if necessary in the vacant summer period.

PR highlighted their understanding of the rationale but voiced their concern that greater power would be given to individuals sitting on many committees and less for the student body positions. It was commented that from previous years data, that it would be more beneficial to have Full Time Officers in attendance rather than no students at all. It was further noted that the policy could be changed again at a later date if another solution is found. It was confirmed that it is important to have two positions available for student voice members to be elected. MS didn't see an issue with power imbalance due to the Full Time Officers being elected students within their roles to sit on committees. CU asked if elected Senate members are aware of their responsibilities and how much training is provided. The Student President confirmed the induction process for all elected senators and pre-meeting communications that are shared. LE proposed that Senate could introduce a policy similar to Student Voice that members that miss two meetings are stripped of their elected role.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Senate Effectiveness Review
Vote: For: 15; Against: 2; Abstentions: 4. The Senate Effectiveness Review was approved.

6. **Reduction in Executive Committee Meetings**

   The Student President provided an overview of the Executive Committee and rationale in changing the by-law to reduce the number of meetings from every two weeks, to every three weeks to allow more time to spend on heavy workload.

   The Chair called for a vote to approve the Reduction in Executive Committee Meetings.
   Vote: For: 19; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0. The Reduction in Executive Committee Meetings was approved.

7. **Ideas**

   The Chair presented ideas (based on the number of votes submitted on the Students' Association website) for approval.

   Free Gym Membership for GCU Students

   It was noted that although achieved, the idea must still be voted on to become Students' Association standing policy.

   The Chair called for a vote to approve the idea proposed.
   Vote: For: 20; Against: 0; Abstentions: 1. The Idea was approved.

   A Tiny Portion for Female Fitness

   A statement was read on behalf of the proposer. It was noted that the proposal does not seek to exclude anyone from gym access, but rather include those who feel unable to fully participate in the gym environment. The proposal noted minimal reconfiguration, such as the use of moveable screens or designated sections for female only engagement allowing for a low cost, high-impact solution.

   The Student President raised that due to free gym access recently being implemented by the university, that to propose this may be asking too much in a short space of time and that it may be better suited as an addition to the wider campus masterplan if gym space is extended. MS added that due to the current size of the gym, that this may not be an achievable goal at this current point.

   ZD noted on behalf of the proposer, time to be provided for female only access, such as two days per week, allowing to navigate class times and commitments. The Student President noted that although this could be proposed, that it may not logistically work due to people that use the gym every day, for physical and mental health reasons as well as cost of living, other commitments and university life etc. CC commented that they are happy to vote for further inclusion within the gym, although are concerned about excluding anyone from use if the gym is unavailable to them for two days per week.

   The Chair called for a vote to approve the changed improvement for this idea to be considered for the future university campus masterplan.
   Vote: For: 11; Against: 10; Abstentions: 1. The revised improvement was approved.

   The Chair called for a vote to approve the full idea proposed.
   Vote: For: 14; Against: 5; Abstentions: 2. The Idea was approved. **Action: Student President.**

   Stop the Promotion/Association with Barclays Bank

   ZQ spoke on behalf of the idea as the proposer was not in attendance. Links highlighting Barclays Bank and unethical business practices were shared. It was stated that GCU is an open and fair university that should not promote companies involved in these practices.

DB understood not supporting a company dealing in unethical business practices, but asked whether targeting a potential important employer that may support initiatives and scholarships was beneficial for students. IO questioned the consequences of this action on students and that strong evidence and statistics must be considered before a decision made. Vice President GSBS asked how Barclays had been promoted. Vice President SHLS asked whether the general student population has been consulted on their stance on this before proposing action.

ZQ commented that Barclays are promoted during university career fairs and although Barclays may not be the only business potentially dealing in unethical practices, that the university must start somewhere when it comes to ethics. It was noted that more transparency should be sought between the university and students on these issues.

An improvement was proposed to conduct an awareness campaign with the aim to inform students to make their own decisions on unethical business practices.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the changed improvement to run an awareness campaign on unethical business practices related to fossil fuels and arms companies and spending money ethically. **Vote: For: 13; Against: 5; Abstentions: 1.** The revised improvement was approved.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the idea proposed.
Vote: For: 12; Against: 7; Abstentions: 1. The Idea was approved. **Action: Ethical & Environmental Officer**.

8. **Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 2nd December 2024**

   The Chair invited members who were present at the previous Student Voice meeting held on 2nd December 2024 to consider the minutes.

   The Chair called for a vote to approve the Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 2nd December 2024. **Vote: For: 9; Against: 0; Abstention: 7.** The Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 2nd December 2024 were approved.

9. **Minutes of Student Voice Sub-Committees**

   The Chair invited members to consider the minutes of Student Voice Sub Committees.

   The Chair called for a vote to approve the minutes of Student Voice Sub Committees.
   Vote: For: 15; Against: 0; Abstention: 5. The minutes of Student Voice Sub Committees were approved.

10. **Students' Association Strategic Plan – SWOT Analysis**

    The Student President provided a brief overview of the Students' Association Strategic Plan – SWOT Analysis. Student Voice member had no additions or comments.

11. **Full Time Officer Nominations**

    Full Time Officer Nominations were brought forward to Student Voice for noting only.

12. **Honorary Membership Nominations**

    Honorary Membership Nominations were brought forward to Student Voice for noting only.

13. AOCB

ZQ raised complaints of WIFI on campus dropping on campus as well as students not being able to connect to Eduroam. The Student President commented on recurring Wi-Fi issues and that the university are seeking long term solutions as part of their greater campus masterplan. It was noted that any poor connection areas could be highlighted to the Student President to raise with the university to seek to boost signal strengths.

The meeting was concluded at 18:32pm.

Committee Title	Student Voice
Date of Meeting	17th February 2025
Item Number and Title/Subject	Full Time Officer Reports
Paper Presenter	Wilfred Obi, Student President Laiba Tareen, Vice President SCEBE Friday Oshiotse, Vice President SHLS Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President GSBS
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	The Constitution outlines that 'Student Voice has the power to scrutinise the work of the Executive Committee'. The reports outlined progress made against remits and Team and Individual Objectives.
Recommendation(s)	Information Discussion Approval X Any member can ask a question by raising their voting card and being recognised by the Chair to speak. Student Voice is asked to approve the Full Time Officers Report.
Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Executive Committee
Staff/Student Protocol **Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?**	Yes No X N/A The Chief Executive has been consulted in the development of the Full Time Officers team and individual objectives and remits.
Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting? **If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.**	No The Full Time Officer reports are made available to the membership on the Students' Association website.

