EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Friday 07th June 2024 at 09:30am** on MsTeams.

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)

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 meeting of Students' Association – GCU Executive Board.

2.2 Senate

The Student President highlighted the amendments and approval of the reviewed Fit to Sit Policy. It was further raised that some individual academic departments were to come to an end due to ongoing low student enrolment volume, additionally some departments were to be merged. Recommendations for post graduate students within the Quality Enhancement and Standards Action Plan Review were noted.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

There had been no meetings of the Senate Standing Committees.

3. Full Time Officer Reports

Vice President SCEBE highlighted the Catering Tenure meeting and confirmed BaxterStorey had a contract extension until July 2025, a new contract for an external catering company will come to effect from August 1st 2025. Staffed catering facilities will no longer be in operation, the pop-up café within the Annie Lennox building will open from Monday to Friday with an enhanced offering and although the Starbucks outlet within the library will no longer be open during weekends, an improved coffee machine is to be installed with hot water access for students wishing to use their own cups and coffee. Full Time Officers are to be included on future consultations regarding the next catering contract.

The Student President highlighted upcoming Glasgow graduation ceremonies and reminded Full Time Officers that students are unable to bring pre-cooked meals or use external catering companies if they wish to have social events on-campus during this time.

4. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying to report.

5. Minutes of the Executive Committee 28th May 2024

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 28th May 2024.
Vote: For 1; Against: 0; Abstentions: 3.
The Executive Committee 28th May 2024 were approved.

6. Matters Arising

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

7. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships submitted for approval.

10. A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 10:36am

Date of next meeting: Thursday 16th July 2024, from 10:00am-11:30am, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Friday 9th August 2024 at 10:00am** on Microsoft Teams.

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)

Apologies:
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
David Carse, Chief Executive

In Attendance:
Sara Maclean, Student Voice Team Leader
Philip Morton, Governance Support Co-ordinator

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 Full Time Officers met with the University Executive Group on 27th June 2024 for an informal introductory meeting, highlighting previous achievements and prospects for the upcoming year including the Executive Group vision for GCU.

Vice President GSBS noted the desire to partner with the Executive Group to ensure an enhanced student experience as well as greater communication for students from the university to better understand information and policy in a student friendly tone. It was further commented that an increase in driving professional employability and networking opportunities for students should be achieved.

Other topics discussed included the responsible use of AI and how this could align with assessments as well as assessing challenges for fee paying students in regards to modes of assessment and preparing students for different styles of assessment.

2.2 Senate

There had been no meeting of Senate.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

It was confirmed during the Learning Enhancement Sub Committee that the induction process for incoming students is to be improved, including ensuring that international students are able to arrive in time for the trimester commencing with a cut off arrival date implemented for early October 2024. Discussions were had surrounding mandatory induction attendance for all international students to be implemented in the next academic year to guarantee that all relevant information is accessible.

3. Student Life Policy Review

Vice President GSBS highlighted the Student Life Policy Review to discuss their feedback including clarification surrounding Students' Association representation within Fitness to Study cases, clarity within the informal stage of Fitness to Study including clear timescales as well as ensuring the Student Carers Policy includes up to date information regarding withdrawn or suspended studies. Further concern and clarity was raised within the Religious Observance Policy on religious dress and the issue of students who may not wish to be recorded for religious reasoning.

It was asked whether the Religious Observance Policy accommodates religious requests over assessment periods, for example, during Ramadan as the policy is not currently clear where it states that it is 'not usually possible'.

The Full Time Officers had no further feedback to raise.

4. Women's Network Officer Co-option

Details were provided on the Women's Network Officer Co-option of Chloe Aylott.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Women's Network Officer Co-option.
Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.
The Women's Network Officer Co-option was approved.

5. LGBT+ Students' Officer Co-option

Details were provided on the LGBT+ Students' Officer Co-option of Lou Russell.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the LGBT+ Students' Officer Co-option.
Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.
The LGBT+ Students' Officer Co-option was approved.

6. Individual and Team Objectives Informal Discussion

The Student President asked the Full Time Officer team to share any campaigns, initiatives or lobbying that they may wish to consider for individual or team objectives and noted that objectives should be achievable within the resources available.

Initial objective ideas included Vice President SHLS campaigning to improve assessment success rates and to work with the careers department to increase professional prospects for students. Vice President GSBS wanted to work towards increasing faculty networking and improving awareness of Students' Association services including engagement and wellbeing as well as campaigning for the rent guarantor scheme. The Student President has proposed the continuation and improvement of the Student Pantry including in GCU London as well as facilitating an E-Sports Arena.

7. Full Time Officer Reports

The written reports submitted by Vice President GSBS and Vice President SHLS were noted.

The Student President raised various training sessions held as well as the release of a joint statement with the Principal on current civil unrest within the UK and student safety.

8. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying to report.

9. Minutes of the Executive Committee 07th June 2024

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Minutes of the Executive Committee 07th June 2024.
Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.
The Minutes of the Executive Committee 07th June 2024 were approved.

10. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising raised from the previous meeting.

11. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships submitted for approval.

10. A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)

The joined statement released by the Principal and Student President was raised and it was asked whether the Full Time Officers should release a follow up statement to provide signposting links and further reassure students that their safety is of the utmost importance. It was acknowledged that the released statement was appropriately written with student concerns acknowledged and would be further shared on the Students' Association website and social media channels.

The meeting ended at 11:30am

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th September 2024, from 10:00am-11:30am, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 11:30am** in NH209.

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

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 meeting of the Students' Association – GCU Executive Board.

2.2 Senate

There had been no meeting of Senate.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

There had been no Senate Standing Committee meetings.

3. GCU London Visits 2024-25

Following feedback received during the previous year, the Full Time Officers were asked whether they would prefer to make a total of two visits to GCU London per trimester in pairs to allow for engagement with as many students as possible within their trip, or travel individually to make a total of four visits per trimester increasing GCU London students' opportunities to meet with a Full Time Officer.

It was confirmed that travelling in pairs would be preferred to maximise impact when present on campus as well as to provide support between Full Time Officers during visits.

4. Call for Honorary Degree Nominations

It was noted that the deadline for receipt of Honorary Degree Nominations for consideration is Friday 13 September 2024.

5. Governor Meetings

The agreed dates and times for university Governors to meet with thematic student groups were shared with the Executive Committee. It was decided that each meeting would invite students from each academic school as well as GCU London students as follows:

Meeting 1: Thurs 10th Oct 2024 at 1pm – GSBS Students
Meeting 2: Mon 2 Dec 2024 at 11am - SCEBE Students
Meeting 3: Wed 5 Feb 2025 at 11am – SHLS Students
Meeting 4: Wed 16 April 2025 at 11am – London Students

It was questioned how students may be rewarded for providing their time during meetings and aid with increasing attendance, perhaps by offering pizza or vouchers for a free lunch at the university refectory through the Governor's office.

6. Full Time Officer Reports

Vice President SCEBE highlighted the first meeting with their dean. Academic challenges, particularly for international students in relation to visa issues and resit implications were discussed. It was further noted from a meeting with Chair of Court that improvements had been made in receiving student perspective in decision making. It was confirmed that VP SCEBE had been nominated for the student campaigner of the year award through One Young World.

It was suggested for the Full Time Officers to request copies of each academic schools' operational plans to best identify collaborative activities and provide structured meeting conversation. **Action: Vice President GSBS, Vice President SCEBE, Vice President SHLS**.

Vice President GSBS highlighted discussion with their Dean in regards to the priority of student support in professional placements and career enhancement. The Student Mental Health Agreement was raised with the ambition to receive student feedback on support and future activity. It was further noted that planning has begun to increase the impact of Black History Month activities.

Vice President SHLS commented on a request from the Associate Dean Learning and Teaching to signpost fee-paying students on the possible implications of using the Fit to Sit policy. It was noted that Module Leaders could engage with students to communicate information and implications. It was further commented to the Executive Committee that earlier resit and submission periods may aid students in relation to visa issues which was previously verbally agreed by the university. Complications surrounding prioritising early resits was raised and how this could be made available to all students. It was suggested that the international committee could be liaised with to complete a student road map from application, important deadlines, key dates and information on policy such as Fit to Sit. **Action: Vice President SCEBE.**

The Student President raised the issue of CAS numbers for extended student visas and the implications this may have on not being able to reuse these numbers for incoming students. Discussions with the Finance team were noted in regards to unpaid tuition fees for both incoming and existing students, particularly due to students requesting deadline extensions. Full Time Officers were suggested to signpost any student with tuition fee concerns to the Finance Office directly or visit their office for a drop-in meeting. Communications will be shared with the Full Time Officers on best wording and further information from the Finance Team.

Issues regarding inappropriate behaviour during Graduation ceremonies were commented on. Further discussions are to be held on how best to mitigate this. The possibility of a short video to be played at the beginning of graduation to communicate graduation etiquette was suggested.

7. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying to report.

8. Minutes of the Executive Committee 09th August 2024

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 09th August 2024.
Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 1.
The Executive Committee 09th August 2024 were approved.

9. Matters Arising

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

10. Life Membership

There were six Life Memberships 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.

10. A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)

The Full Time Officers were asked to provide their draft individual and Team Objectives to the Executive Committee meeting to be held on 24th September 2024. **Action: Full Time Officers**.

It was noted that the installation of SubTV in Re:Union Bar & Grill was underway.

The meeting ended at 12:30pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24th September 2024, from 10:00am-11:30am, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Thursday 26th September 2024 at 11:30am** in NH209.

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

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. An additional agenda item was added to the top of the agenda.

2. Student Stakeholder Group

The Full Time Officers were invited to participate as Student Stakeholders in the Chair of Court election process. Unfortunately, this clashes with a scheduled Full Time Officer visit to GCU London. It was decided that the trip to GCU London would be postponed to ensure Full Time Officer attendance within the university.

3. University Meetings

3.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

The Full Time Officers met with the University Executive Group for an informal first meeting on Monday 23rd September 2024. Items discussed included GCU Strategy 2030 and key priorities for 2024/25, Campus Masterplan, Artificial Intelligence Guidance, Student Wellbeing, Sports and Engagement and Cost of Living Crisis.

3.2 Senate

There had been no meeting of Senate.

3.3 Senate Standing Committees

Education Committee

Vice President SHLS raised progression rates and the need to identify areas of concern such as knowledge gaps for those progressing directly from college to university as well as the impact Fit to Sit applications may have on assessment resits and low attendance for organised support classes to aid students facing resits.

Research Committee

The Student President commented on the organisation of a new subcommittee. It was suggested that a student member from each academic school as well as London should be added to this group to best represent the needs of members as each school have very different issues. It was questioned whether both the Student President and Vice President SHLS both need to attend these meetings. It was decided that Vice President SHLS would attend as the primary Full Time Officer.

