

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Members:

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

Apologies:

In Attendance:

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

1. Chair Announcements and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting.

2. University Meetings

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

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

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

2.2 Senate

No Senate meetings had taken place.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

No Senate Standing Committee meetings had taken place.

3. NUS Delegation Registration

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

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

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

4. Draft Individual and Team Objectives

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

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

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

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

5. EHRC / Supreme Court Statement

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

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

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

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

Action: Governance Support Co-ordinator.

6. Governor Meetings

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

7. School-Based Elections University Feedback

This item was discussed during agenda item 2.1.

8. Full Time Officer Engagement Plan 2025-26

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

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

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

9. SHLS Degree Awards

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

10. SFC Belonging and Safety Response

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

11. Full Time Officer Reports

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

12. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

13. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 19th August 2025

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

Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 19th August 2025 were approved.

14. Matters Arising

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

15. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships for approval.

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

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 12:15pm

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

EXTRAORDINARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Members:

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

Apologies:

In Attendance:

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

1. Chair Announcements and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting.

2. Campaigns Budget

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

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

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

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

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 09:25pm

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 10am** in NH209.

Members:

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Hamza Siddiqi, Vice President School of Science and Engineering (VP SSE)

Apologies:

In Attendance:

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

1. Chair Announcements and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting.

2. University Meetings

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

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

2.2 Senate

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

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

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

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

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

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

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

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

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

3. Full Time Officer Individual and Team Objectives

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

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

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

4. Wednesday Afternoon Policy Report

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

5. AI Student Survey

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

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

6. Full Time Officer Reports

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

7. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

8. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 2nd September 2025 and Extraordinary Executive Committee on 19th September 2025.

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

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

9. Matters Arising

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

10. Life Membership

Three Life Memberships were presented for approval.

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

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

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

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 12:31pm

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 21st October 2025 at 9:30am** in NH209.

Members:

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Eilidh Stewart, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
Hamza Siddiqi, Vice President School of Science and Engineering (VP SSE)

Apologies:

In Attendance:

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

1. Chair Announcements and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting.

2. University Meetings

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

Vice President GSBS presented their paper concerning the Wednesday Afternoon policy to allow for student participation in extra-curricular activities. It was suggested for VP GSBS to develop a review of the current policy that could be presented for further consideration. There were operational questions regarding exemption letters although it was noted that if other institutions can support this, that there must be a solution. It was commented that the Sports Council are providing feedback to ensure that the policy remain student friendly.

It was confirmed that a paper on a potential rent guarantor scheme will be presented to the University Executive Group for approval. Third-party agents are being explored to accomplish this, and a further update will be provided in the next meeting.

2.2 Senate

There had been no Senate meeting.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

The Honorary Degrees Committee approved submissions for shortlisting with the Student President submitting a candidate (Enoch Adeyemi, the founder of Black Professionals Scotland) on behalf of the Students' Association.

3. Outcome of Housing (Scotland) Bill Campaign

Outcomes from the Housing (Scotland) Bill Campaign were shared with numerous student focussed amendments and an explanation on how these positively impact students. These included the right for ministers to create early-exit rules for students in PBSA, rent-rise

protections for students, penalties for illegal evictions and fairer rules for shared flats and joint tenancies. It was noted by WonkHE that the bill continues to be amended and watered down, particularly concerning student-centric amendments.

It was suggested for a blog to be published outlining the success achieved by the Full Time Officers and their colleagues within the sector, simplifying what the amendments to the Housing (Scotland) Bill means for students. **Action: Student President.**

4. NUS Delegate Confirmation

It was confirmed that if any previously nominated delegates are unable to attend NUS Scotland 2025, that Student Voice members are to be asked.

5. Campaigns Budget

Four requests for campaigns budget use were highlighted. The LGBT+ Network had requested budget for campaign supplies as well as refreshments to support weekly meetings. It was noted that due to the limited campaigns budget, ongoing student facing campaigns and that other networks may need budget support, that £25 would be granted to support in purchasing campaign materials, with further support potentially being offered if need be. Students' Association materials and support is to be signposted although catering and refreshments would not be supplemented.

The following campaigns budget requests were presented:

£24: Radio Caley speaker rental - Decolonising the Curriculum Event held on 13th October 2025.

£170: DJ and decorations for alcohol free event to be held in January 2026, joint campaign for Dry January, LGBT+ History Month and Refreshers.

£350: Uniforce Campaign – Supporting GCU students on Uniforce projects.

£25: LGBT+ Network – Banner and campaigning supplies.

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

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

6. Full Time Officer Reports

Vice President SSE reported on their latest meeting with the Dean of SSE. The Dean confirmed student communications on programme suspensions through programme leaders. It was noted that a student panel member must sit on the programme board when dealing with programme suspensions. This information is to be confirmed. VP SSE shared instances of timetabling issues for review. The Association Dean International confirmed the launch of an externally funded award or high performing students from India.

Vice President GSBS highlighted ongoing development of the Mental Health Charter as well as an update from the library who wish to be awarded as a library of sanctuary where various refugee groups in the community have been approached for using the space as a hub for activities and general use. It was noted that a Student Voice idea to ensure that there is student only spaces in the library should be considered to ensure minimal disruption to

student work, particularly during assessment periods. Campaign planning for 16 days of activism against gender-based violence has begun including partnering with other universities in Glasgow for cross-campaigning.