Report by [ilfred Obi - Student President

Name:	*Wilfred Obi*
Date Produced:	**06/02/2025**
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Team and Individual Objectives
The Full Time Officers Team and Individual Objectives were approved by Student Voice on Monday 21st October 2024.
Team Objectives 2024/25
Student President Individual Objectives 2024/25

1. Campaign Win

The Full Time Officers had a Team Objective 2024/25 **"To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus".**
We launched a campaign advocating for free access for GCU students to the ARC gym and the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). This involved extensive discussions with the University Executive in Trimester A, Scottish HE sector research and received considerable support from students through the Ideas function on the Students' Association website.

I am pleased to report that management has approved free access to both the gym and MUGA from 27th **January 2025**. We extend our gratitude to the University management for prioritising student health and wellbeing through this decision.

This campaign win was communicated to students through our social media channels, website and all student email. Further information: www.GCUstudents.co.uk/articles/campaign-win-gcu-students-now-get-free-gym-membership.

2. Students' Association Strategic Plan 2030
The Students' Association is in the final year (Year 4) of our Strategic Plan 2025. You can read about our current achievements in our annual report within our Accounts 2024 and our progress against our Key Performance Indicators.

For our Strategic Plan 2030 we will concentrate on refreshing our objectives and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and on strategic alignment with the GCU Strategy 2030. The timeline for the development of the strategic plan can be found in appendix 2.

STEPS
1. SWOT & PESTLE Analysis [January]
2. ICE (Impact, Confidence, and Ease) Scoring Model [January]
3. Review Objectives and Alignment to GCU Strategy 2030 [March]
4. Review KPIs [April]

ICE Score = (Impact x Confidence x Ease). The higher the ICE score, the higher the priority. We will use the ICE Scoring Model as a discussion tool to think about which activities and services we continue, change how we deliver or potentially stop.

3. Student Governors Training

Laiba Tareen and myself, in our roles as Student Governors, attended the Advance HE Student Governor Training in London on the 11th September 2024 and on 22nd January 2025. The second day allowed us to reflect on our year to date, it provided further skills development and network mapping as well as preparing us for their end of year handover.

4. GCU London Visit

Laiba Tareen (Vice President SCEBE) and myself visited the London Campus on 23rd January 2025 to participate in the Freshers activities and Students' Association events. During the visit, we engaged with several new students, providing tips on what to expect during their studies and sharing insights from our own experiences.

5. Full Time Officer Elections 2025

There have been some minor changes to our Election Rules and these were approved by Student Voice on Monday 21st October 2024. The rules have been tightened on using adhesives and where campaign materials are allowed on the exterior of campus buildings. The explanation on reclaiming campaign expenditure has also been simplified.

Election Timeline 2024/25

Nominations Open	Mon 3rd February 2025, 10am
Nominations Close	Fri 21st February 2025, 12noon
Candidates Briefing	Fri 21st February 2025, 1pm
Polling Opens	Mon 3rd March 2025, 10am
Polling Closes	Thu 6th March 2025, 5pm
Results Announced	Fri 7th March 2025, 6.30pm

6. Meetings with University Executive

In addition to the Student President's regular individual meetings with the Principal and Vice-Chancellor and the Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Full Time Officers hold collective monthly meetings with members of the University Executive. The following was discussed at the December 2024 meeting: Rent Guarantor Scheme, Campus Masterplan, SEATs Implementation, Keeping Wednesday Afternoons Free, Artificial Intelligence, Completion Rates and London Office for Students' Association.

7. Governor Meetings with Students

Liaising with the Chair of Court, we have arranged opportunities for governors to meet with students to ask them about their GCU student experience. We agreed a school-based approach. The latest session took place on Monday 2nd December 2024 with SCEBE students. Students discussed their individual student experience and hybrid learning, SEATSs app and recording lectures.

8. International Welcome Night

I attended the International Welcome Night on 28th January 2025 hosted by Student Life and held in the Re:Union Bar. This event was to welcome new students and to tell them about the Students' Association and I had the opportunity to share my personal experience.

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Collaborate with the University to increase students access to Better Sporting facilities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Higher number of students engaging with campus sport facilities	100% completed. Free Gym access was granted to all GCU students from the 27th of January. I encourage all students to sign up and get fit.
2.	To facilitate Student engagement with the campus masterplan	Number of students consulted by the University	In progress, O have continued consultation and engagement on the campus master Plan
3.	To collaborate with the university to Identify programmes with lowest NSS score for overall satisfaction to improve the student experience and sense of belonging.	An improved NSS Score (GCU overall satisfaction	In Progress, I have continued engagement with the key programmes identified.

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Explicit sports. Strategy within Campus Masterplan.	100% completed. Free Gym access was granted to all GCU students from the 27th of January. I encourage all students to sign up and get fit.
2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school to better understand student needs	Action Plan completed. NSS result improved	We continued engagement on those identified programmes
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression	Improved progression rate	In progress, we have continued engagement with the PVC Education.

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	GCU London	I once again visited the London campus on the 21st to 24th of January and continued engaging with students, I also attended the London refreshers event where I engaged with new students.
2.	GCU Communications & Public Affairs	I have had several meetings with the university communication team
3.	Estates (excluding Caledonian Court and Catering)	I have had three different meetings with the estate team and consultation are ongoing for the Campus Master Plan.
4.	GCU Strategy and Planning	I have had a meeting with the management to discuss the university strategy for 2030
6.	Student Voice and Ideas Process	Several ideas have been raised on our websites and some of those have been discussed.
7.	Champion: LGBT+ Network	Talks are ongoing to create more awareness of the LGBT+Network.
9.	University Court	I have attended 3 court meeting where the university strategy was discussed
10.	University Court Standing Committees	I have had several court committee meetings.
11.	Senate	I have attended 2 Senate meeting on the 09/10/2024
13	Academic Appeals Committee	No meeting yet
14	Honorary Degrees Committee	I have attended 2 meeting to consider nominations for honorary award
15	Prevent Steering Group	No meeting yet
16	Student Survey Working Group	Attended two meetings where changes in module survey was discussed meeting
18	Trustee Board (Chair	Attended 1 trustee board meeting
19	Executive Committee (Chair)	We have had six (6) executive board meeting where issues affecting
20	Appointments Committee (Chair)	Attended three meeting