Honorary Degrees Committee

The Student President confirmed that shortlisting nominees has been begun.

International Committee

Vice President SCEBE discussed the outcome of the International Student Barometer results. It was noted that all academic schools and departments will work with the student body to develop an action plan for student engagement improvement. Student behaviour during graduation was raised. The Student President confirmed that they will provide graduation etiquette and appropriate behaviour information to students before each graduation ceremony.

4. Draft Full Time Officer Individual & Team Objectives 2024-25

The draft Full Time Officer Team and individual Objectives were presented. Each objective was discussed in terms of obtainability, success measures and actions needed. The Full Time Officers were asked to further expand on these objectives and make any relevant changes before submitting their final Objectives for approval at the next meeting of the Executive Committee on 08th October 2024. **Action: Full Time Officers**.

5. Full Time Officer Engagement Plan 2024-25

The Governance Support Co-ordinator presented the Full Time Officer Engagement Plan 2024-25 based on previous consultations with the Full Time Officer team.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Full Time Officer Engagement Plan 2024-25.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.
The Full Time Officer Engagement Plan 2024-25 was approved.

6. Representation Officer Co-Option

Details were provided on the following Representation Officer positions that were brought for co-option approval:

Disabled Students' Officer: Erica Calucando
Ethnic Diversity Officer: Zain Ul Abidin Qureshi
Mature & Part Time Students' Officer: Ebenezer Adegoke

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Representation Officer Co-Option.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.
The Representation Officer Co-Option was approved.

7. Full Time Officer Reports

All written reports submitted were noted and no further items were raised.

8. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying to report.

9. Minutes of the Executive Committee 04th September 2024

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 04th September 2024.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.
The Executive Committee 04th September 2024 were approved.

10. Matters Arising

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

11. Life Membership

There were four Life Memberships 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.

10. A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)

The newly implemented student attendance system was raised following a students concern over usage. This was raised with the Academic Registrar to discuss any issues and solutions further.

The meeting ended at 13:10pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th October 2024, from 10:00am-11:30am, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 08th October 2024 at 10am** in NH209.

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

Apologies:

In Attendance:
David Carse, Chief Executive
Emma Duffy, Societies Co-ordinator
Philip Morton, Governance Support Co-ordinator (Clerk)

1. **Chair Announcements and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting. Agenda item 4 was moved to the top of the Agenda due to the attendance of the Societies Co-ordinator.

2. **University Meetings**

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

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

2.2 Senate

There had been no meeting of Senate.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

<u>Learning Enhancement Subcommittee</u>

Discussions were raised on the implementation of GCU Learn formatting to ensure all materials are presented in the same style across courses and programmes. GSBS has initiated an AI working group to develop departmental sessions for staff on guiding students on responsible usage. Furthermore, sessions on Academic Integrity for staff using AI will be held to ensure responsible and ethical use. A study together programme is to be created for second year undergraduate students sitting resits.

The Student President raised that 36 students have contacted them upon dissertation failure, over 20 of these within the Public Health programme. Visa implications on fee paying students who may be unable to graduate and complete a resit, the priority marking application and selection process and academic appeal procedures were raised. It was commented that issues may lie between supervisor feedback to students whilst completing their dissertation compared to the received grade once assessed. The Student President and Vice President SHLS are to arrange a meeting with the Dean of SHLS to discuss any trends in dissertation failure within selected programmes such as Public Health. **Action: Student President & Vice President SHLS**.

3. Full Time Officer Individual & Team Objectives 2024-25

The Full Time Officer Team and individual Objectives were presented. Each objective was assessed in terms of obtainability, necessary actions required, outcomes and success measures.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Full Time Officer Individual & Team Objectives 2024-25. **Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0**.
The Full Time Officer Individual & Team Objectives 2024-25 was approved.

4. Radio Caley Open 24 Hours

The Societies Co-ordinator discussed Radio Caley's request for the station to be accessible 24 hours as it was before covid. Radio Caley currently hold a 24/7 broadcast license and wish to allow members to host or record at flexible times working around study and employment schedules. It was added that the highest requested time for station use is after 5pm. Radio Caley have suggested using a guest/fire book to log visitors, only hosts, station manager, producer and designated member would be granted access, relevant risk assessments would be completed as well as liaising with campus security on advance schedules.

It was raised that 24 hour charity events may be achievable as one-off broadcasts although opening the station 24/7 may be problematic regarding security concerns. It was noted that if Radio Caley could demonstrate evening demand with a full schedule from Monday to Friday that they could lobby for an increase in opening hours by an hour at a time to analyse whether expectations meet demand.

The Student President raised engagement figures for later broadcasts to demonstrate listener appetite for programming. It was noted that listener numbers fluctuate between programmes and that these figures are currently unavailable due to server migration. Vice President GSBS added the importance of demonstrating engagement with Radio Caley in terms of membership and potential increase in student involvement with the station when there is more flexibility as opposed to thinking of engagement purely in listener figures.

5. Representation Officer Co-Option

Details were provided on the following Representation Officer positions that were brought for co-option approval:

Caledonian Court Officer: Aishwarya Kurhade
Student Carer Officer: Chenali Pitroda

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Representation Officer Co-Option.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Representation Officer Co-Option was approved.

6. CISA Request for Statement

It was noted that the society CISA had requested a public statement from the Full Time Officers in regards to the closure of Starbucks within the Sir Alex Ferguson Library. It was commented that this was unrelated to past Student Voice Ideas and that the closure was a catering decision made by the university due to old equipment that was not functioning to standard. An alternative coffee company has taken this space with the implementation of self-service machines. It was agreed that a formal statement on this closure would not be necessary and that Vice President SCEBE would meet with the President of CISA to explain the operational decision by university catering.

7. Full Time Officer Reports

All written reports submitted were noted and no further items were raised.

8. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying to report.

9. Minutes of the Executive Committee 26th October 2024

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 26th October 2024.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee 26th October 2024 were approved.

10. Matters Arising

The Matters Arising outlined within the paper were not discussed due to time constraints.

11. Life Membership

There were six Life Memberships 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.

10. A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)

The Student President raised upcoming events that would require approval for use of the Full Time Officers campaigns budget.

£150 was requested for travel and food costs for a Scottish Parliament event in Edinburgh. This involves the Full Time Officers and two additional students.

£1000 was requested for travel and accommodation costs for a Westminster event in London. This involves the Full Time Officers.

£50 was requested for food vouchers for the barbers taking part in the free haircut event as part of Black History Month.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Campaigns Budget.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Campaigns Budget was approved.

The meeting ended at 11:45am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 22nd October 2024, from 10:00am-11:30am, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Friday 25th October 2024 at 10am** on Microsoft Teams.

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

Apologies:

In Attendance:
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 Student President provided an update from their meeting with the University Executive group. Items discussed included confirming the Full Time Officer Team and Individual Objectives, addressing programmes with low NSS scoring and key priorities for the year ahead. Issues of lecture rooms on campus not receiving wifi connection was raised as well as the implemented SEAtS system, particularly in regards to student feedback and issues.

It was commented that there is a need for the university to communicate with students what they are working on and regular updates on issues that may be impacting them which the Students' Association can follow up on. Furthermore it was raised that the Students' Association can work with the university to communicate what they have done and how we have worked with them to represent students, using the recent SEAtS video as an example.

2.2 Senate

The Student President discussed the issue of high dissertation failure rates within certain programmes. PVC Learning & Teaching has since liaised with the Student President and Vice President SHLS to discuss further. It was noted that the university would investigate further to ensure students feel well supervised. It was commented within the Executive Committee that a great job is done by most academic staff and that negative issues should be assessed on a case by case basis, particularly when it may have a detrimental impact on student experience.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

London Campus Board

It was commented the number of activities that students engage with on-campus has increased dramatically this year as well as providing an update on freshers week and inductions.

3. Ethical & Environmental Officer

The Student Voice Team Leader confirmed that three students had applied for the role of Ethical & Environmental Officer and that the Executive Committee would need to elect a representative from the applications provided.

The Full Time Officers discussed the applicants relevant experience, passion for the role, as well as those who may perform great in the role but perhaps not possess as strong an application. It was noted that these applications could be compared to manifestos, to judge the best suitor for the role based on their experience, objectives and bio.

An initial vote took place which resulted in a tie. Following further discussions on each candidate experience and the overall elective process, the Full Time Officers took a second vote.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Tesicca Truong as Ethical & Environmental Officer.
Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 1.
The Ethical & Environmental Officer position was approved.

4. Full Time Officer Reports

All written reports submitted were noted.

The Student President added that they had engaged with a climate justice class to identify potential improvements and what students would like to see within the campus masterplan. It was further mentioned that although there has been issues, that there is a generally positive response to the SEAtS attendance system and that the Academic Registrar had helped to communicate how ongoing issues are being rectified at Student Voice.

5. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying to report.

6. Minutes of the Executive Committee 08th October 2024

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 08th October 2024.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.
The Executive Committee 08th October 2024 were approved.

7. Matters Arising

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

8. Life Membership

There were three Life Memberships 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.

10. A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 11:15am

Date of next meeting: Monday 11th November 2024, from 15:00am-16:30am, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Monday 11th November 2024 at 10am** in NH209 and Microsoft Teams.

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

Apologies:

In Attendance:
David Carse, Chief Executive
Ellie Gomersall, Academic Rep Co-ordinator
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

There had been no Senate meeting.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

Education Committee

Clear guidelines are to be established to aid both students and faculty, ensuring clear expectations regarding priority marking requests to ensure effective process. Fit to Sit was discussed, addressing challenges to ensure additional support for students during exam time. Further to this, curriculum development, student engagement and the implementation of feedback and objectives were discussed.

London Campus Board

There had been no London Campus Board meeting although the Student President and Vice President SHLS met with the Director of GCU London to discuss London feedback and courses experiences high failure rates.

SCEBE School Board

Vice President SCEBE noted a conversation with their Dean surrounding low student rep attendance at School Board. It noted that all students are on Microsoft Teams and have departmental email addresses that could be contacted to send meeting reminders and promote student engagement. It was stated that students have had issues with meeting times clashing with classes, personal reasons and being held in-person when unable to travel.

3. Academic Rep Gathering

It was noted that each year, the Full Time Officers ask each Academic School for £500 funding to support the lunch and event costs covering both Autumn and Spring events. It was further asked for the Full Time Officers to invite senior members of staff from each Academic School to attend. **Action: Vice President GSBS, Vice President SCEBE, Vice President SHLS**. It was noted that this expense is the only additional funding received yearly from academic schools due to them being partnership events. As well as this, it was asked if there were any particular topics to be added for discussion during the event.

