

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 at 10am** in NH209.

### **Members:**

Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Student President (Chair)  
Chinaenyenwa Ugo, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)  
Eilidh Stewart, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)  
Hamza Siddiqi, Vice President School of Science and Engineering (VP SSE)

### **Apologies:**

### **In Attendance:**

David Carse, Chief Executive  
Sara MacLean, Student Voice Team Leader  
Philip Morton, Governance Support Co-ordinator (Clerk)

#### **1. Chair Announcements and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting.

#### **2. University Meetings**

##### **2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting**

The advantages and disadvantages of a potential move to a School-based elections model was discussed. Candidates' behaviour was raised and whether a change in model could mitigate this as well as increasing quality as opposed to quantity of candidates. The issue of a candidate solely campaigning based on school objectives as opposed to the wider student body was raised. The Director of GCU London noted the issue of London programmes not being attached to an academic school, with those students only able to vote or run for the Student President position. Representation of London students was questioned; a part-time paid London Officer role was suggested as a potential solution. Due to scheduling, feedback from each school Dean has yet to be received.

In terms of a statement on EHRC, it was noted that the university are awaiting further guidance to be confirmed. Vice-Principal People and Student Wellbeing suggest a meeting with Vice President GSBS and relevant university stakeholders to discuss further. It was noted that appropriate student consultation should be sought. It was agreed that the Immigration White Paper would remain as a standing item for further updates to be provided. Trimester A recruitment changes were noted.

##### **2.2 Senate**

No Senate meetings had taken place.

##### **2.3 Senate Standing Committees**

No Senate Standing Committee meetings had taken place.

### 3. NUS Delegation Registration

NUS Scotland Conference 2025-26 has been confirmed to take place in Trimester A instead of Trimester B. Registered delegates become electorates in the NUS election taking place in Trimester B.

Availability for attendance is difficult due to scheduling conflicts with the Times Higher Education Student Success event (Student President speaking, Vice President GSBS asked by university to present student mental health charter), University Court, Learning Enhancement Sub-committee and Research Committee. NUS is to be contacted with the above scheduling conflicts, as there has been discussions within the sector on this conflict as well as the NUS Scotland President invited to speak at the Times event, to confirm whether the placeholder dates are confirmed. **Action: Student Voice Team Leader.**

NUS guidelines do not explicitly state for sabbatical officers to attend although have encouraged this over delegates. The Student President noted the benefit of having a Full Time Officer attend. As a contingency plan, it was stated that Vice President SHLS would attend NUS Scotland with three delegates made up of the two student Senators and Student Voice Chair. These delegates will be contacted to confirm their availability. **Action: Student Voice Team Leader.** In the event of the Student President not attending, they will designate a delegation leader. Pre and post conference meetings will take place including the Full Time Officer team, as well as providing clarity on GCU Students' Association policy.

### 4. Draft Individual and Team Objectives

The Draft Team Objectives were outlined. The success measures of 'improve GCU student housing experience' was raised, particularly the measurement of students knowing their rights. It was commented that the objective is substantially large and could be condensed.

The objective 'development of more Equality, Diversity and Inclusion representation and projects on campus' was commented due to the expanse and breadth of the objective which would be broken down to a single area, such as an individual campaign. It was noted that various campaigns are currently being worked on by separate Full Time Officers in partnership with representation network officers. Success measures were raised, particularly clarity on inclusive spaces on campus, whether this is to be added to the campus masterplan or whether a space is to be identified and opened by a set date.

It was commented that a specific policy could be explored in the objective 'strengthen student partnership in academic procedures', for example AI policy development would be a singular large objective. It was commented that student facing policies should be presented at SAGE for consultation although this is not written into university policy or practiced which could be strengthened through an objective success measure.