The Student President highlight the beginning of the challenge period for Uniforce with details of all teams and projects to be added to the Students' Association website. There was a discussion held during SAGE on better university consultation practice with the Students' Association on student-facing policy. Revisions to the paper to be submitted to the university are to be undertaken to reinforce positive partnership working. The paper is to be submitted to Executive Committee, Education Committee, Student Voice and Senate.

7. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

8. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 30th September 2025

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

9. Matters Arising

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

10. Life Membership

Six Life Memberships were presented for approval.

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

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

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

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 10:38am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th November 2025, from 09:30am-12:00pm, in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 9:30am** in NH209.

Members:

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Eilidh Stewart, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)
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Apologies:

In Attendance:

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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 SAGE consultation paper was raised for feedback. UEG proposed the introduction of SAGE reps to attend drafting committees although this may be difficult considering current attempts to increase engagement of rep attendance across university committees. Although the university questioned whether greater student consultation undermines the importance of Full Time Officers, it was stated that this is acknowledging wider student considerations. It was also considered whether this may increase workload for SAGE members. It was noted that all university cover sheets for policy includes a check box for whether the policy has been presented to SAGE for consultation. The purpose of the paper is to ensure that the process, as outlined in Senate policy is adhered to on all student facing policy. The final paper is to be presented at LESC before submission to Senate in February.

An update was provided on Uniforce 2025. Positive feedback was received from academic staff members and a further meeting with the Head of Career services is to be set to follow up on their feedback on the organisation of the event. Invites for the awards ceremony on 30th January 2026 will be sent to UEG members.

There is no current policy for London students who wish to graduate on the Glasgow campus. The university are investigating practical logistics of this, although if students were to graduate in Glasgow, travel and accommodation fees would need to be paid by the student. The university are to update their website with the current timetabling policy on Wednesday afternoons. Head of Estates is to be liaised with on later opening hours for Re:Union Bar as well as consultation with Baxterstorey. It was noted that research on how to increase engagement in the space would be valuable.

Vice President SSE provided initial statistics from their student AI survey. It was noted that the survey would be useful for the development of an improved university AI policy. 71% of students believe it important to receive training on AI although this could be a large undertaking for the university. It was noted that these skills would be a valuable graduate attribute that GCU students should be equipped with before entering the workplace. The university are currently working on staff policy for AI use.

2.2 Senate

There had been no Senate meeting.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

The Education Committee highlighted the AI Steering Group and their framework update, including clarification that students may use AI if the individual programme accepts this. Positive feedback was received for the update to Pause for Feedback with outcomes to be shared with Class Reps. A review of monitoring performance, particularly in withdrawal after level 7 is to take place to understand specific reasoning. The delivery Principles 2025-26 is to be shared with the Executive Committee for noting. The International Committee confirmed CAS deadline and additional CAS openings for students facing practical on-campus resits.

During the GSBS School Board, it was highlighted that further promotion is needed on the 30% discount for students continuing study from undergraduate to postgraduate. Promotion of Department Rep positions within the school was noted as well as engagement in meetings, although greater staff involvement could be sought particularly with recruitment and Rep support. Operational updates were provided regarding potential research funding and improving international partnerships.

The PGR Rep during the SSE School Board meeting raised that provisions and spaces on campus are closing at 6pm instead of the building closing time of 9pm. It was noted that many research students already do not have offices and are inconvenienced by early closures. Limited SSE opportunities through career services were raised and poor communication between any opportunities and the school.

During London Campus Board, the Director of GCU London provided an update including the launch of a Student Campus Life Desk as well as employed Student Ambassadors on-campus. A specific programme was raised for their timetabled 5pm-7pm classes on-campus which is to be further investigated. An update on programme suspensions and student wellbeing calls were highlighted. It was commented that great correlation between EDI events in both Glasgow and London could take place.

3. Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

It was noted that the Students' Association are supporting the NUS Scotland campaign on the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill. During a Scottish Senior Managers Meeting, three key principles were outlined to be lobbied in terms of this bill, with MSPs. Further campaigning through the Student President and Vice Chair of the Trustee Board is to take place. Furthermore, it was noted that it is important for Students' Associations to be recognised as this in legislation.

4. Re:Union Bar Food Menu

It was commented that there are no menus available for food or drinks in Re:Union Bar & Grill and that the installed digital screen for pizzas has been switched on once over the 9 weeks of Trimester. There seems to be no promotion of offerings within the bar and unknown what they are currently selling. This was asked to be raised in the next catering meeting. **Action: Vice President GSBS.**

5. Embedding Student Partnership in University Governance

This agenda item was discussed during the Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting item. All Full Time Officers are supportive of this paper moving forward.

6. Scotland Demands Better Rally

The Student President noted attendance at the Scotland Demands Better Rally held on 25th October 2025.

7. Full Time Officer Reports

Vice President SSE highlighted issues with personal tutors not actively engaging with students. It was commented that this has been partially resolved with an increase in tutors reaching out to students. There were student complains on outdated computers on-campus. A discussion was held on the process of programme suspension and how it should be presented for discussion at School Board.

Vice President GSBS noted their presentation to take place at the Times Higher Education Conference on the University Mental Health Charter. It was also raised for EDI to become a standing item on the UEG meeting agenda to ensure effective communication on campaigning, events and ongoing work across the university and Students' Association.

Vice President SHLS highlighted their individual objective and remit area progress as noted in their report. The Student President noted their report as read and highlighted their invitation to an SPT consultation on the restructuring of Buchanan Bus Station.

8. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

9. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 21st October 2025

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 21st October 2025.

Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 21st October 2025 were approved.

10. Matters Arising

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

11. Life Membership

One Life Memberships were presented 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.