It was clarified that an event for London campus students will be organised on a smaller scale. In terms of engagement, it was commented that the gathering events were heavily promoted during training sessions, feedback forms and ongoing email communications.

4. Trustee Board Composition

It was commented that the sector is evolving in terms of governance, noting that some boards are not chaired by the Student President and composition may include no Full Time Officers, or include two Full Time Officers with an increase in Student and External Trustees. It was questioned whether there is a political appetite to explore this and if Full Time Officers possibly value representation over governance with greater democratic questioning over organisational.

The Student President noted the benefits of understanding charitable and organisational aspects of the Students' Association as well as representation. It was further commented from Vice President GSBS that there is a duty and responsibility to understand governance as well as the benefits in terms of the professional development and experience gained for Full Time Officers sitting on the trustee board as advertised during the Election process.

The discussion was noted with no further questions or exploration to take place at this time.

5. International Student Barometer

It was proposed that the Students' Association would send ISB communications one day after 26th November 2024) the university launch. Feedback was sought on communications, particularly surrounding campaign wins and impact up to the year 2024/25.

Additions were suggested included housing campaigning, identifying programmes with poor progression and retention rates and the ongoing work to improve and resolve this matter, priority marking, lobbying on immigration and post study work visas in Westminster and higher education funding and mental health issues in at the Scottish Parliament.

A draft ISB email will be shared with the Full Time Officer team before circulation.

6. Full Time Officer Reports

Vice President SCEBE noted the first EDI committee including updates on housing, black history month and disability officer reporting. The catering meeting included student feedback on diversifying menus, pricing and promotion of allergens. In terms of the catering tender, the Chief Executive proposed to not be included within the tender's steering group although asked if possible, to be involved in the writing of the tender on behalf of the Students' Association to ensure an organisational point of view. **Action: Vice President SCEBE**.

Vice President SHLS noted low response rates from SHLS students in the previous International Student Barometer and the need to encourage students to complete the upcoming survey. Vice President GSBS noted the SMHA meeting and agreement drafting to add visibility of mental health awareness and services available by showcasing effective campaigning.

The Student President met with the ARC Manager, Director of Estates and Head of Campus Services to discuss the MUGA being provided to students with no charge. It was confirmed from the Chief Operating Officer that the MUGA will be provided free to students for the remainder of the Full Time Officers term. The Student President is to work with the Head of Communications on wording on this matter, to be confirmed by the Chief Operating Officer in writing before the accomplishment is communicated to students. **Action: Student President**.

Further to this, it was asked whether the ARC gym could be made available to students at no cost. Due to the yearly profit made from the ARC, it was unlikely that this could proceed. It was asked how many memberships are owned by students as opposed to staff or public and how much profit is made from gym memberships as opposed to hall hire.

It was commented that the Full Time Officers would like to pursue potential price reductions for ARC gym use for students to announce at the same time as the MUGA free hire. It was noted that MUGA hire could be promoted as soon as possible and later being further promoted alongside any ARC announcements.

7. Regulated Lobbying

It was confirmed that the Student President, Vice President SHLS, Chair of Student Voice and Vice Chair of Student Voice attended the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 7th November 2024 as invited by Paul Sweeney (MSP). MPS's Paul Sweeney and Pam Duncan were lobbied on Higher Education Funding and Mental Health Support.

8. Minutes of the Executive Committee 25th October 2024

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 25th October 2024.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.
The Executive Committee 25th October 2024 were approved.

9. Matters Arising

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

10. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships for approval.

10. A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)

It was noted that the Full Time Officers had submitted a request for an extraordinary meeting of Student Voice to discuss the idea and motion of university involvement with Cyberark MFA.

The meeting ended at 16:15pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19th November 2024, from 10:00am-11:30am, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 10am** in NH209.

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

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

There was a Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting held on 18th November 2024. The rent guarantor scheme as established by Heriot-Watt and Edinburgh Universities was raised. The university asked for further date to be presented for the next meeting. Early retrieval was raised with the associate deans currently finalising logistical issues to provide feedback on whether this may be accomplished. It was commented that discussions surrounding the campus masterplan were on hold until after consultation.

Graduation etiquette considerations were discussed, potentially presenting certificates after the ceremony, specifying ceremony length, pre-graduation emails to include expected graduation behaviour as well as reiterating the Student President's speech on behaviour at the half way point.

The university will further investigate a potential private office for the Students' Association on the London campus. Courses with low progression and retention rates were raised including confirming the trigger point for investigation when failure rates reach 30% or above. The importance of considering academic integrity was raised and the power of word of mouth from dissatisfied students, particularly fee-paying, who may choose to study elsewhere.

Vice President GSBS raised the Student Voice motion to keep Wednesday afternoons free for Sports, Societies and Volunteer activities. It was noted that the policy on this states that this is to be clear when possible. It was commented by the Executive Committee that some programme leaders may not have followed this guidance and that the policy states that scheduled classes on Wednesday afternoons are to be signed off by the PVC who could confirm how many programmes have scheduled classes during this time.

2.2 Senate

There had been no Senate meeting.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

There had been no Senate Standing Committees.

3. Green Impact Report

The Student Voice Team Leader provided an overview of Green Impact, previous campaigns and the thematic sections for the year ahead. It was noted that the accreditation does not include a single large campaign, instead focusses on multiple smaller campaigns. Previous work on Carbon Literacy was raised, and whether there were further updates on this as well as including sustainability considerations within the GCU campus masterplan consultations.

Potential input from the Full Time Officers included the outdoor garden usage, private energy efficiency within the housing campaign, sustainable catering options, ethical finance training, ongoing cost of living support, sustainability within Students' Association meetings and freshers week as well as student led activities involving societies and networks. It was asked for a current update on the university timetabling and room booking policy from the Academic Registrar and a copy of the paper be requested. **Action: Vice President SHLS**.

The Chief Executive raised that the signing of the Fairtrade Accreditation will be issued by the university soon, and may lie between Executive Committee meetings. The Full Time Officers were asked to vote for approval on the signing of this document.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Fairtrade Accreditation Signing.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Fairtrade Accreditation Signing was approved.

4. Campaigns budget

Vice President GSBS confirmed the agreed spending of £60 from the campaigns budget for Full Time Officer and student travel to the housing rally at the Scottish Parliament on 14th November 2024 and housing campaign debrief at Stirling University on 18th November 2024.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Campaigns Budget.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Campaigns Budget 2024 was approved.

5. Full Time Officer Reports

All written reports submitted were noted.

Vice President SHLS added the collaboration with alumni students to provide guidance and support for new students. The Student President highlighted that consultations on the university campus masterplan are to take place before further information can be presented. It was acknowledged that discussions are ongoing with the university in regards to providing free MUGA hire and gym use for students.

6. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

7. **Minutes of the Executive Committee 11th November 2024**

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 11th November 2024.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee 11th November 2024 were approved.

8. **Matters Arising**

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

9. **Life Membership**

There were no Life Memberships for approval.

10. **A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)**

The Chief Executive circulated a draft timeline for the Students' Association Strategic Plan 2030. It was noted that new strategic themes were not to be proposed but rather a potential refresh of objectives and key performance indicators.

The meeting ended at 11:30am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd December 2024, from 10:00am-11:30am, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 17th December 2024 at 11am** in NH209 and Microsoft Teams.

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

Apologies:
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)

In Attendance:
Sara MacLean, Student voice Team Leader
Philip Morton, Governance Support Co-ordinator (Clerk)

1. **Chair Announcements and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed members to the last Executive Committee meeting of 2024.

2. **University Meetings**

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

The Student President noted that the university are discussing locations for a separate Students' Association office on the London campus. It was also stated that the university are to further research the number of classes currently taking place on Wednesday afternoons.

The Full Time Officers continued to lobby for free MUGA use for students, unrestricted to winter months only. Financial implications to the university were not disclosed although it was noted that current usage is low, it was asked if the hire fee deters students or the facility itself. It was commented that with increased use, that the facility may require regular maintenance. It was suggested that Sports Clubs and Societies could take part in a dodgeball or 5-a-side football tournament to promote the facility, perhaps with an incentivised prize.

Vice President GSBS highlighted therent guarantor scheme discussion and data, clarifying that the university are discussing how this may be executed, including any necessary criteria whilst benchmarking with other universities schemes. It was noted that Heriot Watt university's scheme has had no financial implications on the university and that the university do not need to physically sign contracts, but instead provide confirmation of guarantor letters.

Senate

There had been no Senate meeting.

2.2 Senate Standing Committees

There had been no Senate Standing Committees.

3. Ethical & Environmental Officer Campaign and Funding

The Student Voice Team Leader presented the Ethical and Environmental Network Rep Officer's proposal for a food waste recycling scheme within Caledonian Court. They have already approached the university sustainability office for funding and support who have been receptive of the campaign. The officer is confident that the university will support with funding, but would like support from the Students' Association Campaigns Budget to the sum of £200 to aid student engagement activities, including incentivised focus group meetings. The Governance Support Co-ordinator gave a breakdown of the current Campaigns Budget expenditure to date.

The Student President confirmed that they wish to support the campaign and are happy to raise this further with both university staff and executive. It was noted that due to the majority of the Campaigns Budget being spent, that the Full Time Officers would want to use the remaining budget (£56.07) for this campaign. Furthermore, it was said that the Full Time Officers would lobby for any additional support possible.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the remaining Campaigns Budget to be used for the Ethical & Environmental Officer Campaign.
Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Campaigns Budget was approved.

4. Full Time Officer Reports

There were no Full Time Officer Reports Presented.

5. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

6. Minutes of the Executive Committee 19th November 2024

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 19th November 2024.
Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee 19th November 2024 were approved.

7. Matters Arising

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

8. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships for approval.

10. A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)

The Student President raised future possibilities of 'Christmas bonuses' for Students' Association staff members. The Full Time Officers also requested less frequent Executive Committee meetings throughout Trimester B.

The meeting ended at 11:41am

Date of next meeting: Friday 17th January 2025, from 10:00am-11:30am, on Microsoft Teams

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Friday 17th January 2025 at 10.10am on Microsoft Teams.

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

Apologies:
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)

In Attendance:
Sara MacLean, Student voice Team Leader
David Carse, Chief Executive (Clerk)

1. **Chair Announcements and Apologies**

   The Chair welcomed members to the meeting of the Executive Committee.

2. **University Meetings**

   As the University was closed for the festive period there were no University meetings held.

