

Committee Title	Student Voice					
Date of Meeting	Monday 6 th December 2021					
Item Number and Title/Subject	New affiliated societies and sports clubs					
Paper Presenter	Societies Council Chair/VP GSBS					
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	<p>New Affiliated Societies</p> <p><u>PENSA Glasgow</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To create a safe environment for all students from diverse backgrounds to come together and share their love for God. Tackle different social issues that we face in University and how to deal with them in a Godly sense. To see a transformation of our youth culture and the raising of world changers. Equipping the youth with fluency in the language of the Kingdom of God <p><u>GCU Mooting Society</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enable and empower GCU students in becoming confident, proficient mooters To participate in moot competitions in both Scotland and UK national levels To increase the profile of the GCU LLB and the wider university To create a safe space where LLB students can network, discuss legal topics and have fun! 					
Recommendation(s)	Information		Discussion		Approval	X
	<p><i>Any member can ask a question by raising their virtual hand and being recognised by the Chair to speak.</i></p> <p>Student Voice are asked to approve and affiliate these clubs and societies.</p>					
Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Societies Council					
Staff/Student Protocol	Yes		No	X	N/A	
Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?	N/A					
Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting?	No					
If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.						

PENSA Glasgow

What is PENSA?

PENSA stands for Pentecost Students and Associates. PENSA is a campus-based Christian ministry that aims to:

- a. Bring all students to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and preparing members for Christ's second coming
- b. Lead all individuals to a deeper and intimate personal relationship with Christ, to know Him and also make Him known- what we call 'Messengers'
- c. Foster love, accountability, transparency, discipleship, unity and fellowship among the students, associates and the body of Christ as visible on campus
- d. To raise a generation of world-changers with a Christ factor.

How is PENSA different from the Christian Union society?

PENSA is different from Christian Union Society mainly in the way of worship and the demographics of people we tend to attract. PENSA adopts a Pentecostal approach which makes it appealing to students of Pentecostal, Charismatic and Protestants backgrounds- For example praying in tongues. Over the years, PENSA has attracted largely students of Afro-Caribbean origins because they are more familiar and comfortable with the way of worship in PENSA. Its emphasis mainly is on spiritual growth. The Christian Union Society on the hand, is a body of all Christian Dominations which includes Catholics, Anglicans and other Orthodox Churches whose mode of worship is different from that of Pentecost. As a collective body of Christ we have, in past times, collaborated with the Christian union and look forward to future engagements. PENSA remains open to all students.

What are the society's plans?

Our plan for this academic year is to hold weekly meetings discussing a range of different topics both social and biblical- always referring back to the bible as a reference point. This is particularly important given that we have new members who are new to the University and so we will provide a platform for godly interactions, spiritual nurturing, and social interactions. We also plan to have some casual get together to build our relationship with one another and get to know each other better. Another plan is to start planning towards Tranformers22 conference which has now been confirmed will take place in Newport.

Are you affiliated to PENSA UK? And what does this mean/involve? Can you provide some info on their objectives/aims

PENSA is a recognised Christian society in many universities across the UK and beyond. We therefore, sometimes, share ideas across boundaries and share a common platform under PENSA UK to interact and learn from each other. Each PENSA ministry is however independent and responsible for developing their programmes, administration and management at the local level. The aim of PENSA UK is to transform youth culture, no longer following trends but establishing them, to the glory of God!

GCU Mooting Society

What is mooting?

A moot court competition simulates a court hearing (usually an appeal against a final decision), in which participants analyse a problem, research the relevant law, prepare written submissions, and present an oral argument. Moot problems are typically set in areas of law that are unsettled or that have been subject to recent developments. They usually involve two grounds of appeal, argued by each side.

The procedure imitates that followed in real courts: the judge enters, the mooters and the judge bow to each other, the clerk announces the matter, the mooters give their appearances and are then called on in turn to present their submissions, the judge asks questions of the mooters, the court adjourns, and the judge then returns to deliver a brief judgment and some feedback.

Why should there be a moot society?

Mooting is different from public speaking or debating, although it shares some common elements with these activities. It is a specialised application of the art of persuasive advocacy. It has been part of the process of training lawyers for centuries and as such would benefit the Law students of GCU massively.

Mooting enables students with the opportunity:

- to engage with and think deeply about interesting and topical legal issues;
- to enhance their advocacy, legal research and writing skills;
- to work closely with and learn from their peers; and
- to demonstrate their interest in advocacy and competence as an advocate to prospective employers. Most students find mooting to be intellectually rewarding and highly enjoyable. It can be nerve-racking and frustrating but it is a lot of fun.

Why not combine the society with the pre-existing law clinic/society?

By starting our own society, my team and I would be able to focus 100% of our efforts on mooting. By working together, we would be able to not only develop the skills mentioned above but also raise the profile of the University.