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

The following campaigns budget requests were presented:

£13.35: AI Survey Campaign Stall on 3rd November 2025

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

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

The final draft of SEAP 2024-25 was shared with the Executive Committee. Feedback raised included the wording of co-creating with students as it was commented that there is a distinction between students, the Students' Association and student representatives. It was questioned what was meant by the development of support and welfare officers, who is meant by this and that 'officer' is reserved on-campus for elected roles as opposed to employed positions. It was noted that mention of student data was not present in the paper. Full Time Officer and Student Vice President were both mentioned in relation to STEP although these positions are the same thing. Furthermore, refreshing the approach to student consultation was raised as this is directly attributed towards SAGE, not a review, but for the university to be consulting with students.

Further feedback is to be provided to the Student President and circulated between the Executive Committee.

The meeting ended at 11:15am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd December 2025, from 09:30am-12:00pm, in NH209.

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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
Sara MacLean, Student Voice Team Leader
Stuart Graham, Director of Information Services
Louise Barlow, Information Services Business Partner
Gurubir Bains, Information Services Programme Manager
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 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting took place on Monday 1st December 2025. The rent guarantor scheme was raised in which a paper on the matter has been shared with the university executive with further feedback to be shared. The Student President met with the Chief Financial Officer to discuss the tone of debt collection student emails. A further meeting with the finance team is to take place to discuss wording and escalation. Refugee Scholarships were raised following a meeting with the scholarships team. The university are currently researching the feasibility, visa compliance, noted CARA for at-risk academics and confirmed that the university previously granted asylum seeker and refugee scholarships. Issues of sexual harassment on the London campus were discussed. Several staff members have been met with stronger communication to be circulated to students on acceptable behaviours on campus as well as further highlighting during student induction.

2.2 Senate

No Senate meetings had taken place.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

Fit to Sit use at GCU London was raised during LESC as international students do not use the service due to visa deadline restrictions with fears that students would rather fail, potentially

plagiarise or use AI to as a last resort. Data has been requested on Fit to Sit numbers to confirm the number of fee-paying student cases. Furthermore, an idea was proposed for supplementary exam resits to take place at the next available exam diet or within the coming trimester. Early resits were raised in a previous Education Committee, in which reasons such as staff workload were cited as hurdles for implementation. The personalisation of education was discussed.

3. Digital Masterplan

The Director of Information Services and colleagues attended the Executive Committee to consult with the Executive Committee on the Universities Digital Masterplan.

4. Campaigns Budget

The following campaigns budget requests were presented:

£36: Radio Caley external staff – 31st October 2025.

£100: Script writing for documentary - 19th November 2025.

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

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

5. GCU Future Plans Survey

This agenda item has been rearranged for the next Executive Committee meeting.

6. GCU & GCUSA Executive Partnership Framework

This agenda item has been rearranged for the next Executive Committee meeting.

7. Student Consultation Policy - SAGE

The Student President confirmed the creation of a stakeholder group comprised of various university members to consult on the Student Consultation Policy. It was noted that the previously circulated case document had been reviewed to reflect university policy documents. It was commented that the previous document held greater context, particularly for new staff members that the updated policy could benefit from adding. It was noted that the policy aims to streamline student consultation, enabling university policies to be consulted at a student-led committee with feedback being provided within a timely manner. Guidelines are to be confirmed on policy types that would be presented at SAGE. It was highlighted that the university cover sheet should be amended to reflect these changes and ensure that student consultation at relevant committees i.e. SAGE, Student Voice or Executive Committee should be added. In the event that a pressing matter needs student consultation over the Summer months where no SAGE takes place, these could be presented to the Executive Committee in this absence.

The paper is to be presented at the next SAGE meeting and Education Committee before being presented at Senate for approval.

8. Personal Grooming and Confidence Initiative

Vice President GSBS presented the initiative document submitted by the external barber who had previously taken part in Students' Association Black History Month events. The initiative has also been presented to Strathclyde University and City of Glasgow College. The aim is to provide workshops on styling diverse hair types as well as growing confidence through presentation.

It was noted that the initial document is to gauge support and interest, and any costs have yet to be confirmed. This is proposed as a regularly recurring workshop. It was stated that the workshop would be welcomed as part of campaigns such as Feel Fab Feb and Black History Month but may not see a return on investment for regular uptake.

9. Portfolio Review Process

The policy on programme suspensions was highlighted as well as the composition of the programme board which must include two student members. The potential for a policy review has been discussed with the university.

10. Academic Rep Gathering Staff Summaries

This agenda item was noted and it was decided that it would be added to the next Executive Committee Agenda for further discussion.

11. Full Time Officer Reports

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

12. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

13. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 11th November 2025

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 11th November 2025.
Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 11th November 2025 was approved.

14. Matters Arising

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

15. Life Membership

Thirteen Life Membership was raised 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.

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

Vice President SSE presented their certification proposal for volunteers of Radio Caley, The Edit and Nightline. It was commented that the document could incorporate further information to distinctly outline eligibility criteria and baseline for each certification as well as ensuring information is up to date, particularly with Nightline which is currently a paused service. It was questioned whether Nightline should be removed and added once the service is running again. It was further noted that societies would be eligible for certification once feedback is received from the pilot period.

A discussion was held on NUS and the current sector conversation on affiliation with the service.

Vice President GSBS highlighted their work and feedback received from students on the construction of a sensory room on campus. Estates and Facilities will be consulted on potential spaces on campus before a proposal will be drafted.