3. **Free Gym & MUGA Campaign**

   The Student President was delighted to inform the Committee that UPRG agreed on 13th January 2025 to support our proposal for free Gym/ MUGA access for students, as a pilot for the remainder of the academic year. The Student President advised that this was a significant campaigning win for the Students' Association and impactful for students. The Student President advised that this campaign win was subject to review and dependant on usage. It is anticipated that students should receive a pro-rata refund from the University for any memberships bought for Trimester B.

   Students currently pay £100 for the term time membership (1st September to 30th April) or up to £180 for annual membership. Additionally, students currently pay £17 per hour to hire the MUGA.

   It was discussed that a working group had been set-up to communicate the campaign win, with communications planned for w/c 27th January 2025. It was noted as timely for the launch of the National Student Survey. It was agreed that communications to students would be checked by the University, to ensure accuracy of information. **Action: Student President.**

4. **Senate Effectiveness Review**

   The Student Voice Team Leader presented the Senate Effectiveness Review paper presented to Senate on 11th December 2024. The review highlighted that across the last two years, there has not been a full delegation of student Senators present at any Senate meeting, with attendance generally below 50%. The report recognised that there may be justifiable reasons why a student member may not be able to attend all Senate meetings. It is noted that the

June Senate is held at a time when there is no active teaching for UG students and PG students. Any student Senator vacancies can only currently be filled through an election at a meeting of Student Voice, which can mean there are vacancies for a long period of time between meetings. The student Senator composition consists of the Student President and five students elected by Student Voice. The Chief Executive and Student President met with the Head of Governance to establish potential proposals for the Action Plan presented at Senate. The challenges for students of needing to work more during the Cost of Living Crisis was discussed.

The Student Voice Team Leader explained that within the Scottish Sector that more of the Senator roles within other institutions are filled by Full Time Officers and that it was proposed that in addition to the Student President, that the Vice Presidents (x3) become Senators. This would leave two student Senators places, elected by Student Voice. The Full Time Officers agreed to support this proposal, given they are paid to attend University meetings, work full time and were familiar with the papers presented due to already attending Senate Standing Committees. The Full Time Officers were also supportive of the ability of the Executive Committee where a vacancy occurs to co-opt a member of Student Voice as a Senator, subject to retrospective approval by Student Voice. The Student Voice Team Leader would prepare a paper for consideration at the next Executive Committee, that would be presented by the President at the next Student Voice meeting. **Action: Student Voice Team Leader.**

It was noted that meetings of Senate had been moved to a Wednesday afternoon. The Vice President SHLS confirmed they were still trying to establish how many programmes delivered teaching on a Wednesday afternoon.

5. National Student Survey Email

The Committee discussed the National Student Survey (NSS) 2024 email that was send to final year UG students and what could be included in the 2025 email. The NSS would be launched at GCU on 6th February 2025 and the Students' Association would be sent on 3rd February 2025. Suggestions for inclusion: Housing (Rent Guarantor Scheme), Out of Hours Computer Lab, Lobbying at UK and Scottish Parliament, Carbon Literacy Training, Divestment of Fossil Fuels and reviewed Procurement Policy and Better Wifi.

The NSS Email 2025 would either be circulated by email or presented at the next Executive Committee meeting. **Action: Chief Executive.**

6. Home Student Participation and FTO Awareness Strategy

The Full Time Officers highlighted that there has been ongoing promotion of the Full Time Officer role and promoting being a candidate in the elections. The challenge of encouraging home students and UG students was discussed, with the Full Time Officers saying that students felt the salary was a barrier. The potential rise in unemployment levels was discussed and the impact this might have on the elections. Students not wanting to participate in elections was also discussed.

The Full Time Officers discussed various Full Time Officer models within the sector. The Chief Executive said it was worth undertaking a sector scan on divergence of Full Time Officer models (ie Two Year Term, Part Time Vice Presidents and Vice President elected from within their academic school) within the Operational Plan 2025/26.

The Student Voice Team Leader would produce the stats of candidates by academic school. **Action: Student Voice Team Leader.**

7. Reduction in Executive Committee Meetings

The Student President proposed that the Executive Committee Meeting take place every four weeks, instead of every two weeks during Trimester A and B. Ensuring accountability, transparency and effective communications of the Full Time Officers was discussed. It was agreed every three weeks was better. The Chief Executive advised that this proposal would require Student Voice to approve a change to Bye-Laws 2.6.1. The Student President would write a paper for approval at a future Executive Committee, before it is presented to Student Voice. **Action: Student President.**

8. Full Time Officer Reports

The Student President advised that he has undertaken a price comparison review of laundry costs against the University of Glasgow and University of Strathclyde that found costs at GCU are higher.

9. Regulated Lobbying

No regulated lobbying has taken place.

10. Minutes of the Executive Committee 17th December 2024

The Chair called for a vote to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee on 17th December 2024. **Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0**. The Executive Committee minutes were therefore approved.

11. Matters Arising

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

12. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships for approval.

13. A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)

None

The meeting ended at 12noon.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28th January 2025, from 10.00am in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 10am** in NH209.

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

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**

   Vice President SCEBE chaired the meeting due to the Student President being delayed.

2. **University Meetings**

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

There had been no scheduled Students' Association – GCU Executive Board meetings.

2.2 Senate

There had been no scheduled Senate meetings.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

There had been no scheduled Senate Standing Committee meetings.

3. **NUS Scotland Conference**

   The Student Voice Team Leader provided an overview of the changes made to NUS conferences moving forward whereby, conferences are reducing size to focus more effectively on campaigning, conferences now request two pre-elected delegates to attend per institution and instead of proposing policy for each conference, priorities are proposed before submission through their website. It was highlighted that the two-delegate change would affect members of Student Voice previously elected for the position, instead opting for pre-elected members to attend (i.e. a Full Time Officer or elected members of Student Voice).

   The Executive Committee proposed that the two-elected members be made up of Full Time Officers who volunteer for the role. If more than two Full Time Officers wished to attend, this would democratically be decided within an Executive Committee meeting. The Full Time Officers are to decide on two delegates to attend NUS Scotland 2025 conference to approve at the next Executive Committee meeting. **Action: Full Time Officers**.

4. Senate Effectiveness Review

The Student Voice Team Leader presented a paper of the draft changes to student senator composition. It was commented that a section could be added to By-Law 2.4 (Elections) regarding co-option for vacant spaces through Executive Committee to be retrospectively approved by Student Voice. It was noted that this could be written as wider statement, where any vacant committee position may be co-opted through the same process.

It was noted that Senate vacancies are higher over the summer period due to decreasing membership of Student Voice over that period and those eligible having already sat in this position. The reduction to two student Senate positions should aid the issue of low student engagement with two student members being the average attending figure since October 2022.

Vice President GSBS commented that reaching out to Class Rep and Department Rep networks via groups and teams may help increase interest in the positions before Student Voice. It was noted that Department Reps do not hold their role during Trimester C making them ineligible for Senate positions. It was added that presenting the papers statistics to Student Voice is not intended to single out individuals that may hold this position, but to highlight accountability as well as a wide number of student issues that may effect their attendance as a rationale.

The Student Voice Team Leader is to add a section on co-option and how this will be operationalised within the paper and By-Law 2.4. **Action: Student Voice Team Leader.**

The Student President joined the Executive Committee meeting at 10.20am.

5. Number of Executive Committee Meetings Reduction

The Student President has proposed for the frequency of Executive Committee meetings to reduce from once every two weeks, to every three weeks. Upon approval from the Executive Committee, this will need approved by Student Voice to allow for a By-Law change.

It was commented that the paper needs exact proposed changes to By-Laws for approval as well as a rationale for these changes. The Full Time Officers agreed to vote on this item under principle and that necessary changes will be completed for submission to the next meeting of Student Voice.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Number of Executive Committee Meetings Reduction.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Number of Executive Committee meetings Reduction was approved.

6. Full Time Officer Reports

Vice President SCEBE highlighted the GDP Student Governor training attended in London. Vice President GSBS discussed their lobbying of MSPs Pauline McNeil and Pam Duncan Glancy on student housing, the housing bill currently progressing in parliament and the NUS campaign for amendments to this bill including ridding of rent guarantors and rent control measures. Vice President SHLS engaged with new students and is organising an online programme to aid new students with their transition into university life. The Student President commented on their engagement with students during Re-Freshers in GCU London as well as a discussion with university executives on ridding or reducing laundry fees for students in Caledonian Court.

7. Regulated Lobbying

Vice President GSBS lobbied MSPs Pauline McNeil and Pam Duncan Glancy on Monday 20th January 2025 on matters regarding student housing.

8. Minutes of the Executive Committee 17th January 2025

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 17th January 2025.
Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 1. The Executive Committee 17th January 2025 were approved.

9. Matters Arising

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

10. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships for approval.

10. A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 10:50am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th February 2025, from 10:00am-12:00pm, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Friday 14th February 2025 at 2pm** on Microsoft Teams

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

Apologies:
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)

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

The university are to provide further feedback on the rent guarantor scheme once more sector analyses has occurred. It was commented that Strathclyde University removed their guarantor scheme and that further information and consequences of implementing the scheme will be explored. The university noted the importance of fee-paying student completion rates as well as low international student recruitment across the sector. The Director of GCU London has been asked to locate a suitable position on campus for a suitable Students' Association office.

2.2 Senate

There had been no scheduled Senate meetings.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

Vice President SHLS highlighted their School Board meeting and discussed International Student Barometer results as well as Trimester C resits affecting student visas being an issue for those recommending others to study at GCU. Vice President SCEBE updated on concerns from their Dean on poor student representative attendance and engagement with school board meetings. An action plan is to be created as well as informal channels of communication directly to reps. It was noted that Microsoft Teams channels had been created for academic rep groups where agendas, feedback and updates can be provided. It was noted that this should be piloted alongside other methods of student engagement.

The Student President highlighted the London School Board and round table discussion with the First Minister of Scotland at GCU London on student employability and employment skills.

3. Elections Candidate School Split Statistics

Statistics were shared on student nominations based on academic schools to highlight areas of improvement and concern. It was noted that the Students' Association draft operational plan for next year includes a review of the Full Time Officer model changes in the sector, including reviewing separate elections for Student President and Vice President roles, school-based elections for Vice President roles and exploring part time officer models.

4. Better Buses for Strathclyde: Campaign Update and Rally

An overview was provided on the Better Buses Campaign and upcoming rally. The Full Time Officers agreed that they wish to be involved with the campaign and will seek further guidance on what they can do to support.

5. Honorary Degree Nomination

The universities request for Honorary Degree Nominations was highlighted for information. It was noted that the closing date for nominations is Friday 21st February 2025.