It was noted that with the Scottish Parliamentary elections taking place in May 2026, that a strong campaign could be based on increasing election awareness, particularly with potential education-based manifesto points including Scottish tuition fees and student voter registration. Vice President GSBS raised that this could thread through their potential individual objectives. The Full Time Officers will have completed the team and individual objectives to present for approval at the next Executive Committee meeting. **Action: Full Time Officers.**

## 5. EHRC / Supreme Court Statement

Vice President GSBS shared their EHRC/Supreme Court Statement and noted consultation with the Student President from Edinburgh University and an activist who has worked on NUS campaigns. It was commented that further campaigning open to the student body for feedback such as a 'let's talk toilets' session could take place.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the EHRC / Supreme Court Statement.

**Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 1.** The EHRC / Supreme Court Statement was approved.

The EHRC / Supreme Court Statement is to be added to the website and social media channels.

**Action: Governance Support Co-ordinator.**

## 6. Governor Meetings

The Student President provided an update on their meeting with the Chair of Court and Link Governor regarding Governor meetings with students. It was confirmed that each meeting will follow a thematic area, such as employability, ethical investment, belonging & inclusion, and assessments, rewards and grading. Themes are to be finalised, and it was commented that an assessment theme may be better worded as 'student experience', confirming that academic policies are not approved by University Court. It was noted that student expectations must be managed to ensure that there is no confusion on outcome or lobbying for individual issues. For transparency, it was stated that a blog could be released after each meeting to highlight discussion points.

## 7. School-Based Elections University Feedback

This item was discussed during agenda item 2.1.

## 8. Full Time Officer Engagement Plan 2025-26

The Full Time Officer Engagement Plan 2025-26 was highlighted for approval.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Full Time Officer Engagement Plan 2025-26.

**Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.** The Full Time Officer Engagement Plan 2025-26 was approved.

## 9. SHLS Degree Awards

Vice President SHLS raised degree awards and the policy that distinguishes reward structure. It was stated that this should be included within assessment regulations for further research.

## 10. SFC Belonging and Safety Response

It was agreed that the Student President would meet with the Chief Executive to discuss a written response. **Action: Student President.**

## 11. Full Time Officer Reports

Submitted reports were noted as read. Due to an intense period of Full Time Officer induction training, reports will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting.

## **12. Regulated Lobbying**

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

## **13. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

**Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.** The Executive Committee minutes 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025 were approved.

## **14. Matters Arising**

The Executive Committee discussed the matters arising outlined within the paper.

## **15. Life Membership**

There were no Life Memberships for approval.

## **16. A.O.C.B. (Emergency Business)**

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 12:15pm

***Date of next meeting: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025, from 10:00am-12:00pm, in NH209.***

## EXTRAORDINARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Extraordinary Executive Committee meeting held on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025** at **09:15am** on Microsoft Teams.

### Members:

Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Student President (Chair)  
Chinaenyenwa Ugo, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)  
Eilidh Stewart, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)  
Hamza Siddiqi, Vice President School of Science and Engineering (VP SSE)

### Apologies:

### In Attendance:

David Carse, Chief Executive  
Philip Morton, Governance Support Co-ordinator (Clerk)

#### 1. Chair Announcements and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting.

#### 2. Campaigns Budget

The Executive Committee proposed a maximum spend of £160.80 to cover transport costs for a group of ten, including Full Time Officers and Students to attend the Living Rent Housing Bill Rally in Edinburgh.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Campaigns Budget.

**Vote: For 4; Against 0; Abstentions: 0.** The Campaigns Budget was approved.

#### 3. A.O.C.B. (Emergency Business)

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 09:25pm

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### **Apologies:**

### **In Attendance:**

David Carse, Chief Executive  
Philip Morton, Governance Support Co-ordinator (Clerk)

#### **1. Chair Announcements and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting.

#### **2. University Meetings**

##### **2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting**

There had been no Students' Association - GCU Executive Board Meeting.

##### **2.2 Senate**

University Senate took place on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The National Student Survey results were discussed, and although university leaders focused only on these scores, Vice President GSBS noted the decrease in Guardian ranking, where the institution had dropped 50 places. This metric system was explained without cause for concern.