The meeting ended at 12:17pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th January 2026, from 9:30am-12:00pm, in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 11am** 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)

Apologies:

Hamza Siddiqi, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SSE)

In Attendance:

David Carse, Chief Executive
Ellie Neilson, 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

The Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting took place on Monday 12th January 2026. Flexible timetabling and the Wednesday Afternoon Policy were raised. It was asked whether quality monitoring principles were in place to ensure that current timetabling policies have been implemented and are being adhered to. This has been added as a standing item for future meetings. The information document on the rent guarantor scheme that was approved by the University Executive Group is to be shared with the Full Time Officers.

It was confirmed that Sexual Harassment training, information and awareness is to be shared to staff and students in GCU London in January including webinar sessions and continued signposting thereafter. The SAGE consultation paper was raised with confirmation that a one-year review would take place after policy implementation. Extraordinary circumstances for students who require priority marking due to visas expiring in February was confirmed.

2.2 Senate

No Senate meetings had taken place.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

Low engagement with Academic Reps attending the GSBS School Board was raised due to several positions becoming vacant. Recruitment for these roles has been scheduled. It has been proposed for four Master's programmes to open for Trimester C intake within GSBS.

3. GCU Future Plans Survey

The Student President raised feedback on increasing Postgraduate home student recruitment and retention. It was noted that further communication is needed on the discounted rate for undergraduate students continuing their studies to post-graduate. It was commented that many students in GCU will go on to further their studies at other institutions and whether current post-graduate programmes are not focussed on retaining current undergraduate home students.

Belonging and Inclusion, as well as the expectation of programmes was raised, particularly in relation to international students who do not feel integrated within their post-graduate programmes and general university experience. A curiosity was noted on how other institutions across the UK balance recruitment within post-graduate programmes and increase belonging for all students.

4. GCU & GCUSA Executive Partnership Framework

The Student President highlighted their individual objective progress on developing an Executive Partnership Framework. A meeting is to take place with the incoming Vice Chancellor to discuss how the draft framework could integrate with the SAGE student consultation policy as well as the current Student Partnership Agreement. Furthermore, Full Time Officer campaign wins could be added to the GCU website to highlight the collaborative success with the university.

5. Academic Rep Gathering Staff Summaries

The Academic Rep Co-ordinator provided a brief overview of the Academic Rep Gathering Staff Summaries paper. Key feedback takeaways included balancing university communications when some students communicate via social media, others email. MFA login issues were noted as well as assessment scheduling. Ineffective timetabling was raised as well as issues with library usage. It was further noted that students have expressed a need for AI integration and support within their learning to ensure that career employability current and relevant.

In relation to Department Reps asking how engagement with Class Reps can be enhanced, it was stated that some engagement takes place on the Microsoft Teams channels although not all students know how to use Teams or that they are included in the channel. It was also noted that the university is utilising feedback from students on the SEAtS application feedback to aid updating the SEAtS action plan. The Student President is to raise the Academic Rep Gathering Staff Summaries at the next University Executive Group meeting, particularly with how the feedback has been used in relation to the SEAtS action plan and how this feedback may be further utilised. **Action: Student President.**

6. Divestment from Allianz

Vice President GSBS shared the research presented to the Chief Financial Officer and confirmed the GCU divestment from Allianz insurance due to not aligning with the universities ethical investment policy. Although the university may not be convinced that there is a direct conflict between Amazon and their ethical policies, research into their ethical practices is to take place before a further presentation on divestment may take place. It was stated that the university post all investments annually on their website, making their divestment from Allianz public knowledge once updated.

7. Wednesday Afternoon Policy

Vice President GSBS is working on a draft policy paper which on approval, would be inserted into the current timetabling policy. Feedback has indicated that section five may be seen as contentious from university staff members due to potential increased workloads although the section is instrumental in ensuring the policy is acted upon. Furthermore, this section mirrors policy implemented in other universities such as Robert Gordon University. The policy is to be further drafted into a preferred format including the benefits the policy would have on sports, societies, work related learning, part-time jobs and student committee attendance before presenting to the university.

8. Buchanan Bus Station Masterplan

The Buchanan Bus Station Masterplan was shared for noting following the attended SPT board meeting held on 19th December 2025.

It was noted that although conflicting with the council's environmental approach, that a vast number of commuter students use the car park opposite the university due to transport issues and insufficient public transport options. Due to this, it was commented that this car park remains essential for those unable to easily commute to the university. It was noted that the university were named as fully backing the masterplan although they may have a different perspective and was commented that the Students' Association can be in favour of the plan whilst raising student feedback and issues. It was recommended for a meeting to be setup with SPT to provide student-based feedback and convey potential issues for students. **Action: Student President & Vice President GSBS.**

9. Trimester A Engagement Plan Stats

This Governance Support Co-ordinator provided an overview of the Full Time Officer engagement plan stats for Trimester A. A full review of each engagement activity will be circulated with the team upon completion of their full Trimester A report. Video content and online blogs had an extremely high viewership over the Trimester, with great success from content relevant to student needs and issues that is provided in a student-friendly manner. It was commented that Ask the Officer events could be updated to become a campaigning activity where a stall could be placed in the library to gather feedback and discuss particular campaigns, goals or objectives with students such as Feel Fab Feb, World Transport Day and Campaign Impact.

10. Full Time Officer Reports

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

11. Regulated Lobbying

Vice President GSBS confirmed the lobbying of MSPs Pauline McNeil and Katy Clark on 7th January 2026 at the Scottish Parliament building to lobby to make bus franchising easier alongside the Better Buses for Strathclyde campaign.