6. Honorary Life Membership

An overview of Students' Association Honorary Life Memberships was provided for information. The nominations are considered by the Executive Committee who propose six nominations (4 GCU students and 2 non-students) to Student Voice for ratification. The deadline for nominations was confirmed as Thursday 6th March 2025. The Full Time Officers are to discuss potential nominations to be presented for approval during the next Executive Committee meeting on 11th March 2025. **Action: Full Time Officers**.

7. Full Time Officer Reports

All written reports submitted were noted and no further items were raised.

8. Regulated Lobbying

The Student President lobbied First Minister John Swinney on Wednesday 12th February 2025 during a round table discussion event at GCU London campus. The Student President will meet with the Chief Executive to record their regulated lobbying submission. **Action: Student President**.

9. Minutes of the Executive Committee 28th January 2025

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 28th January 2025.
Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee 28th January 2025 were approved.

10. Matters Arising

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

11. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships for approval.

10. A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)

The Student President raised interrupting lecturers when conducting lecture shout activities. The Executive Committee were reminded that best practice is to approach a lecturer before they begin their class, whilst setting up and to be respectful of their time. It was noted that lecture shouts could be raised during the next University Executive Group meeting to receive feedback on best practice as advance notice to every lecturer is operationally unmanageable.

The meeting ended at 14:50am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th March 2025, from 10:00am-12:00pm, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 10am** in NH209.

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

Apologies:
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)

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 Student President updated the University Executive on the Full Time Officer elections results, student engagement and voter issues on campus that will be reviewed to ensure effective campaigning and reduction in misconduct on-campus. It was noted that the university induction process could include information on consent and appropriate behaviour. Eligibility criteria for student elections were confirmed as well as confirmation that Full Time Officers are not regarded as students, but rather, full members of the Students' Association.

The issue of students in need of visa extensions when required to complete a resit was raised. It was noted that other institutions provide CAS extensions in this circumstance which the university will seek further information and clarity on. Vice President SCEBE commented that some students have applied for various alternative visa schemes to allow an extension of time before they receive results so that they can apply for Post Study Work Visa (PSW). The Student President commented that the Visa team previously stated that once a student has been asked to leave the UK through UKVI, that they are no longer supported by the university and would not be supported through their PSW application. Further clarification from the visa team is to be requested on whether students can extend their study with alternative visa offerings to ensure completion before applying for PSW. **Action**: **Vice President SCEBE & Vice President GSBS**.

2.2 Senate

The Student President attended a Senate workshop on engagement strategy to aid policy that is informed on the impact of students, recruitment and alumni. The reputation of the university was discussed in terms of recruitment and the impact engagement, word of mouth and accolades have on potential students.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

There had been no scheduled Senate Standing Committee meetings.

3. Students' Association Sustainability Policy – Triannual Review

The Student Voice Team Leader provided an overview of the Sustainability Policy. The potential to halt the Green Impact accreditation and update the sustainability policy to support and align with the universitiy measures and accreditation was highlighted. It was added that Green Impact helped embed sustainability in the Students' Association culture, although there are no measurable benefits to continue the accreditation due to high workload and as the Association would continue to support sustainability already in-place as well as support student campaigns and future changes, thus becoming student led rather than organisationally led whilst supporting the university.

There were no further amendments to be made. Minimal alterations to replace the wording of Green Impact with supporting the universities sustainability accreditations would be made to allow further exploration.

4. NUS Scotland Conference Delegation

It was noted that NUS would allow up to 6 delegates to attend the NUS Scotland conference. It was confirmed that Vice President GSBS, Vice President SCEBE, Vice President SHLS and the three elected incoming Full Time Officers would attend.

5. Academic Rep Gathering (02-04-2025)

It was noted that the university department of Governance and Legal Services were organising the Academic Rep Gathering to be held on 2nd April 2025 due to the vacant post of Academic Rep Co-ordinator. It was confirmed that the event would remain within the Students' Association building. An MS Teams form was circulated to collate workshop topic suggestions.

6. Honorary Life Memberships

The Executive Committee were asked for Honorary Life Membership nominations.

Non-student nominations were confirmed as; Connor Barr and Alistair Robertson.
Student nominations were confirmed as; Ghulam Mustafa

A further three student nominations would be proposed following the Executive Committee with approval made via email.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Honorary Life Memberships.
Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Honorary Life Memberships were approved.

7. Full Time Officer Induction

The Executive Committee were asked for feedback and improvements to the Students' Association Full Time Officer induction programme. The Student President suggested an induction to university court, expectation of the role and knowledge of key stakeholders. Furthermore, information on handling student enquiries, conflict management/resolution and signposting as well as managing work life balance, particularly messages and phone calls to personal devices were noted. It was suggested that the Full Time Officers may help in the development of an induction session on these areas. **Action: Full Time Officers**. It was noted that there will be a three-day handover period for personal experiences and tips to be shared with the incoming officer team.

8. Teaching Awards 2025

Vice President SCEBE informed the Executive Committee that a date for the awards ceremony would be confirmed in the coming week before invites are sent to university executive members and the nomination process may begin. Further updates are to be provided at the next Executive Committee meeting.

9. Full Time Officer Reports

Vice President SCEBE highlighted the first EDI Steering Group meeting and discussions on student feedback to enhance diversity and inclusion on campus. It was confirmed in the monthly catering meeting that an assessment of catering tender shortlist options had been provided by the university. Vice President SHLS noted student complaints surrounding high failure rates. The programme leader of the course in question is to further investigate with an update to be provided by the head of department. The Student President highlighted that a location had been confirmed for a new Students' Association office in GCU London. This is to be a shared office space with student services although a participation is to be inserted allowing for a meeting room to be available for private discussions and student meetings.

10. Regulated Lobbying

The Student President lobbied MSP Pam Duncan Glancy on Monday 24th February 2025 on matters regarding Scottish Funding Council, education strategy and student engagement. The Student President has met with the Chief Executive to complete their lobbying submission.

11. Minutes of the Executive Committee 14th February 2025

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 14th February 2025.
Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee 14th February 2025 were approved.

12. Matters Arising

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

13. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships for approval.

10. A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 11:38am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st April 2025, from 10:00am-12:00pm, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 1.30pm** in NH209.

Members:
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

Apologies:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)

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

1. Chair Announcements and Apologies

Due to absence, Vice President SCEBE was asked to chair the meeting on the Student President's behalf. The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting.

2. University Meetings

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

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

2.2 Senate

There had been no scheduled Senate Meeting.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

There had been no scheduled Senate Standing Committee meetings.

3. International Student Barometer

The International Student Barometer was shared with the Executive Committee to identify strengths and weaknesses that may be built upon as well as areas of improvement that could be further discussed in the International Committee and the University Executive Group.

4. Handover & Handover Pack

A toolkit to aid with handover pack creation was shared with the Executive Committee. It was confirmed that the incoming Full Time Officer team would have a three-day handover period with afternoons booked for the Current Full Time Officer team to provide sessions and present their handover packs. It was confirmed that handover packs and session outlines would be completed for the next Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday 22nd April 2025. **Action: Full Time Officers**.

5. **Induction: Meet & Greets**

The previous years Meet & Greet contact list was shared to identify any stakeholders that the Full Time Officers deemed valuable that were not already included. Vice President GSBS proposed a meeting with all ADLTQ's for each Academic School.

6. **School Engagement**

Better engagement between the Students' Association and each Academic School was raised, particularly in regards to student attendance at university meetings. It was proposed that the Chief Executive could attend each Full Time Officer's next meeting with their school Dean to provide insight into the Students' Association operational plan, strategic plan, SWAT & PESTLE analysis and give an organisational background to work on enhancing partnership. It was further commented that the Academic Rep structure falls on the Students' Association and not the school or Full Time Officers and re-engagement with each school beyond Full Time Officers could help increase communication and expectation. The capacity of Full Time Officers attendance at all sub-committees was raised and whether student officers and reps would be better suited to aid workload issues.

Each Vice President is to contact their Dean to propose the Chief Executive's attendance at their next meeting. **Action: Vice President GSBS, Vice President SCEBE & Vice President SHLS**.

7. **Teaching Awards 2025**

Vice President SCEBE confirmed that the Teaching Awards would be taking place on Thursday 14th May 2025, with PVC Education presenting. ADLTQ's have been invited to attend the shortlisting panel on 22nd April 2025. Further updates will be provided at the next Executive Committee meeting.

8. **Full Time Officer Reports**

There were no further updates provided from the reports submitted. It was suggested that the Full Time Officers provide an update on their Individual & Team Objectives and whether they have been completed at the next Executive Committee meeting. **Action: Full Time Officers**.

9. **Regulated Lobbying**

There was no regulated lobbying.

10. **Minutes of the Executive Committee 11th March 2025**

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 11th March 2025.
Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee 11th March 2025 were approved.

11. **Matters Arising**

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

12. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships for approval.

10. A.O.C.B (Emergency Business)

Vice President SHLS raised the potential of Full Time Officers receiving work smartphones that can be left in the office outside working hours due to an increasing number of calls and messages received to their personal numbers and work social media accounts at all hours of the day. It was further raised that more students may be acquiring these numbers from various whatsapp groups that FTOs are present in where phone numbers are visible for all group members to see. It was noted that this would also allow for social media access and posting not to be relied on through personal devices. It was commented that there may be an expectation, as with customer service for instant responses when capacity does not allow this.

The meeting ended at 14:30am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 22nd April 2025, from 10:00am-12:00pm, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 25th April 2025 at 10.00pm** on Microsoft Teams.

Members:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)

Apologies:
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

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

The Student President commented that the Executive Group are investigating whether Full Time Officers may be exempt from council tax payments, having suspended their studies for the role. It was noted that students postponing studies may be entitled to a rebate whereas those concluded their studies would likely be charged. Further clarity is to be confirmed. An update on the potential rent guarantor scheme is to be provided at the next meeting.

2.2 Senate

There had been no scheduled Senate Meeting.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

Student performance data was provided during the Learning Enhancement Sub-committee. The link for post-graduate performance was not accessible and has been requested. Vice President GSBS attended their School Board meeting, presenting Full Time Officer election results and reported on PHD student relocation issues, stating that the university will request any requirements from students to create an easier process of relocation.

3. **Individual & Team Objectives Update**

The Full Time Officers provided an update on their individual and team objectives.

Vice President SCEBE confirmed that their first objective is completed, as international students may apply for hardship funding by emailing financial services. Bidet showers and increasing the number of computer lounges were discussed for addition to the campus masterplan although a commitment of implementation had not been confirmed. These two objectives had not been completed at this point.