Report by Tom Tom – VP GSBS

Name:	*Oluwatomisin Osinubi*
Date Produced:	**05-02-2025**
Committee:	Student voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Quiet room establishment	Official publication and launch of the space to all students on social media and emails via student comms.	- Has been put on hold as we just made a big ask to the management for free gym. - There would have to be a separate space created for this as the Faith & Belief Center already serves multiple purposes.
2.	Student housing campaigns	- Rent guarantor Scheme set up for next academic year. - GCU students access to Glasgow Housing Cooperative. - Student feedback on their better knowledge of renting rights. - Better student housing experience.	- Biweekly Scottish Housing Sabbs meetings ongoing. - Met with 4 MSPs in the Glasgow Region to tell them about amendments in the housing bill to solve affordability, availability & rent guarantors barrier for students. - Several MSPs & MPs contacted with a few showing support - Convinced the University management on implement a rent Guarantors scheme at GCU as some unis already have it.
3.	Launch Campus Bean Bag Conversations	- Initial pilot session & Full roll-out of the initiative with monthly sessions to be launched by the end of Tri A. - Attendance of students each session and their levels of participation. - Track number of student issues raised during the sessions that are presented in meetings and how many lead to positive changes or responses from the university. - Social media and Student Feedback	- Next topic set in collaboration with the wellbeing team & LDC teams across schools to help students with assessment stress management and workload management principles.

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus.	- Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA. - Explicit sports strategy within Campus Masterplan. - E-Sport Arena Business Case approved.	
2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school to better understand student needs.	An improved student learning experience Higher satisfaction for learning and teaching in NSS.	
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression.	-Action Plan completed (milestones) -Improved progression rate Students' Association feedback included in Education Strategy.	

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	Wellbeing	- Organised events happening everyday through February for Feel Fab Feb. - Actively going about campus engaging students about their wellbeing
2.	Accommodation	- Rent Guarantor's Scheme implementation work ongoing - Student President lobbying for reduced or free laundry at Cale Court
3.	Sports	- Keep Wednesday Afternoons Free being raised continuously with the academic registrar and University exec team. - Blog completed - Gym usage increased
4.	Disability Project Board Review	-
5.	ACADEMIC DEV & ENHANCEMENT	
6.	MATURE & PART-TIME STUDENTS	
7.	STUDENT MEDIA GROUPS	-
8.	CARE EXPERIENCED & CARE ESTRANGED STUDENTS	
9.	GCU FOUNDATION, ALUMNI & GRADUATION	
10.	STUDENT LEADERS PROGRAMME, SDGs, SOCIAL INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP	- Promoting a mental health course for students in partnership
11.	OUTREACH & ARTICULATION	-
12.	GSBS	- Planning GSBS International students' event - Interviewing Academic reps

		- Attended GSBS School board and con - Attended GSBS international committee and contributed key themes to address for prospects such as accommodation - Submitted report for last School Board

Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact *What difference will this meeting or event make?*
1.	GSBS international integration event	Improve sense of belonging and integration
2.	Organising and facilitating Feel Fab February events	Improved awareness and prioritization of wellbeing
3.	GSBS School Board	Represent GSBS students
4.	Disabled Students Expert Panel	Review Disability Implementation Plan

Report by Laiba Tareen - VP SCEBE

Name:	*Laiba Tareen*
Date Produced:	01/02/25
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Improve cost of living by increasing access to hardship funds for international students	Successful approval of expanded eligibility criteria for hardship funds.	Completed- students can email finance team and can get guidance on how to apply for funds
2.	Implementing bidet shower on Campus for students	Commitment of Installation of bidet showers in campus masterplan	Ongoing conversations with university Exec
3.	Promoting and increasing social computer lounges.	Positive student feedback in IT services and facility surveys.	Ongoing conversations with university Exec

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

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1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Explicit sports strategy within Campus Masterplan E-Sport Arena Business Case approved	Completed
2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school	Action Plan completed	Ongoing conversations

	to better understand student needs.	NSS result improved	
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression	Action Plan completed (milestones) Improved progression rate Students' Association feedback included in Education Strategy	Ongoing conversations with university Exec

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	Societies	Increased the number of societies, focusing on creating more inclusive spaces for students
2.	EDI	Successfully hosted an EDI awareness week, bringing in diverse speakers and panellists. Also, conducted EDI meeting with rep officers.
3.	Catering	Improved food options across campus with a focus on affordability and diversity, including more dietary options for students with specific needs
4.	International Students	Collab with finance team so that
5.	Teaching Awards	Nominations open
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12.		

Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact *What difference will this meeting or event make?*
1.	Social computer Lounges	Having an agreement in place
2.	Bidet showers	Having conversations about masterplan

Report By: Friday Oshiotse, VP SHLS

Name:	Friday Ohimai Oshiotse
Date Produced:	06/01/2025
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Dialogue with the university executive for early retrieval	• Data reports • Feedback from students	• The latest information on this is that decision will be taken by February, 2025.
2.	Collaborate with the Induction Planning Steering Group for a continuous induction programme for freshers who might not be able to resume in week one	• Data reports • Feedback from students	• There were programmes and departmental inductions for students who resumed late and for those who resumed early in Tri A.
3.	Collaborate with continuing students and alumni to provide academic guidance for students through tutorials	• Feedback from students	• A call on volunteers (alumni and continuing students) across the various departments and programmes was made • First online academic session was held on Thursday, the 14th of November 2024 with FTOs, some alumni members, some continuing students, and some new students in attendance. • Further call has been made for more alumni and continuing students to join the academic volunteering team. • An informal meeting was held for new students in Tri B where myself and the student president gave them the necessary information about GCU. • An online academic support programme is to be held on February 13th for all GCU undergraduate and postgraduate new students.

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Explicit sports. Strategy within Campus Masterplan.	Achieved.
2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school to better understand student needs	Action Plan completed. NSS result improved.	In progress.
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression	Improved progression rate	In progress.