Vice President GSBS will submit all relevant Regulated Lobbying information.

12. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 9th December 2025

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 9th December 2025.
Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 9th December 2025 was approved.

13. Matters Arising

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

14. Life Membership

One Life Membership was raised for approval.

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

Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Life Membership was approved.

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

The following campaigns budget request was presented:

£25: Academic Rep Video Creation - 13th January 2026.

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

Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Campaigns Budget was approved.

The meeting ended at 12:15pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd February 2026, from 9:30am-12:00pm, in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 9.30am** 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
Karl Henry, Communications Co-ordinator
Kirsty McGregor, Senior Student Advisor
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 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting took place on Monday 2nd February 2026. There was frustration regarding the Student Consultation and Wednesday Afternoon policies as it was recommended for these to not be presented at Senate due to not following universities processes. However, it was noted that there seems to be confusion as the policies are following correct procedures to be presented. Both policies have been discussed multiple times during UEG meetings where concerns could have been raised at an earlier stage.

Previously, the university had undertaken a review of the timetabling policy as well as the creation of a short-life working group although there was no outcome from this. The university proposed that the exemption process be removed from policy and made a practice guideline. It was commented that there is a lack in confidence that staff are aware of this process and that removing this from policy would further reduce its implementation.

It was proposed that a paper could be presented on the current Wednesday operations, how many classes are operating during this time and how many exemptions granted. The draft AI principals were raised. These are to be circulated with Executive Committee members for feedback.

2.2 Senate

No Senate meetings had taken place.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

No Senate Standing Committee meetings had taken place.

3. Review of Representation Networks/Officers

There are currently ten Representation Networks, half of which struggle with officer engagement recruitment, communication and committee attendance. Previously, the Students' Association had four Liberation Officers which was expanded through Student Voice motions. It was questioned whether the number Representation Networks could be reduced.

It was commented that merging any networks together such as EDI and International students would be problematic as each network has distinct priorities and comprise of students that may not identify under a merged network. Mental Health and Wellbeing as well as Ethical and Environmental networks may overlap with Full Time Officer campaign work as well as being heavily resourced areas of interest by the university due to aligning with strategic priorities, potentially limiting the impact of the networks. It was noted however that eradicating these networks could potentially hold reputational risk and that members may wish to campaign on different issues to the university sustainability goals. It was commented that although much of work in these areas was previously completed in achieving the Green Impact accreditation and by individually motivated students, that removing the networks could potentially limit the opportunity for students to participate. It was stated that at minimum, that the Ethical and Environmental committee should be removed from the by-laws due to continuous low engagement.

It was questioned whether instead of low engaging networks, whether these would benefit from becoming societies to allow a more 'ground-up' approach from students that wish to be involved although this potentially could see the loss of a network all together if there is no engagement. The Student President commented that passionate students will campaign regardless of being a member of a network/society or not and that the Students' Association and Full Time Officers could better support all students with this.

It was confirmed that the Senior Student Advisor would develop a paper for Student Voice on removing the Ethical and Environmental committee, disbanding the Caledonian Court Network and Mental Health and Wellbeing Network and conduct research into similar role composition across the sector.

The Senior Student Advisor left the meeting.

4. NUS Elections

It was agreed that the four Full Time Officers, the Chair and the Vice Chair of Student Voice would be delegated voting rights for the NUS Scotland elections.

The Student Voice Team Leader left the meeting.

5. Annual Survey 2026: Question Review

It was noted that the survey aligns with the Students' Association strategic Plan whilst concentrating on acquiring feedback and identifying potential future events and campaigns. It was noted that new questions often remain in the survey for two to three years to accurately assess ongoing trends in data.

The Student President recommended adding employability as a theme to question 32 as well as amending wording to more student-friendly language. Cost of living should remain as an ongoing issue for students that doesn't strictly concern just housing and transport.

The Communications Co-ordinator noted the increase in comms questions to gauge how students engage with Students' Associations communications, content relevance and whether students know of information available to them. Requests for Students' Association presence on the GCU app has yet to be confirmed. It was agreed that data on whether students would support individual school elections could be sought through the survey. Student feedback on the 2025-26 Full Time Officer elections will be asked in the 2027 Annual Survey.

In terms of personal safety, bullying and harassment will be added to the text as well as discrimination being included under EDI. Key Full Time Officer campaigns to be noted include the Housing Bill campaign and continued free gym access. A drafted question on including international student campaigning will be completed.

The Communications Co-ordinator left the meeting.

6. Objectives Tracker

The Student President highlighted the current progress of Full Time Officer team objectives. It was noted that the objective 'Promote Scottish Elections' needs a concrete plan, including a hustings on-campus that other Glasgow universities and colleges may be invited to attend. It was highlighted that the campus Trade Unions could be involved in election campaigning/husting organisation. An operational plan is to be created ensuring the completion of the Scottish Elections campaign. **Action: Student President.**

Vice President GSBS confirmed a 'Know your Rights' workshop on renters rights as part of the housing campaign. Guides are to be printed for the workshop and future Ask the Officer library stall. Five Full Time Officer campaigns have been completed at this stage.

7. Governor Meetings Update

It was confirmed that there will be two Governor meetings in Trimester B with the topics; 'Belonging and Inclusion' and 'Learning Experience'. The theme of 'Ethical Investment' has been dropped due to ongoing campaigning and achievements by Vice President GSBS. Catering for each meeting has been agreed by the university.