Vice President GSBS commented that their first objective to establish a quiet room on campus had been discussed for addition to the campus masterplan although the success measure of launching the room had not been met. It was noted that a room within the Faith and Belief Centre had been raised although this would not be appropriate due to its established level of use. Although objective two had not been fully met due to the rent guarantor scheme yet to be confirmed, it was clarified that students have access to the Glasgow student housing co-operative, the rent guarantor scheme has progressed for further investigation by the university and effective lobbying had taken place with multiple MSP's on housing issues for students, with amendments being recommended for legislation changes. The Campus Beanbag conversations objective had been completed with three events taking place.

The Student President highlighted the completion of their first objective, through their free gym access campaign achievement and a rise in usage of over 2500 students registered. The Student President is to liaise with the Activities Manager to acquire Trimester B ARC statistics of usage compared to 2023-24. **Action: Student President**. Student Engagement with the campus masterplan was completed with over 500 students engaged with. A report based on student feedback was produced and presented to the university. It was asked for the Student President to share this feedback report at the next Executive Committee meeting to identify students wants on campus. **Action: Student President**. The Student President aided the university in identifying programmes with low NSS scores and campaigned to rectify this. As NSS results have not yet been released, this objective has yet to be met.

The first team objective was partially completed due to the free gym campaign achievement, as well as enhanced sports facilities to be included in the campus masterplan although the E-Sports arena business case was no longer moving forward. The second objective is not yet completed due to awaiting NSS results although engagement had taken place. Objective three was partially met due to progression figures not yet being available, although programmes with high failure rates had been identified and shared with the university.

It was noted that the Full Time Officer team had worked hard on their objectives all year, and that success measures for the incoming team would be revised to ensure that these can be completed within a relevant timeframe. Vice President SHLS is to share their Individual Objectives update at the next Executive Committee meeting. Action: **Vice President SHLS**.

4. Handover & Handover Packs

The Student President is to provide their handover pack before the next Executive Committee meeting. **Action: Student President**. It was requested for the induction and handover session to take place on one day as opposed to two, taking place on Thursday 29th May 2025.

5. Trimester B Engagement Plan Data

The Full Time Officer engagement figures for Trimester B were highlighted, particularly the exceptional number of views on video updates (91,706), blog views, social media engagement and large volume of on-campus student engagement. The Full Time Officers praised the flexibility and autonomy that the plan had provided and commented on the positive nature of interacting with students at their leisure to increase visibility and based around their workload and availability. It was commented that the lack of Coffee on Campus events was due to a lack of interest in previous trimesters from students, and that engaging on-campus naturally should be the priority focus. Vice President GSBS noted that the plan does not take into account direct engagement with students via WhatsApp messages and calls.

6. Teaching Awards 2025

Vice President SCEBE confirmed that the Re:Union Bar & Grill had been booked for the Teaching Awards ceremony, and that both longlisting and shortlisting had been completed.

7. Full Time Officer Reports

The Student President highlighted their debate win at the GCU Education conference on the role of Higher Education in bridging the skills gap and if universities meet employer expectations. Vice President SCEBE confirmed that they had met with their Dean to discuss student engagement including a discussion on elections, and for Vice Presidents to be elected based on the school that they are currently studying, aiding visibility through connections made with students and staff during their studies as well as the knowledge of student experience within that school. Flexible attendance methods for School Board meetings were also raised. Further to this, it was suggested that sessions could be implemented for students to regularly meet with the university management team.

8. Regulated Lobbying

The Student President met with MP Martin Rhodes on 28th March 2025.
Vice President GSBS met with MSP Patrick Harvey on Monday 7th April 2025.

The Student President and Vice President GSBS will meet with the Chief Executive separately to complete their lobbying submission. It was noted that this years Full Time Officer team has taken an excellent approach to proactively engaging with MSP's.

9. Minutes of the Executive Committee 1st April 2025

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 1st April 2025.
Vote: For 2; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee 1st April 2025 were approved.

10. Matters Arising

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

11. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships for approval.

12. A.O.C.B. (Emergency Business)

The Full Time Officers are to propose potential agenda items for their handover Executive Committee at the next meeting. **Action: Full Time Officers**.

The meeting ended at 11:12am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th May 2025, from 10:00am-12:00pm, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 10.00pm** on Microsoft Teams.

Members:
Laiba Tareen, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)
Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)

Apologies:
Wilfred Obi, Student President (Chair)
Friday Oshiotse, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

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

1. Chair Announcements and Apologies

Due to the absence of the Student President, Vice President SCEBE was asked to chair the meeting. The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting.

2. University Meetings

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

The University Executive Group were consulted on the Students' Association Strategic Plan 2030 during the meeting held on 12th May 2025.

2.2 Senate

There had been no scheduled Senate Meeting.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

Vice President SCEBE attended Education Committee to note the provided papers as well as acknowledging the hard work of the Full Time Officer team throughout their term.

3. Vice President SHLS Individual Objectives Update

Vice President SHLS was not in attendance to provide an update on this agenda item.

4. Applied Social Marketing Student Presentations

Vice President SCEBE and Vice President GSBS attended presentations provided by Social Marketing Students who were given an assignment on how engaged students were with the Students' Association, why they feel or don't feel attachment and potential solutions to increase engagement from a communications perspective.

Student feedback on the Students' Association's current social media impact was highlighted, including the need for engaging content on campus that translates to social media, more engagement with students on content and a 'faces of GCU campaign', highlighting students on campus through student interviews or vox-pops, engagement with societies, clubs etc. It was suggested that the Vice Presidents meet with the Communications Co-ordinator and Chief Executive to highlight the presentations and feedback to aid future communications, content and potential KPIs. **Action: Vice President SCEBE and Vice President GSBS**.

5. Handover & Handover Packs

All Full Time Officer handover packs were provided with allotted time to handover with the incoming officer team on 28th and 29th May 2025.

6. Agenda Items for Handover Executive Committee Meeting

Various agenda points were raised to be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting including; engaging with MSPs, the housing bill, early retrieval, review of engagement strategy and the immigration white paper, including visa issues on-campus.

Vice President GSBS raised Governor meetings for the next academic year, how to engage with students and improvements to the meeting composition. It was noted that a discussion could be held with the Student President, Chair of Court and Principal on the expectations of these meetings, potential change of purpose if they are not to be directly feedback based and whether Governors could potentially be involved in student engagement on other levels such as sporting events, society events or wider campus activities.

A discussion was raised on the potential collaboration with Glasgow School of Art Students' Association on Freshers events in their event space. Furthermore, it was asked whether GSA students could potentially affiliate with GCU sports clubs and societies as they feel a lack of belonging with current affiliations. It was noted that a collaboration of events could be raised in the Freshers Committee and that although there are no current rules or governance to facilitate students from other universities becoming members of GCU clubs, that this could be raised with the Sports Council for further consultation.

7. Teaching Awards 2025

It was noted that Pro-Vice Chancellor Engagement would be providing a speech at the Teaching Awards 2025 in place of PVC Education. The event is to take place on Wednesday 14th May 2025.

8. Full Time Officer Reports

Vice President SCEBE raised the issue of students who wish to extend their study with alternative visa options to ensure completion before applying for post-study work visas. The university confirmed that due to stricter enforced laws in place by UKVI, that a change in requirements must be met compared to previous years to gain PSW.

9. Regulated Lobbying

Vice President GSBS will meet with the Chief Executive to log their meeting with Patrick Harvey MSP.

10. Minutes of the Executive Committee 25th April 2025

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee 25th April 2025.
Vote: For 2; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee 25th April 2025 were approved.

11. Matters Arising

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

12. Life Membership

One Life Membership was raised for approval. The Membership could not be approved due to being unable to confirm their previous student status. The member has been contacted to provide further information.

13. A.O.C.B. (Emergency Business)

It was raised that the all-night computer lab in the CEE building still shows temporary signage from when it opened as opposed to the agreed GCU-SA partnership signage.

The meeting ended at 11:00am

Date of next meeting: Thursday 29th May 2025, from 11:00am-13:00pm, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at 4.00pm** 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 Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)

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 Extraordinary Executive Committee meeting 2025/26.

2. **Full Time Officer Policy Remit Area Approval**

   The Full Time Officers confirmed their review of their Policy Remit Areas with no inaccuracies raised. Upon approval, policy remit areas and the Vice President for each academic school will be circulated to University stakeholders as well as added to the Students' Association website.

   Eilidh Stewart explained that it would be good to have another Full Time Officer to also attend the Tackling Racism Working Group. Chinaenyenwa Ugo agreed to attend where appropriate.

   The Chair called for a vote to approve the Policy Remit Areas 2025/26. **Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0**. The Policy Remit Areas 2025/26 were approved.

The meeting ended at 16:10pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17th June 2025, from 10:00am-12:00pm, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 10.05am** 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 Ahmad Siddiqi, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SCEBE)

Apologies:

In Attendance:
David Carse, Chief Executive
Sara MacLean, Student Voice Team Leader
Kirsty McGregor, Senior Student Advisor
Philip Morton, Governance Support Co-ordinator (Clerk)

1. Chair Announcements and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the first Executive Committee meeting 2024/25.

2. University Meetings

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

It was confirmed that Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meetings are due to begin in July 2025.

2.2 Senate

Six student representatives were present during the Senate meeting. A discussion on the UK Immigration White Paper took place, and how this may affect the University, including BCA Compliance and future finances. Changes within SHLS and SCEBE school structures were approved. It was noted that the Full Time Officers had published a blog on the Students' Association website to communicate the points raised throughout Senate.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

No Senate Standing Committees had taken place.

3. Revised Code of Student Conduct

It was raised in Senate that there was no formal student consultation surrounding the revised Code of Student Conduct. A meeting has since been organised for student feedback to be added to the Students' Association consultation response and to be submitted to the Department of Governance and Legal Services by Friday 4th July 2025. **Action: Student President.**

An initial student concern involved the terminology of levels and the potential to amend these to categories to put less emphasis on the level of severity e.g. level 1 potentially being construed as minor. The VP GSBS raised the language of appropriate use of social media, seeking clarity on what is deemed as 'inappropriate' use or behaviour, furthermore it was stated that members should be made aware of conduct using social media, including WhatsApp groups.

Further student feedback included, how former students may be supported in the event that their award is downgraded. It was noted in previous instances, students have been supported by exception if they had been supported by the Students' Association throughout their case. It was however noted that former students are no longer members of the Students' Association, where they would have the option of support and representation before graduation or before a cease in studies. In terms of a 'case conference', the Students' Association would not necessarily sit on the panel if it was before a case was raised with the student, and that they would receive support and representation once they are notified.

GCU London are ensuring that students have a space on-campus to take part in online SDC cases to ensure privacy, safety and welfare. It was asked whether Glasgow students that may not be able to attend an in-person SDC are provided the same level of support, and that there could be a level of disadvantage for London students who are not given the option of in-person meetings. It was asked, what prevents GCU London from holding in-person SDC's on campus and if there are governance staff in London that could assist.