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	School of Health and Life Sciences	• The issue of some students from medical bioscience who couldn't write their dissertations in Trimester C due to resits was presented. An appeal was made to allow them write their dissertations in Trimester 2024 A rather than waiting till Trimester C 2025 and this was granted. • A request was made to investigate the high failure rates in medical bioscience and this was granted. • Some courses have been withdrawn in SHLS due to low number of intakes and because those courses are no longer sustainable financially.
2.	Taught & Research Postgraduate Students	• Introductory meeting held with a discussion on how to improve postgraduate experience. • A research subcommittee was set up and a request was made for the committee to

		have at least a student representative from SHLS, GSBS, and SCEBE
3.	Student Carers	• A Student Carer Representative Officer has been recruited.
4.	Freshers, Induction, and Open Days	• Freshers fair held between 27th and 28th January, 2025 at Annie Lenox and the FTOs were there to welcome the students.
5.	Nightline Volunteer Programme	• No event has taken place
6.	Quality Assurance and SPARQS	• The Full Time Officers attended a SPARQS event at Edinburgh between 5th and 6th of August, 2024 • A SPARQs representative visited GCU for a training at the SA.
7.	Library	• No event has taken place
8.	Information Technology	• Meeting held with a discussion on how to improve on the GCU student app .
9.	Campus Trade Unions	• No event has taken place
10.	Ethical and Environmental	• No event has taken place
11.	Champion: Ethnic Diversity Network	• Some Representation Network Officers have been appointed.
12.	Education Committee	• The issue of students with visa expirations on September 17th 2024, and in February 2025 was presented to the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Education, and a request was made for priority marking so they could apply for a post-study visa. This request was granted for students with visa expirations on September 17th, 2024. • Priority marking has also been granted to students whose visas expires in January and February 2025.

Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact *What difference will this meeting or event make?*
1.	Dialogue with the university executive for early retrieval	• Resits to be submitted in April/ May (Tri B) as against August/ September (Tri C) for UG and PG students. This will allow students with resits to submit their projects in Trimester C, as the resits originally due in Trimester C would have been submitted in Trimester B. • Feedback to be received by February, 2025.
2.		
3.		

Minutes of the 4ᵗʰ Caledonian Student Voice Meeting of Session 2024/25

Meeting held on Monday, 31ˢᵗ March 2025, online on Microsoft Teams, at 17:00pm.

Sign In:

Present: Robert Gallacher (Chair); Oluwatomisin Osinubi (VP GSBS); Laiba Tareen (VP SCEBE); Friday Oshiotse (VP SHLS); Akpevwenoghene Gbenedio (AG); Alexander Dale (AD); Cameron Corbett (CC); Chenali Pitroda (CP); Chinaenyenwa Ugo (CU); Daniel Suarez Bernal (DB); Dylan Welsh (DW); Ebenezer Adegoke (EA); Emma Dow (ED); Gillian Hunter (GH); Holly Boyd (HB); Iroro Akpohwaye (IA); Joy Onaise (JO); Lian Yinghui (LY); Linnea Franson (LF); Lou Russell (LR); Mariam Akinwale (MK); Mark Sherlock (MS); Michael Whitworth (MWH); Nathaniel Adeyemi (NA); Nicholas Kimilu (NK); Oluwalajuwomi Idowu (OI); Paul Riley (PR)

Absent: Amy Quigey (AQ); Graham Law (GL); Imtiyaz Mohammad (IM); Leah Phillips (LP); Paul Brady (PB); Prince Chukwuemeka Ogaraku (PO); Zain Ul Abidin Qureshi (ZQ)

Apologies: Kacy Chaudhry (Vice Chair); Wilfred Obi (Student President); Alex Tibbetts (AT); Amy Travers (ATR); Erica Calucando (EC); Gabriel Jeremiah Oruikor (GO); Imoh Okoronkwo (IO); James Ewins (JE); Lucky Ehigiamusoe (LE); Tesicca Truong (TT); Zahraa Al Doori (ZD)

In attendance: Sara MacLean (Student Voice Team Leader); Philip Morton (Clerk)

Observers: Eilidh Stewart (ES); Hamza Ahmad Siddiqi (HAS)

Any member of Student Voice, excluding Full Time Officers, who miss two meetings of Student Voice without apologies in an academic year, will have automatically deemed to have resigned as a member, Officer, Department, PGT or PGR Rep.

1. **Chair Announcements**

   The Chair welcomed all members to the fourth meeting of Student Voice for 2024/25. Members were reminded of what conduct is acceptable during the meeting.

2. **Full Time Officer Reports**

    The Full Time Officers presented their reports for approval.

   The Chair called for a vote to approve the Full Time Officer Reports.
   Vote: For: 13; Against: 0; Abstentions: 2. The Full Time Officer Reports were approved.

3. **Student Voice Officer Reports**

   The Chair presented the Student Voice Officers reports for approval.

   The Chair called for a vote to approve the Student Voice Officer Reports.
   Vote: For: 13; Against: 2; Abstentions: 2. The Student Voice Officer Reports were approved.

4. **Revised Sustainability Policy**

   Revisions to the Students' Association Sustainability Policy were presented to align with the universities sustainability initiatives and to withdraw from external accreditations (Green Impact) due

to capacity, resources, and due to the association having embedded these values within the organisation, allowing for more student focussed sustainability campaigning.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Revised Sustainability Policy.
Vote: For: 15; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0. The Revised Sustainability Policy was approved.

5. **Revised The EDIT Policy**

Revisions to The EDIT policy were presented, including committee roles and titles rebranding to appeal to a wider range of students when seeking volunteers to fill positions. Further amendments were highlighted in the extension of copyright practice.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Revised The EDIT Policy.
Vote: For: 16; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0. The Revised The EDIT Policy was approved.

6. **Revised Sports Policy**

The Revised Sports Policy was presented with updates made to the Sports Council positions and role descriptions, amendments to Sports Awards rules, an update to allow more flexibility within sports representation funding and the current administrative process added to student sports competition entry criteria.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Revised Sports Policy.
Vote: For: 18; Against: 0; Abstentions: 2. The Revised Sports Policy was approved.