8. Draft Framework Strategic Partnership

The Student President highlighted that current Students' Association values were compared to the universities to understand how similar these are to effectively achieve goals for both organisations. Positive feedback was received from the Principal who has recommended sharing with the university communications team to publish. It was suggested that reference to the 2030 strategy could be added to the framework. It was further noted that upon completion, that the framework would be approved at the Executive Committee and Student Voice and presented for information at the Students' Association Trustee Board. Within the university, the framework is to be approved at the University Executive Group and presented at University Court for information.

9. Rent Guarantor Scheme

The university confirmed that a third-party service would be used to deliver the rent guarantor scheme. This service has been used by other organisations in the sector. It was commented that this solution was not initially what the Student President campaigned for and that there was no consultation with the Students' Association on this decision. It was noted that although not ideal, that this solution is better than no rent guarantor scheme at all with reduced risk for the university.

10. Campaigns Budget

The following campaigns budget request was presented:

£25: Ramadan Supplies

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

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

11. Swap Shop Proposal

Vice President GSBS highlighted their Swap Shop Proposal. NH205 is currently being cleared to potentially use for the campaign. A soft launch is to be planned for 16th March 2026 during sustainable fashion week. Operational functions such as opening times and staffing is to be confirmed. The length of the pilot process, measures of success and risk assessment are to be completed. **Action: Vice President GSBS.**

The Chief Executive has supported the proposal as an operational decision. The Full Time Officers are supportive of the initiative.

12. Full Time Officer Reports

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

A discussion on co-creation of policies was noted as a culture shift within the organisation and campus.

13. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

14. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 13th January 2026

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 13th January 2026.

Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 1. The Executive Committee minutes 13th January 2026 was approved.

15. Matters Arising

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

16. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships for approval.

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

There was no emergency business.

The meeting ended at 12:00pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24th February 2026, from 1:00pm-3:00pm, in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 9.30am** 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
Ellie Neilson, 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

The Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting took place on Monday 2nd March 2026. A discussion took place regarding the announced university redundancy scheme. VP GSBS questioned the insurance of care for employees affected, particularly once they have been updated and may have to go back to lecturing/student facing upon given the news. It was also asked whether cuts in executive salaries were considered as a cost saving measure. It was commented that programmes will be impacted by the loss of staff, particularly in SSE. The Student President reiterated the importance of student consultation with Academic Reps for programmes targeted for suspension.

The timetabling policy and strategic partnership framework were raised for discussion. Accessibility concerns in the library were raised as the lifts are out of service. It was noted that there is an ongoing issue with the lifts that will need replaced and that there are alternative lifts available in the library that will be better signposted.

2.2 Senate

No Senate meetings had taken place.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

The Student President noted discussions on the student consultation paper and paws for feedback refresh during Education Committee.

100% student participation in the SSE School Board was noted. Progress on the programme suspension policy was raised, in which approval will be necessary from Programme Board and

School Board before a suspension may take place. This is to be approved by Education Committee. Vice Dean SSE has confirmed drafting of a proposal for a summer internship programme in SSE and are currently researching potential partnerships. SSE has confirmed financial support and resources to aid course-based societies better engage with the school.

Vice President GSBS noted School Board discussions on Fashion Marketing, Tourism and Events department and Media and Journalism being merged into the Department of Creative Industries. Concerns were raised, noting similar department changes at Strathclyde University that lead to a smaller department before cuts were made to programmes. It was acknowledged that an engagement plan is in place and that Department Reps had been consulted as well as staff members with seemingly little contention on school level.

Vice President SHLS shared discussion points from the SHLS School Board meeting including recruitment numbers, signposting of visa issues, international student recruitment and department level student partnership to encourage greater engagement within the school.

3. Teaching Awards 2026 Categories

The Academic Rep Co-ordinator outlined the changes in Teaching Awards 2026 categories, including removing the inspiring individual award in favour for the terrific teaching award to use its pool of nominations to award each academic school and London. This was approved by each of the academic schools. The Student President asked whether consideration was given for the London Officer and winner of the London award to be present at the event in Glasgow. It was confirmed that budget would not allow for this although videos from London would be shown. If budget was made available, this could be considered. It was stated that the new Principal had commented on better supporting the teaching awards moving forward.

The Academic Rep Co-ordinator left the meeting.

4. AI Guiding Principles & Survey Results

Vice President SSE noted their AI Guiding Principles and Survey Results and asked for any questions or feedback.

Vice President GSBS commented on principle four's 'unfair advantage' wording, questioning whether this was an inequality and accessibility issue. It was clarified that the wording referred to affordability in terms of paid AI packages where many students in SSE use paid services. It was further commented that principle five notes a 23% want for blanket restrictions on AI, although the paper doesn't represent the quarter of students that do not want this. It was clarified that principle 6 considers students preferring not to use AI tools. Greater attention to language generated by AI in the paper was raised, particularly using understandable text, particularly when this is how students are told not to use AI. It was confirmed that demographic breakdowns would be included in the paper as an appendix.

The Student President asked for transparency of the survey demographics to be included and raised a concern that although Vice President SSE could release this as a blog post, that there are concerns on releasing this as an FTO statement as to not confuse students on what is current policy within the university and to mitigate any potential wrong-doing by students reading the guiding principles as acceptable use and policy. It was further commented that this could be presented to the university AI Steering Group.