It was asked, with levels being overseen at a department level, what level of training has been provided to ensure consistency, accountability, effectiveness and level of support throughout the investigation process. It was further stated that clearer guidelines and wording on proof reading should be provided to students.

In relation to Level 1 sanctions, it is stated that a Head of Department can restrict access to Students' Association activities. It was noted that there are consequences in the Students' Association's rules that suspended students do not gain access to SA activities, although it should not be a right for a Head of Department to restrict access when there has been no suspension. Similarly, the power to remove a student from Caledonian Court/student accommodation should be deemed above a level 1 sanction. As well as this, the wording of 'reasonable and proportionate sanction' was questioned in terms of what each Head of Department deems are reasonable.

4. UNIFORCE – Student Sustainability Challenge 2025

The Student President raised the project presented by STEP, where students can submit sustainability project ideas before given eight weeks of support and funding for the completion of these campaigns. The project has now been enhanced for any Students' Association to take part.

It was noted that the Students' Association could promote the challenge and help get students involved, but it remains unclear who would then support students throughout the campaign and whether the university would be involved. The Student President clarified that they would like to explore if there is appetite for the project and will discuss with the GCU Head of Operational Sustainability.

5. **Full Time Officer Reports**

The Vice President SHLS provided an overview on their first Freshers Committee meeting, the pre-planning stage and that Radio Caley will provide their studio space as a quite/calm area.

The Vice President SCEBE discussed how further engagement within societies could take place, aiding an increase in course-based societies and promoting Radio Caley throughout Freshers week and beyond.

The Vice President GSBS highlighted discussions on the Equality and Human Rights Commission in relation to the recent Supreme Court ruling. NUS guidance was acknowledged although was commented that only certain parts of this may apply to us. Meetings with the Womans Officer, LGBT+ Officer and colleagues to discuss in relation to sports clubs have been scheduled. EHRC deadline closes on Monday 30th June 2025. An Extraordinary Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss further before the deadline date. **Action: Clerk.**

The Student President raised the Student Code of Conduct consultation to be held with members on 23rd June 2025.

It was noted that now that the department changes have been approved within SCEBE and SHLS that the Department Rep recruitment can be progressed and any vacancies filled. An induction meeting between the Full Time Officers and the academic reps from their schools is to be arranged. **Action: Clerk.**

The Chair encouraged members to get into the practice of writing written reports as this will help in preparing future Student Voice reports.

6. **Regulated Lobbying**

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

7. **Minutes of the Executive Committee on 29th May 2025 and Extraordinary Executive Committee on 3rd June 2025.**

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 29th May 2025 and Extraordinary Executive Committee minutes 3rd June 2025. **Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0**. The Executive Committee minutes were approved.

8. **Matters Arising**

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

9. **Life Membership**

One Life Membership was raised for approval.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Life Membership. **Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0**. The Life Membership was approved.

10. A.O.C.B. (Emergency Business)

There was no further business.

The meeting ended at 11:20am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th July 2025, from 10:00am-12:00pm, in NH209

EXTRAORDINARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Extraordinary Executive Committee meeting held on **Friday 27th June 2025 at 12.00pm** 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 Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SSE)

Apologies:

In Attendance:
Kirsty McGregor, Senior Student Advisor
David Carse, Chief Executive

1. **Chair Announcements and Apologies**

   The Chair welcomed members to the Extraordinary Executive Committee meeting.

2. **EHRC Consultation Response**

   Vice President GSBS highlighted their paper in response to the EHRC Consultation. NUS guidance for students' unions responding to the code of practice consultation was used as a basis to form an organisational response on the areas that would cause most impact to GCU Students' Association.

   The organisational implications of the change in legal definition of sex as to be the gender assigned at birth was discussed. The committee expressed concern that while the legal definition may be clear, its practical application could undermine inclusivity and human rights. It was stated that the Students' Association must uphold their values whilst following law.

   It was commented that clarity is required surrounding protected women only spaces, as trans women by law could not use this space, leading to exclusion. Furthermore, by law, the Women's Network would no longer be able to able to include trans women whilst identifying as a women's only space.

   Competitive sport was raised as the code practice states that trans people may participate in the gendered sport that they identify as when there is no disadvantage as a result of birth gender, an example of this being the use of physical strength. It was stated that this is an unclear definition which bases inclusion on perception. Furthermore, it was commented that this could alienate trans people from sport completely as a trans women may not be able to participate in either gendered sporting team based on these perceived disadvantages, further impacting the Student's Associations duty of inclusivity. In a sports context, no clear guidance is provided on single sex spaces including changing rooms and toilets. The possibility of discomfort was raised, for example, for women if a trans man is using their changing room, and for a trans man for using this area, yet if there is refused entry to this single sex area, there is no indication on where a trans person should go under law. Furthermore, the proportionality of single sex areas was raised, the question of if it is necessary for exclusion and the practicality of how this is policed or managed, particularly given organisational resourcing and capacity as well as the risk of discrimination based on perception.

It was noted that although any person may join a sports club or society within the Students' Association, when competing competitively, such as through BUCS or SSS, that these organisations follow national rulings and law.

It was raised that disabled toilets within the Students' Association may be rebranded accessibility or gender-neutral although this does not strictly address capacity issues.

Further consultation with students on the impact changes to law could have on the Students' Association and wider student experience will take place, as well as discussions with network officers, the EDI Committee and Student Voice to ensure that students opinions are heard.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the EHRC Consultation Response.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The EHRC Consultation Response was approved.

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

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 12:37pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th July 2025, from 10:00am-12:00pm, in NH209

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 10.00am** 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 Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SSE)

Apologies:

In Attendance:
David Carse, Chief Executive

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 free gym initiative remains under review with no planned end date. There were concerns regarding the resourcing of a Rent Guarantor Scheme, although the possibility of involving third-party organisations may be considered. The proposal to keep Wednesday afternoons free for sports, societies and activities faced challenges due to clinical practice and lab space requirements. It was noted that excusal letters were permitted in Glasgow University and University of Strathclyde to allow student involvement however this could impact international students due to attendance monitoring. Vice President GSBS was asked to obtain the relevant university policies surrounding excusal letters for reference. **Action: Vice President GSBS**.

Regarding Full Time Officer student status, it was confirmed that officers returning to study are exempt from council tax, though further investigation is ongoing. The university is exploring the development of a GCU induction module. The University Executive Group outlined their priorities for 2025/26, referring to the GCU Strategy 2030, and Full Time Officers provided updates on their manifestos. Recruitment changes resulting from the Home Office White Paper will be discussed at the August meeting.

2.2 Senate

No Senate meetings had taken place.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

The Learning Enhancement Subcommittee identified priorities for 2025/26, including the co-pilot rollout of the AI policy and degree classification proposals, to be presented at Senate.

3. Alumni Email: Caledonian Email Accounts for Graduates

It was noted that the Students' Association were not consulted or informed prior to the email sent by GCU Alumni. It was discussed that when a person is no longer considered a student, the importance of informing and communicating before their accounts are deleted. Vice President SHLS is to follow up with John Taylor (Alumni Engagement) regarding this issue. **Action: Vice President SHLS**.

4. Principal Email: Implications of Home Office White Paper

Risks associated with the Home Office White Paper were noted, particularly in relation to students who have received offers, communication with prospective students and the impact on student recommendations. University finances were discussed, including impact on student experience, the campus masterplan, and possible future staff redundancies. Staff morale was also considered, including its indirect impact on student experience and whether courses may be cut if the university does not meet recruitment targets.

Emerging issues such as academic integrity in marking and BCA compliance targets were noted. The university is taking a proactive approach through student recruitment processes and early intervention. Potential reduction in PhD student teaching was discussed.

5. Full Time Officer Reports

The Student President noted that PVC Education and Head of Governance and Legal Services responded positively to feedback on the revised Code of Conduct consultation and will respond in due course. The Disabled Students Officer and GCU Disability Services are working with an external organisation to develop an accessibility guide. It was noted that UCU trade union had raised concerns over potential casual teaching work stopping for PhD students.

Vice President GSBS highlighted their written report, including events to celebrate Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, and various induction meetings including the Students Mental Health Project Officer, Campus Trade Unions and Library Services. Vice President SSE held a meeting with students regarding lab and computer access, reviewed volunteering certification for media volunteers and held a discussion on promoting academic-based societies.

Vice President SHLS reported on the Induction Planning Steering Group, including an expansion of school-based inductions, for example, working with the NHS. It was noted that the Induction App had been updated, and school inductions will be held in person. It was proposed that PGR students would be removed from the New2GCU Survey and a new survey created, tailored to their experience. A meeting was held with the Director of the Graduate School who confirmed that the Students' Association will be integrated into PGR Induction.

6. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

7. Minutes of the Executive Committee 17th June 2025

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 17th June 2025.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 17th June 2025 were approved.

8. Matters Arising

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

9. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships for approval.

10. A.O.C.B. (Emergency Business)

It was noted that a meeting with all Scottish Full Time (Sabbatical) Officers invited would be held to discuss the Housing (Scotland) Bill. It was confirmed that Multi-Factor Authorisation for students would begin in September 2025. The GCU webpage for students was highlighted and it was suggested that a video be created to explain how this can be set-up. **Action: Vice President GSBS**. The Better Buses for Strathclyde Campaign is to be added to the next Executive Committee agenda. **Action: Clerk**.

The meeting ended at 11:56am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th August 2025, from 14:00pm-16:00pm, on Microsoft Teams

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Monday 4th August 2025 at 14.30pm** 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 Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SSE)

Apologies:

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

1. Chair Announcements and Apologies

Due to illness, Vice President GSBS chaired the meeting on the Student Presidents behalf. The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting.

2. University Meetings

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

The Full Time Officers were introduced to the Interim PVC Research. It was stated that Trimester B recruitment would proceed as normal, that feedback on future recruitment from Senate will be considered for progressing an action plan and the October open date for CAS submission was confirmed. The interim plans for a job-share role upon the departure of the Chief Operating Officer were detailed.

2.2 Senate

No Senate meetings had taken place.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

A Senate workshop on the Immigration White Paper took place where strategies were discussed on current and future recruitment process, potential improvements including targeted country recruitment, enhanced online study and ensuring widening access.

It was noted that the university shared an update on the governance review of academic committee structures which will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

3. National Student Survey 2025

The National Student Survey 2025 results were noted, the Students' Association seen an increase in Student Voice by 2%, resulting in a 77% satisfaction rate.