7. **Honorary Life Members**

The nominations for Honorary Life members were presented for approval as it was confirmed that The Executive Committee met on 11th March 2025 to discuss individuals to be proposed to Student Voice.

GCU Students
• Ghulam Mustafa
• Prajwal Naredndra Mithbawkar
• Rana Muhammad Temoor Imran
• Iqra Abbasi

Non-Students
• Dr. Alastair Robertson
• Connor Barr

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Honorary Life Members.
Vote: For: 13; Against: 2; Abstentions: 1. The Honorary Life Members were approved.

8. **Ideas**

The Chair presented ideas (based on the number of votes submitted on the Students' Association website) for approval.

Neuro Divergent / Autism Study Space

The proposer presented an overview of their submitted idea. The space was highlighted to include specific furniture, sensory materials, noise cancelling headphones and calming lighting to aid various study needs. Analysis on the number of students who identify as neurodivergent as well as studies

highlighting that students with access to supportive spaces attain higher grades than those that do not were provided. It was added that the space would further promote and prioritise mental health and wellbeing, as well as increasing student belonging and inclusivity. It was added that opening such a space would reinforce previously awarded university accreditations, support the common good mission as well as aligning with strategic goals. It was noted that the university is already a leader in this area, but should remain at the forefront of the education sector and set an example and benchmark for others to follow.

Vice President GSBS proposed that this idea could be an extension on the objective that they are working on to open a sensory room on campus and highlight students desire for these spaces on-campus. It was suggested that this idea be raised with the university within future campus masterplan meetings to be considered as a future addition if space or resources are a current limitation.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the full idea proposed.
Vote: For: 20; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Idea was approved. **Action: Vice President GSBS.**

No Assessments, no compulsory attendance during student election week

The idea was outlined on behalf of the proposer.

It was noted that due to recent attendance policy changes and integration of the SEAtS application, that currently lectures are not strictly compulsory. It was further highlighted that a more realistic idea would be for the Students' Association to move the Election week outside of teaching and assessment weeks although this would have a vast impact on student engagement and voting due to student not being present on campus to the same extent. ED raised that the change in timetable policy as well as students on placement and the co-ordination of every school and department would logistically, be extremely difficult. It was noted that the although the proposal could benefit individual students standing as candidates, it wouldn't allow for fair participation and engagement by the wider student body majority.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the full idea proposed.
Vote: For: 2; Against: 18; Abstentions: 0 The Idea was not approved.

Free tampons / pads in all bathrooms

The proposer provided a statement that was presented to Student Voice members.

It was noted that although the university introduced free tampons and pads in bathrooms as a result of the government providing funding to educational institutions for this reason, that this is not available in every bathroom, and in some buildings are rarely available at all. This idea proposes that the university strives to ensure that tampons/pads are available in all bathrooms on campus.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the full idea proposed.
Vote: For: 19; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0 The Idea was approved **Action: Vice President SCEBE**.

9. **Elections**

The Chair presented the Student Voice Elected Positions needing filled for 2025/26. It was noted that anyone wishing to volunteer should ensure that they are available for the meetings their position holds as to not impact studies.

The following Student Voice Members ran for each Student Voice Elected Position:

• Chair of Student Voice (1 position)

Cameron Corbett
This position was duly elected.

• Vice Chair of Student Voice (1 position)
Mark Sherlock
This position was duly elected.

• Freshers Committee (2 positions):
Cameron Corbett, Chenali Pitroda
These positions were duly elected.

• Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2 position):
Cameron Corbett, Mark Sherlock
These positions were duly elected.

• Senate Disciplinary Committee (5 positions):
Cameron Corbett, Mark Sherlock
These positions were duly elected.

• Senate Student Representative (2 positions)
Emma Dow, Dylan Welsh
These positions were duly elected.

• Learning Enhancement Sub-Committee Rep (1 UG, 1 PGT, 1 open position):
No nominations were received.

• Honorary Degrees Committee (1 position):
No nominations were received.

10. **Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 17th February 2025**

The Chair invited members who were present at the last meeting of Student Voice to consider the minutes of the previous Student Voice meeting held on 17th February 2025.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 17th February 2025. **Vote: For: 14; Against: 0; Abstention: 1.** The Minutes of Student Voice Meeting on 17th February 2025 were approved.

11. **Matters Arising from Meeting on 17th February 2025**

There were no Matters Arising to be discussed.

12. **Minutes of Student Voice Sub-Committees**

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Minutes of Student Voice Sub-Committees.
Vote: For: 10; Against: 0; Abstention: 1. The Minutes of Student Voice Sub-Committees were approved.

13. **STAR Awards 2025**

The STAR Awards 2025 was noted for information.

14. **Teaching Awards 2025**

The Teaching Awards 2025 was noted for information.

15. Student Trustee Recruitment

The Student Trustee Recruitment was noted for information.

16. Annual Student Survey 2025

The Annual Student Survey 2025 was noted for information.

17. AOCB

The Sports Council Chair highlighted that Sports Ball taking place on 12th April 2025 for any sports club member wishing to attend.

Furthermore, the Student President thanked members of Student Voice as well as the Chair for the great work achieved throughout the year and congratulated the incoming Chair and Full Time Officer team on their elected roles.

The meeting was concluded at 18:10pm.

Committee Title	Student Voice
Date of Meeting	31st March 2025
Item Number and Title/Subject	Full Time Officer Reports
Paper Presenter	Wilfred Obi, Student President Laiba Tareen, Vice President SCEBE Friday Oshiotse, Vice President SHLS Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President GSBS
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	The Constitution outlines that 'Student Voice has the power to scrutinise the work of the Executive Committee'. The reports outlined progress made against remits and Team and Individual Objectives.

Recommendation(s)	Information		Discussion		Approval	X
	Any member can ask a question by raising their voting card and being recognised by the Chair to speak. Student Voice is asked to approve the Full Time Officers Report.					

Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Executive Committee

Staff/Student Protocol	Yes		No	X	N/A	
Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?	The Chief Executive has been consulted in the development of the Full Time Officers team and individual objectives and remits.					

Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting? **If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.**	No The Full Time Officer reports are made available to the membership on the Students' Association website.