Vice President SHLS will add the paper they presented to the AI Steering Group to the next Executive Committee meeting. **Action: Vice President SHLS.** Further feedback has been additionally sent to Vice President SSE. It was noted that the universities current AI guidance refresh is much the same as the previous guidance, in a more readable format and promoted across all schools and students. Further updates may occur through their working on AI for staff and students. It was commented that although the university were impressed with the survey results and working, that this would be considered for long-term implementation as opposed to straight amendments to current policy.

The potential procurement of AI software from Edinburgh University was raised as well as the blackboard ultra-AI tool being made available for student use in the next Academic Year. It was commented that the guiding principles could be presented to Student Voice as an idea which if approved would become Students' Association standing policy for five years.

5. Campaigns Budget

The following campaigns budget request was presented:

£50: Big Career Conference

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

Vote: For 3; Against 0; Abstentions: 1. The Campaigns Budget was approved.

£45: Know Your Rights Campaign Booklet

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

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

£30: International Women's Day Talk (Women's Network)

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

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

£145: Previously £170 was approved for the Alcohol-Free Party held on 30th January 2025. Due to costs being covered by Queer Minds Scotland, only £25 was used of this. It was requested that the £145 not spent be reallocated to the LGBT+ network for goodwill due to the new LGBT+ Officer starting their role with a Network deficit due to previous event spending.

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

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

6. Objective 4 Plan: Scottish Elections Campaign

Vice President GSBS shared their drafted campaign plan for the Scottish Parliament Elections. The plan includes a campaign stall in the library promoting the elections, blogs from each Full Time Officer, at least four campaign videos leading up to the elections and a hustings event to be held on campus following appropriate legislation and electoral law. It was proposed that Student Life could aid with promotions of the hustings event across university social media.

7. Skills Directory

The Student President raised their concept to integrate a website directory feature to showcase students with creative and freelance skills. The Careers Department agreed that this could be shared as a freelance pool of creators. It was noted that care over liability would be taken as the concept is realised and that the project would become student led. Further operational questions and risks would be identified with the Students' Association.

8. GCU Fairtrade Policy

The Head of Operational Sustainability has requested for the Student President to sign the yearly university Fairtrade Policy in partnership with the Students' Association. The policy must be approved before signing.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the GCU Fairtrade Policy.

Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The GCU Fairtrade Policy was approved.

9. GCU Student Experience Survey and PTES Email

It was noted that this is the first year that the GCU Student Experience Survey and PTES Survey has been circulated. It was noted that to differentiate from NSS Survey emails, that the Students' Association could highlight the impact made on student experience over the past five years. The communications embedded the four priorities, accomplishments and campaigns that were identified from the previous annual survey. Timetabling was noted as a potential addition to the campaign work achieved.

10. Honorary Life Membership

Honorary Life Memberships were outlined. There were no submissions made by Student Voice Members. The Executive Committee were asked to submit their nominations by the next Executive Committee meeting for approval.

11. Full Time Officer Reports

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

12. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

13. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 3rd February 2026

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 3rd February 2026.

Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 3rd February 2026 was approved.

14. Matters Arising

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

15. Life Membership

There was one Life Membership 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.

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

The university announced redundancy scheme was raised for discussion and it was confirmed that students and staff members had been provided information by email. It was noted that the reduction in staff equates to programmes with reduction in international students in GSBS and SHLS and alongside programme suspensions in SSE. The Student President will contact Vice-Principal People and Student Wellbeing to request the shared student and staff communications as well as a paper detailing targeted areas to aid the Full Time Officers stance.

Action: Student President. The university commented that staff impacted in these areas will be communicated by Wednesday 4th March 2026. A statement from the Full Time Officer will be written and shared on the Students' Association website.

Furthermore, islamophobia awareness on campus given the current political climate was raised. This will be discussed between the Full Time Officer team to create a statement.

The meeting ended at 11:35am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17th March 2026, from 9:30pm-12:00pm, in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 9.30am** 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

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

2.2 Senate

Senate was held on 11th March 2026. The Full Time Officers presented two papers including the strategic partnership framework and commitment to revising the university timetabling policy including considering resit windows within the Academic Calendar. A large discussion was held on the Targeted Voluntary Redundancy Scheme. Appropriate support had not been supplied for impacted staff members. The Student President noted the value and contributions of International Students as being more than profit. Vice President GSBS noted the atmosphere and tone throughout Senate given the uncertainty and mood on campus regarding redundancies.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

The Student President highlighted approved candidates for Honorary Degrees.

3. Campaigns Budget

The following campaigns budget requests were presented:

£300: GCU Uniforce team
£180: University EDI student focussed project (Minoritised Life Scientists Future Forum 2026) travel costs.

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

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

4. Full Time Officer Statement on Redundancies

The Full Time Officer Statement on Redundancies was raised for approval.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Full Time Officer Statement on Redundancies.

Vote: For 4; Against 0; Abstentions: 0. The Full Time Officer Statement on Redundancies was approved.

5. Full Time Officer Statement on Iran

The Full Time Officer Statement on Iran was raised for approval

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Full Time Officer Statement on Iran.

Vote: For 4; Against 0; Abstentions: 0. The Full Time Officer Statement on Iran was approved.

6. Strategic Partnership Framework

The Strategic Partnership Framework was raised for approval

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Strategic Partnership Framework.

Vote: For 4; Against 0; Abstentions: 0. The Strategic Partnership Framework was approved.