4. Better Buses for Strathclyde Campaign

The Better Buses for Strathclyde Campaign was raised for noting. The campaign is to be promoted and signposted, particularly as public transport is a growing concern for students. An update from the meeting taking place on 28th August is to be provided to the Executive Committee. **Action: Full Time Officers**.

5. Scotland Demands Better March

The Scotland Demands Better March was raised to discuss potential Full Time Officer and student involvement and potentially using campaign budget to allow student attendance. The Full Time Officers decided to discuss this further and will confirm whether they will allocate budget to this by the next Executive Committee meeting. **Action: Full Time Officers**.

6. Applied Social Marketing Presentations: Discussion

This agenda item is to be discussed at the next meeting for the Student President to present.

7. Freshers Week Generic Induction Presentation

Generic Inductions are scheduled online on Wednesday 10th September 2025. It was suggested for the slides to be updated to remove remit areas and focus on Full Time Officers as individuals. The Governance Support Co-ordinator is to update the slides to present to the Executive Committee. **Action: Governance Support Co-ordinator**.

8. Volunteer Recognition Proposal

Vice President SSE provided an overview of their proposal to create a certificate or letter of certification for volunteers of Student Media Groups and Nightline based on engagement. It was noted that similar Class Rep certification is provided on completion of training.

The judgement of engagement by individual committees, the implementation of clear criteria as well as certain volunteers receiving certification and not others were raised as potential risks. Furthermore, it was raised that this could be expanded across the organisation for those volunteering within Sports Clubs, Societies, Global Buddies etc, based on the completion of relevant training.

It was commented that members of a society of club isn't are partricipating, whereas committee and council members are volunteer positions that could receive certification for their work. It was noted that a pilot could take place within a smaller group of volunteers before scaling larger. It was further noted that a reference policy is present for all volunteers.

It was proposed for Vice President GSBS to identify all volunteer areas within the organisation and the criteria and minimal involvement that would trigger certification. **Action: Vice President GSBS**.

9. Full Time Officer Reports

Vice President SHLS discussed ensuring PGR student integration with the Students' Association, support and improving student experience. A discussion with Alumni Engagement was held on the withdrawal of student email addresses upon graduation. A follow up meeting with IT has been confirmed to discuss student feedback and concerns on this. It was noted that proper communication should be provided to students during their induction process to ensure they are aware that these are temporary for their time as a student. The reasoning for email address withdrawal are due to cyber security and server limitations. It was agreed with Foundation and Alumni that a funding increase from £5000 to £6000 is confirmed for Sports Clubs and Society support.

Vice President SSE confirmed the launch of the Caledonian Employability Award, replacing the Common Good Award as well as an increase in student job fairs. Vice President GSBS highlighted a survey they distributed on student experiences of Wednesday afternoons being available for Sports participation. A report will be collated based on student feedback as well as sector solutions and presented to the Executive Committee once completed.

10. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

11. Minutes of the Executive Committee 8th July 2025 and Extraordinary Executive Committee 30th June 2025.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 8th July 2025 and Extraordinary Executive Committee 30th June 2025.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 8th July 2025 and Extraordinary Executive Committee 30th June 2025 were approved.

12. Matters Arising

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

13. Life Membership

One Life Membership was raised for approval.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Life Membership.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Life Membership was approved.

14. A.O.C.B. (Emergency Business)

Vice President GSBS commented on the EHRC submission, and that communicating this alongside a statement on the Full Time Officers stance on the supreme court ruling should be written and presented to the Executive Committee. **Action: Vice President GSBS**. A set meeting with the scholarships team was noted. 150 additional scholarships are to be provided for the coming year, and Vice President GSBS was keen to investigate sports grants to offset individuals' expenses as well as scholarships for Palestinian students. An update on this will be provided during the next meetings. **Action: Vice President GSBS**.

It was noted that Department Rep recruitment was paused within SSE due to the school restructuring. It was noted that this would be resolved in the coming weeks.

The meeting ended at 16:15pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19th August 2025, from 10:00am-12:00pm, in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 19th August 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 Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (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. University Meetings

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

No Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting had taken place.

2.2 Senate

No Senate meetings had taken place.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

No Senate Standing Committee meetings had taken place.

3. Education Governance Review

PVC Education is undertaking a governance review, evaluating Senate Sub-Committees including the Education Committee and Learning Enhancement Sub-Committee. The university provided a provisional paper that will be reviewed by the Students' Association to submit feedback.

4. Vice Chancellor Recruitment

The Vice Chancellor Recruitment was raised for noting. It was commented that after shortlisting, the successful candidates will meet with various stakeholder groups including the three Vice Presidents that will form the student stakeholder group. Feedback from this will be submitted to the appointments committee which includes the Student President.

5. **Student Participation on University Committee**

Low student participation within university committees was raised during Trimester B 2024-25, including Senate, where the composition of student representatives was changed to four Full Time Officers and two student representatives. A wider issue of student participation is still an issue and was added to the Students' Associations operational plan for the coming year, to research why members are not engaging and how this could be improved. An external consultant has been commissioned to carry out a review, establishing student focus groups, interviews and surveys with current and former student representatives. It was noted that the review was initiated following consultations with school Deans and academic governance.

An initial discussion of the review was held with the Executive Committee during Trimester B 2024-25 with the former Student President attending the initial planning round. Full Time Officer consultation will continue to be incorporated to shape the review. Vice President GSBS noted the wider sector issue regarding student engagement and involvement. It was raised that the review should be cautious of feedback, as those likely to participate, are those already engaged and active, and some members may not identify as non-participating in a survey.

6. **Pros and Cons Document of School Based Elections**

Advantages to school-based elections were discussed, including; increased clarity and visibility of candidates, increased accountability, potential reduction of negative competition between candidates, better democratic process in terms of hustings and engagement, stronger mandates for each role and manifestos that can better expand on lived experience and issues within schools as well as increased quality of campaigning on more concise manifestos.

It was commented that there are not specific buildings for each school, creating issues when campaigning due to disrupting students that would not otherwise be able to vote for a school's candidate, possibly reducing overall engagement. The overall reduction in campaign areas was highlighted as a positive to decrease both candidate and voter fatigue due to the intense campaign period on campus. London was raised as a potential issue, as they are often classified as their own school, with minimal identity to the academic school structure. The idea of a part-time London based officer role was raised.

It was commented that individual vice president elections could lead to purely school-based and academic manifesto objectives as opposed to larger student experience issues. It was stated that candidates should have clear criteria and expectations for campaigning, to ensure that manifestos reflect not just an individual school, but the wider student community.

Although there is a fear that no candidates run for a distinct school, it was raised that some students may prefer running for a Vice President position if they do not wish to actively run for Student President. Although statistics point to a candidate from each school running each year previously, it was noted that there could be one candidate from SCEBE running for Student President as opposed to their school. It was commented that there could be a lack of fairness between candidates as Vice President campaigners may put in as much work campaigning as a Student President candidate, only to receive a limited share of the vote, and campaigning to a minority voter group at school level. Furthermore, there was worry that an increase in competitive nature or conflict between candidates may occur as there would no longer be a fall back, where currently a candidate may not win the position of Student President, but still have enough votes to become a Vice President.

It was proposed that the Full Time Officers share their discussion paper with each of the School Deans, Director of GCU London and the University Executive Group to gain university feedback that can be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting. **Action: Full Time Officers**.

7. Applied Social Marketing Presentations Discussion

Using feedback from the Applied Social Marketing Presentations to aid engagement plan and online content was discussed. It was commented that there is a positive to engaging students within content as well as identifying distinct communication channels for student groups who may consume content differently, such as email updates, social media content, blogs etc.

The use of student creators was raised for producing student relevant content which includes the student voice at the heart of it. It was commented that student content creators could potentially be remunerated for the work produced. It was highlighted that the university are taking a similar approach in the 'I am GCU' campaign, enabling students an increase in ownership both in terms of content and their university identity/engagement.

8. Individual and Team Objectives

It was noted that Full Time Officers Individual and Team objectives must be approved at the Executive Committee held on 30th September 2025 to ensure submission for Student Voice approval. Advice may be provided to ensure that objectives are realistic and achievable with clear actions, success measures and outcomes. A draft of Individual and Team Objects is to be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting. **Action: Full Time Officers**.

It was commented that it is normal for officer teams to submit objectives to Student Voice for approval due to the Full Time Officers progress and work being held to account by the democratic body. A discussion was held on the composition of Student Voice and effective representation of the student body.

9. Housing Day Agenda

The Student President provided an update on the shared housing strategy day with Sabbatical Officers from across Scotland held on 18th August 2025. Achievements from the last year were highlighted, amendments to the housing bill discussed as well as potential approaches to the final stage of the bill. It was commented that greater awareness could be made to increase student engagement with the campaign. A blog is to be written on reflections from the day as well as future strategies. **Action: Vice President GSBS**.

10. Walking Day Activities

The Student President noted their meeting with the Invisible Cities charity and potential of partnering with them for students to take part in a walking tour of the city during Freshers Week for a reduced price of £10 per person. It was noted that the Freshers Committee could be consulted for potential of budget use to split the cost with students, or that campaigns budget may be used to increase affordability. It was suggested that initial interest could be gauged using social media with further promotion taking place during Freshers Week.

11. Comms Materials - Uniforce

The Student President provided an overview of the Uniforce employability programme in partnership with the Students' association. Head of Careers Services has agreed to participate as an academic member as well as other contacted university members. The Head of Sustainability has further expressed potential with funding options as each participating Students' Association has agreed on investing £350 towards the campaign. This could potentially be acquired as a sustainability initiative or from the campaigns budget. Promotional materials are to be shared with the Communications Co-ordinator to promote through Students' Association social media channels. **Action: Student President**.

12. Full Time Officer Reports

The Student President noted a discussion on increasing the relationship and engagement between Academic Reps in London and the Students' Association as well as the promotion of the university Safezone app. Vice President SHLS highlighted Academic Rep recruitment, conversations with their Dean and Head of Departments on increasing student engagement within SHLS as well as confirming student ID collection details for home and international students, with 30th September 2025 being the deadline for international student arrival.

Vice President GSBS highlighted their work with the GSBS Learning Development Centre on promotional materials for the study together initiative. The LGBTQIA+ belonging campaign was raised. Student feedback to this point has not been positive, particularly in terms of the language used feeling outdated and reductive. Wider student consultation is to be sought, potentially during Freshers Week in the Students' Association.

13. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

14. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 4th August 2025

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 4th August 2025.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 4th August 2025.

15. Matters Arising

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

16. Life Membership

One Life Membership was raised for approval.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Life Membership.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Life Membership was approved.

17. A.O.C.B. (Emergency Business)

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 12:07pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd September 2025, from 10:00am-12:00pm, in NH209.