Report by [Wilfred Obi & Student President]

Name:	*Wilfred Obi*
Date Produced:	**20/03/2025**
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Team and Individual Objectives
The Full Time Officers Team and Individual Objectives were approved by Student Voice on Monday 21st October 2024.
Team Objectives 2024/25
Student President Individual Objectives 2024/25

1. 2025 full time officers Election

The full -time officer election for 2025 held from the 3rd to 7th of March. Tom Tom, Chinenye, Hamza and Eilidh.
I am happy to state that we beat our highest turnout under this current Full Time Officer Model, which was in 2023/24.

Oluwatomisin (Tom Tom) Osinubi		Full Time Officer [MSc Social Innovation with Professional Practice]	Full Time Officer [PGT]	Nigeria	Full Time Officer [GSBS]
Hamza Ahmad Siddiqi		Master of Public Health	PGT	Pakistan	SHLS
Chinaenyenwa Ugo		Master of Public Health	PGT	Nigerian	SHLS
Eilidh Stewart		BA (Hons) Social Sciences	UG	UK	GSBS

2. Students' Association Strategic Plan 2030

The Students' Association is in the final year (Year 4) of our Strategic Plan 2025. You can read about our current achievements in our annual report within our Accounts 2024 and our progress against our Key Performance Indicators.

For our Strategic Plan 2030 we will concentrate on refreshing our objectives and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and on strategic alignment with the GCU Strategy 2030. The timeline for the development of the strategic plan can be found in appendix 2.

STEPS

1. SWOT & PESTLE Analysis [January]
2. ICE (Impact, Confidence, and Ease) Scoring Model [January]
3. Review Objectives and Alignment to GCU Strategy 2030 [March]
4. Review KPIs [April]

ICE Score = (Impact x Confidence x Ease). The higher the ICE score, the higher the priority. We will use the ICE Scoring Model as a discussion tool to think about which activities and services we continue, change how we deliver or potentially stop.

3. Meetings with University Executive

In addition to the Student President's regular individual meetings with the Principal and Vice-Chancellor and the Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Full Time Officers hold collective monthly meetings with members of the University Executive. The following was discussed at the March meeting: Rent Guarantor Scheme, Campus Masterplan, Keeping Wednesday Afternoons Free, Completion Rates and London Office for Students' Association.

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Collaborate with the University to increase students access to Better Sporting facilities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Higher number of students engaging with campus sport facilities	100% completed. Free Gym access was granted to all GCU students from the 27th of January. I encourage all students to sign up and get fit.
2.	To facilitate Student engagement with the campus masterplan	Number of students consulted by the University	100% completed. We have completed consultations and engagement with students on the campus master Plan.
3.	To collaborate with the university to Identify programmes with lowest NSS score for overall satisfaction to improve the student experience and sense of belonging.	An improved NSS Score (GCU overall satisfaction	100% completed we have identified programmes concerned.

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2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school to better understand student needs	Action Plan completed. NSS result improved	We continued engagement on those identified programmes
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression	Improved progression rate	In progress, we have continued engagement with the PVC Education.

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	GCU London	Met with the Director of GCU London campus to discuss student issues such as office for SA staff in London
2.	GCU Communications & Public Affairs	I have had several meetings with the university communication team
3.	Estates (excluding Caledonian Court and Catering)	I have had four different meetings with the estate team and consultation are ongoing for the Campus Master Plan.
4.	GCU Strategy and Planning	I have had a meeting with the management to discuss the university strategy for 2030
6.	Student Voice and Ideas Process	Several ideas have been raised on our websites and some of those have been discussed.
7.	Champion: LGBT+ Network	Talks are ongoing to create more awareness of the LGBT+Network.
9.	University Court	I have attended 4 court meeting where the university strategy was discussed
10.	University Court Standing Committees	I have had several court committee meetings.
11.	Senate	I have attended 3 Senate meeting on the 09/10/2024
13	Academic Appeals Committee	No meeting yet
14	Honorary Degrees Committee	I have attended 2 meeting to consider nominations for honorary award
15	Prevent Steering Group	No meeting yet
16	Student Survey Working Group	Attended two meetings where changes in module survey was discussed meeting
18	Trustee Board (Chair	Attended and chaired 3 trustee board meeting
19	Executive Committee (Chair)	I attended and Chaired 7 executive board meeting where issues affecting students where discussed
20	Appointments Committee (Chair)	Attended three meeting

Report by Tom Tom – VP GSBS

Name:	*Oluwatomisin Osinubi*
Date Produced:	**20-03-2025**
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Quiet room establishment	Official publication and launch of the space to all students on social media and emails via student comms.	- Had meetings with the Library team who are already having considerations about establishing one. - Plan to meet with Disability Team to support our efforts - Held a Poll for it in the Library with the Disabled Students Officer and got a lot of feedback from students wanting a quiet room.
2.	Student housing campaigns	- Rent guarantor Scheme set up for next academic year. - GCU students access to Glasgow Housing Cooperative. - Student feedback on their better knowledge of renting rights. - Better student housing experience.	- Biweekly Scottish Housing FTO meetings ongoing. - Following up with management on implementation research of Rent Guarantors scheme at GCU. - Monitoring Housing Bill amendments and keeping in contact with MSPs
3.	Launch Campus Bean Bag Conversations	- Initial pilot session & Full roll-out of the initiative with monthly sessions to be launched by the end of Tri A. - Attendance of students each session and their levels of participation. - Track number of student issues raised during the sessions that are presented in meetings and how many lead to positive changes or responses from the university. - Social media and Student Feedback	- LDC team from last session mentioned the direct feedback from students will be useful in how they reach students needing support.

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress

			*Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus.	- Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA. - Explicit sports strategy within Campus Masterplan. - E-Sport Arena Business Case approved.	
2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school to better understand student needs.	An improved student learning experience Higher satisfaction for learning and teaching in NSS.	
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression.	-Action Plan completed (milestones) -Improved progression rate Students' Association feedback included in Education Strategy.	