The Dean of SSE provided a verbal update on the potential suspension of several programmes within the school. The need for student consultation on programme suspension to ensure greater partnership working was raised. The discussion noted the importance of considering all student-facing policies at SAGE to ensure transparency and student input. A paper outlining the programme suspensions was circulated for noting.

Finally, concerns around islamophobia both on-campus and externally were raised, as well as the impact on both staff and students. University management encouraged suggestions of actions for improvement, ensuring alignment with institutional objectives.

##### **2.3 Senate Standing Committees**

The education governance review was raised during the Education Committee to ensure effective management and principles aligning with the committee. A paper on strategy outcomes is to be circulated with the Executive Committee.

It was confirmed during the Learning Enhancement Sub-Committee that Pause for Feedback would move from week six to four to allow greater support between lecturer and student. It was asked for the Students' Association to aid support for Class Rep involvement and will be raised during the Student Partnership Forum. It was confirmed that exam times are to extend to three hours for all students to aid students with disabilities and allow for greater reflection. It was noted that 4501 students disclosed a disability on-campus last year, and a conversation was had on fairness in terms of equity versus equality to ensure access to equal success. Further discussions are to take place with the Disabled Students' Officer to ensure that those without disability are not at an unfair advantage during exam conditions.

Vice President SSE joined the meeting at 10:33am.

Vice President SHLS confirmed the Research Committee's discussion on eliminating MPhil in favour of direct PhD access for post graduate research students. International Committee confirmed the New2GCU survey is to be circulated during Trimester A whereas the Post Graduate Taught Experience survey will be circulated during Trimester B in place of the International Student Barometer to allow for better sector analysis.

The Student President highlighted the London Campus Board meeting, particularly surrounding enhanced support for students regarding BCA metrics as well as increasing wellbeing and welfare support.

### **3. Full Time Officer Individual and Team Objectives**

The Full Time Officers provided an overview of their draft individual and team objectives and amendments made to ensure obtainability for approval.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Full Time Officer Individual and Team Objectives.

**Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.** The Full Time Officer Individual and Team Objectives were approved.

### **4. Wednesday Afternoon Policy Report**

Vice President GSBS presented the Wednesday Afternoon Policy Report, outlining the common practices within the sector to ensure Wednesday afternoons are free for student participation in sports and extra-curricular activities. Exemption letters were noted as used within other institutions, with the implementation of signatories discussed. Although international student visas requiring a number of hours teaching to be met, it was stated that this has not impacted other university policies for participation, furthermore it was stated that an exemption letter would allow for a student to not be marked absent or impact their attendance. Further questions were raised regarding internal attendance monitoring and current sickness procedures that do not negatively impact attendance.

### **5. AI Student Survey**

Vice President SSE presented their AI Student Survey for feedback from the Executive Committee. The concern of linking a Students' Association stance to the survey was raised whilst the university are yet to confirm clear guidelines for students on the use of AI in their learning and submissions. It was asked to ensure clarity that the survey's purpose was to receive feedback and receive data on responsible use of AI and how this is currently used by students before lobbying the university for clear guidance. It was suggested that sector research and data may be sought from WonkHE resources. **Action: Vice President SSE.**

Furthermore, it was noted that QAQE could be consulted for question feedback on the survey from a university standpoint.

#### **6. Full Time Officer Reports**

Full Time Officer Reports were noted as read with no further questions.

#### **7. Regulated Lobbying**

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

#### **8. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 and Extraordinary Executive Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 and Extraordinary Executive Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

**Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.** The Executive Committee minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 and Extraordinary Executive Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were approved.

#### **9. Matters Arising**

The Executive Committee discussed the matters arising outlined within the paper.

#### **10. Life Membership**

Three Life Memberships were presented for approval.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Life Memberships.

**Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.** The Life Memberships were approved.

#### **11. A.O.C.B. (Emergency Business)**

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 12:31pm

***Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025, from 09:30am-12:00pm, in NH209.***