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	Wellbeing	- Wrapped up Feel Fab February with good attendance and engagement on multiple events
2.	Accommodation	- Rent Guarantor's Scheme research follow up ongoing - Lobbying for reduced or free laundry at Cale Court - Monitoring Housing Bill amendments and keeping in contact with MSPs
3.	Sports	- Keep Wednesday Afternoons Free raised continuously with the academic registrar and University exec team. There is work to be done on identifying all programs having scheduled classes over 12 and keeping it to the barest minimum. - Blog on sports advocacy at GCU submitted to Wonkhe - Encouraging students to use the gym at lecture shouts - Organized and attended Glasgow Taxis Cup events
4.	Disability Project Board Review	- Had close out meeting and moving to implementation phase - Disabled Students expert Panel meetings ongoing - Invited Library Team to the next Disabled students Panel to get feedback on short & long term improvements to be made on accessibility in the library. - Organized neurodiversity week events and promoted on socials. - Hosted a stall in the Library to spread awareness on Neurodiversity, sharing resources, giving out

		sensory toys and gathering feedback from students in collaboration with the Disabled Students Officer and the University Disability Team.
5.	ACADEMIC DEV & ENHANCEMENT	
6.	MATURE & PART-TIME STUDENTS	
7.	STUDENT MEDIA GROUPS	
8.	CARE EXPERIENCED & CARE ESTRANGED STUDENTS	
9.	GCU FOUNDATION, ALUMNI & GRADUATION	
10.	STUDENT LEADERS PROGRAMME, SDGs, SOCIAL INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP	- Promoting a mental health course for students in partnership
11.	OUTREACH & ARTICULATION	-
12.	GSBS	- Planning GSBS International students' event - Onboarded Academic reps - Supporting PhD GSBS students on raising issues with relocation plans -

Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact *What difference will this meeting or event make?*
1.	GSBS academic reps Meeting	Improve relationship with academic reps and enhance support system and student voice in the school
2.	Visit to London Campus	Build stronger relationship with London campus students, gather feedback and ideas. Meet London Officer.
3.	GSBS School Board	Represent GSBS students
4.	Plan Sports development campaigns with sports council	Have a clear drawn out plan and actions to take

By: Friday Oshiotse, VP SHLS]

Name:	Friday Ohimai Oshiotse
Date Produced:	18/03/2025
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Dialogue with the university executive for early retrieval (early resit)	• Data reports • Feedback from students	• Granted to postgraduate students whose programme begins in Tri B and Tri C. • Granted to postgraduate students with 3rd extraordinary attempt.
2.	Collaborate with the Induction Planning Steering Group for a continuous induction programme for freshers who might not be able to resume in week one	• Data reports • Feedback from students	• There were programmes and departmental inductions for students who resumed late and for those who resumed early in Tri A.
3.	Collaborate with continuing students and alumni to provide academic guidance for students through tutorials	• Feedback from students	• A call on volunteers (alumni and continuing students) across the various departments and programmes was made. • First online academic session was held on Thursday, the 14th of November 2024 with FTOs, some alumni members, some continuing students, and some new students in attendance. • Further call has been made for more alumni and continuing students to join the academic volunteering team. • An informal meeting was held for new students in Tri B where myself and the student president gave them the necessary information about GCU. • An online academic support programme held on February 13th for all GCU undergraduate and postgraduate new students.

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2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school to better understand student needs	Action Plan completed. NSS result improved.	Completed.
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression	Improved progression rate	Completed.

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	School of Health and Life Sciences	• The issue of some students from medical bioscience who couldn't write their dissertations in Trimester C due to resits was presented. An appeal was made to allow them write their dissertations in Trimester 2024 A rather than waiting till Trimester C 2025 and this was granted. • A request was made to investigate the high failure rates in medical bioscience and this was granted. • Some courses have been withdrawn in SHLS due to low number of intakes and because those courses are no longer sustainable financially. • The International Students Barometer survey result is higher in SHLS compared to GSBS and SCEBE. In the previous survey, SHLS recorded the lowest result.
2.	Taught & Research Postgraduate Students	• Introductory meeting held with a discussion on how to improve postgraduate experience.

		• A research subcommittee was set up and a request was made for the committee to have at least a student representative from SHLS, GSBS, and SCEBE
3.	Student Carers	• A Student Carer Representative Officer has been recruited and a meeting was held where members met to network and share ideas.
4.	Freshers, Induction, and Open Days	• Freshers fair held between 27th and 28th January, 2025 at Annie Lenox and the FTOs were there to welcome the students.
5.	Nightline Volunteer Programme	• No event has taken place
6.	Quality Assurance and SPARQS	• The Full Time Officers attended a SPARQS event at Edinburgh between 5th and 6th of August, 2024 • A SPARQs representative visited GCU for a training at the SA.
7.	Library	• No event has taken place
8.	Information Technology	• Meeting held with a discussion on how to improve on the GCU student app .
9.	Campus Trade Unions	• No event has taken place
10.	Ethical and Environmental	• No event has taken place
11.	Champion: Ethnic Diversity Network	• Some Representation Network Officers have been appointed.
12.	Education Committee	• The issue of students with visa expirations on September 17th 2024, and in February 2025 was presented to the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Education, and a request was made for priority marking so they could apply for a post-study visa. This request was granted for students with visa expirations on September 17th, 2024. • Priority marking was also granted to students whose visas expired in January and February 2025.

Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact *What difference will this meeting or event make?*
1.	Dialogue with the university executive for early retrieval (early resit)	• Granted to postgraduate students whose programme begins in Tri B and Tri C. • Granted to postgraduate students with 3rd extraordinary attempt.
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Report by [Laiba Tareen- VP SCEBE]

Name:	*Laiba Tareen*
Date Produced:	21/03/25
Committee:	Student Voice
Action:	For Approval/For Discussion/For Information

Full Time Officer Individual Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	Improve cost of living by increasing access to hardship funds for international students	Successful approval of expanded eligibility criteria for hardship funds.	Completed- students can email finance team and can get guidance on how to apply for funds
2.	Implementing bidet shower on Campus for students	Commitment of Installation of bidet showers in campus masterplan	Ongoing conversations with university Exec
3.	Promoting and increasing social computer lounges.	Positive student feedback in IT services and facility surveys.	Ongoing conversations with university Exec

Full Time Officer Team Objectives

	Objective	Success Measure	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting and whether the objective is completed.*
1.	To collaborate with the University for improved access for students to health and wellbeing facilities and activities on campus	Higher number of GCU students using ARC gym and MUGA Explicit sports strategy within Campus Masterplan E-Sport Arena Business Case approved	Completed
2.	To work with key programmes within each academic school	Action Plan completed	Ongoing conversations

	to better understand student needs.	NSS result improved	
3.	Collaborate with the University to improve academic progression	Action Plan completed (milestones) Improved progression rate Students' Association feedback included in Education Strategy	Ongoing conversations with university Exec

Remit Progress

	Remit Areas	Progress *Update on what has been achieved **since** the last meeting.*
1.	Teaching awards	Going to email exec at university for invitation
2.	EDI	Chaired EDI MEETINGS
3.	Catering	Improved food options across campus with a focus on affordability and diversity, including more dietary options for students with specific needs
4.	Elections week	Promoted votes
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Plans Before the Next Meeting

	Main Priorities	Intended Outcome/Impact *What difference will this meeting or event make?*
1.	Social computer Lounges	Having an agreement in place
2.	Bidet showers	Having conversations about masterplan

Cameron Corbett

Computing Department Rep

Submission Date	Mar 20, 2025 9:28 PM
Name	Cameron Corbett
Role	Computing Department Rep

What meetings/activities have you been doing since you last report at Student Voice (or starting role)?

I have worked actively to improve the academic experience and drive meaningful changes within my university. In my role on the ELISR and Programme Review Panel for the Biomedical Science Department, I successfully pushed for clearer student feedback systems, improved departmental communication, and adjustments to timetables to better support students' financial and mental health needs.

Recognising the importance of student well-being, I collaborated closely with the Student Association President to campaign successfully for free gym access. By engaging directly with students, we secured strong support for this initiative, helping promote physical health across campus.

I mentored class academic representatives by providing practical guidance on their roles and responsibilities. Beyond my department, I encouraged students from other schools to become involved as academic representatives within the Student Association.

Maintained regular communication with the Head of the Computing Department to address student concerns promptly. Our collaborative meetings led directly to improvements in teaching quality and overall student experience. Furthermore, by facilitating ongoing dialogue among representatives from different year groups, I ensured decisions were informed by comprehensive student feedback and data-driven insights.

What student issues have you been working on or would like the Students' Association to know about?

Reforms in our representative structure to make sure all students have a clear and equal voice.

I have highlighted the importance of ethical AI integration in education both at a departmental level and during my time in the ELISR as well as in key meetings in SAGE and with FTO's. I proposed targeted training sessions for both students and lecturers, aiming to ensure that AI tools are used responsibly and effectively in our courses.

I have been working with multiple cohorts, school, and academic reps to get an overarching picture of the impact of unoptimized timetabling and attendance issues.

Tied in with the timetabling after a meeting with Steven in Registry I was informed one of the biggest reason is a lack of lab rooms with required specialised software access which should be corrected.

What are your upcoming plans as Officer/Department Rep/Activities Chair/Media Manager?

I intend to continue my push for representative reforms to ensure that Students always have a voice to be heard and ensure the best possible levels of communications between students, the Student Association, and the University.

I intend to prepare to push the issue of poorly optimised timetables causing a major impact on students financial and mental health.

I intend to continue to advocate for a proper AI policy beyond the basic plagiarism policy currently enacted by the university to see a standardised approach to the topic ensuring an ethical and efficient use of modern day AI tools in a professional and academic setting.

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CHENALI PITRODA

Student carer representatives Officer and Senate university

Submission Date	Mar 12, 2025 1:38 PM
Name	CHENALI PITRODA
Role	Student carer representatives Officer and Senate university

What meetings/activities have you been doing since you last report at Student Voice (or starting role)?

Since my last update, I have been actively involved in various campaigns. Most recently, I organized an event for student carers at GCU, which was a great success. We had around seven attendees who enjoyed engaging in games and informal discussions about their experiences and challenges with caring responsibilities. The event also provided a relaxing space with coffee, snacks, and cakes, which everyone appreciated.

What student issues have you been working on or would like the Students' Association to know about?

Currently, I am focusing on increasing engagement and participation among student carers within my network. I aim to ensure they feel supported and connected to the wider university community.

What are your upcoming plans as Officer/Department Rep/Activities Chair/Media Manager?

I am planning to organize another event in April to further strengthen our support network for student carers. This will provide another opportunity for them to connect, share experiences, and access resources that can help them balance their responsibilities effectively.

Erica Calucando

Disabled Students' Officer

Submission Date	Mar 12, 2025 1:10 PM
Name	Erica Calucando
Role	Disabled Students' Officer
What meetings/activities have you been doing since you last report at Student Voice (or starting role)?	I have created a survey for disabled students to get ideas on things disabled students face and how to tackle them. I got great feedback.
What student issues have you been working on or would like the Students' Association to know about?	I have been speaking to GSBS vice president, disability team in the university and disabled students to create a sensory room for Neurodivergent students around GCU. And trying to tackle Anxiety of disabled students. I learned that many disabled students have anxiety and mental health problems so I'm trying to create a campaign or meeting to tackle those issues.
What are your upcoming plans as Officer/Department Rep/Activities Chair/Media Manager?	Creating a sensory room for Neurodivergent students to tackle anxiety.

Lou Russell

LGBT+ Student Officer

Submission Date	Mar 20, 2025 6:37 PM
Name	Lou Russell
Role	LGBT+ Student Officer
What meetings/activities have you been doing since you last report at Student Voice (or starting role)?	Organised a walk and talk event for the network. However this had to be postponed due to the weather.
What student issues have you been working on or would like the Students' Association to know about?	Some students have spoken to me about doing something to show solidarity with American LGBT+ citizens. I am going to work with the students to see what we can do
What are your upcoming plans as Officer/Department Rep/Activities Chair/Media Manager?	I am looking to organise another social event in the next few weeks.

Yinghui Lian
Student Voice Member

Submission Date   Mar 13, 2025 8:41 AM

Name   Yinghui Lian

Role   Student Voice Member

What meetings/activities have   Joining in the student voice meeting, talking with dawn and other student
you been doing since you last   reps about issues or concerns
report at Student Voice (or
starting role)?

What student issues have you   attendance so that everyone doesn't have issues
been working on or would like
the Students' Association to
know about?

What are your upcoming plans   ensure i can help represent the people of my class
as Officer/Department
Rep/Activities Chair/Media
Manager?