7. GCU Targeted Voluntary Redundancy Scheme

The Committee discussed the university paper outlining the proposal for voluntary redundancies, noting 65.8 FTE reductions across schools, London and professional services. It was noted that the Students' Association was mentioned once within the document with no consultation taking place. It was highlighted that there is no reference made to consultation with academic reps for programme suspensions, withdrawals and teaching out programmes. Where there has been consultation for previous programme suspensions, this should now be explicit consultation for programme withdrawals. There cannot be reliance on previous programme suspensions leading to automatic withdrawal. This consultation needs at a minimum to happen at Programme Boards and School Boards. Members highlighted inconsistencies in terminology regarding programme withdrawals and reaffirmed that all suspensions or withdrawals should be considered at School Board level. SHLS and GSBS staff reductions largely align to the significant decline in international student recruitment, while SSE's reductions occur alongside programme suspensions although staff members from suspended courses are to be reallocated to alternative positions. Concerns were raised that high reductions in areas such as Psychology do not align with international recruitment patterns and reflect inadequate SFC funding. It was noted that mixed messaging shared with staff has created confusion, particularly where information within the paper contradicts reality.

Long-term risks on learning experience quality were noted regarding the implications of teaching-out suspended programmes, particularly where staff may leave prior to completion. Questions were raised about the removal of the accommodation support officer in terms of off campus accommodation support. Further concerns included the seizing of casual worker contracts, significant reductions at the London campus, and a perceived lack of transparency and consistency across the report. Members discussed the need for full financial disclosure and future projection. Vice President GSBS suggested a consideration of senior management

restructuring, and the importance of clarity for students and staff as the proposals progress through consultation. The Committee also reflected on broader financial sustainability, including the use of reserves, sector-wide UKVI challenges, and questions around how the university operated pre-covid with lower student numbers and higher staffing levels.

8. Building Student Confidence in AI Presentation

Vice President SHLS highlighted their presentation on Building Student Confidence in AI which was presented to the AI Steering Group as well as a paper on the steering groups progress. The presentation provided an overview on student experience in relation to AI, both within GCU and within the wider sector. This included feedback on unreliable AI detection tools; how other universities incorporate AI and student friendly guidance on acceptable AI use. The need for a practical and implementable action plan that is transparent and clear to students was raised. Other points for review included ensuring every module has clear AI guidance provided to students, AI literacy training being readily available and need for AI ambassadors to partner with Library Services and LDC team to provide feedback, training and take questions on responsible AI use.

VP SSE raised concerns regarding the university's consideration of procuring the ELM AI software package from Edinburgh University, noting student dissatisfaction elsewhere, lack of student consultation, and the risk of inequality where ELM may not match the capability of paid premium AI tools that some students are using. The need for clear guidance and adequate AI training for students was noted as well as concerns that substantial changes to module guidance and code of conduct planned for September may leave new students unprepared. The university confirmed that no final decision on ELM has been made, with a potential one-year testing period under review and noted that the new framework permits AI use only where programmes explicitly allow it. The AI Steering Group is currently exploring operational actions with recognition that staff, students, and governance structures will need comprehensive support to adapt to these changes.

9. Honorary Life Memberships

The following nominations for Honorary Life Memberships were raised for approval:

Non-Student

Danny Gallacher
Rachel McAlonan

Student

Sandra Ogechi Alozie
Obuchukwu Favour Nwafor
Lexy Carey
Eesha Huddar

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

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

10. Full Time Officer Handover

The Governance Support Co-ordinator highlighted the Full Time Officer handover period for the incoming team. It was decided that a half day would be booked for the outgoing and

incoming teams to have an in-person handover on Thursday 28th May 2026 and that written documents/presentations would be finalised by 19th May 2026. **Action: Full Time Officers.**

11. Full Time Officer Reports

Vice President GSBS highlighted the London Council meeting including the creation of an action log, student issues with SEAtS and support regarding timetabling changes. A series of know your rights workshops were held including workers rights and protest rights. It was suggested for a blog to be written on the work on lobbying for the university timetabling review. **Action: Vice President GSBS.**

The remaining Full Time Officer Reports were noted with no further questions.

12. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

13. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 3rd March 2026

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 3rd March 2026.

Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 3rd March 2026 was approved.

14. Matters Arising

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

15. 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.

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

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 11:35am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th April 2026, from 9:30am-12:00pm, in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 9.30am** in NH209.

Members:

Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Student President (Chair)

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:

Chinaenyenwa Ugo, 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

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

2.2 Senate

There had been no Senate meeting.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

There had been no Senate Standing Committee meetings.

3. SFC Feelings of Safety and Sense of Belonging

An overview of the SFC paper exploring belonging and safety on campus was provided with particular attention highlighted to the recommendations section. It was commented that a Students' Association in England has moved away from using the term 'belonging' and focusing on 'loneliness'. It was noted that students may greater understand the concept of loneliness as opposed to belonging with data confirming this being an issue with students across the sector.

4. Full Time Officer Reports

The Full Time Officer Reports were noted with no further questions.

5. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

6. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 17th March 2026

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 17th March 2026.

Vote: For 3; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 17th March 2026 was 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.

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

It was proposed for Vice President SHLS to share their paper on early retrievals to be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting. **Action: Vice President SHLS.**

The meeting ended at 09:43am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28th April 2026, from 9:30am-12:00pm, in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 9.30am** in NH209.

Members:

Oluwatomisin Osinubi, Student President (Chair)

Hamza Siddiqi, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SSE)

Apologies:

Chinaenyenwa Ugo, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

Eilidh Stewart, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)

In Attendance:

Alen MacKinlay, Associate Academic Registrar

Lesley McAleavy, Senior Quality Officer

David Carse, Chief Executive

Philip Morton, Governance Support Co-ordinator (Clerk)

1. Chair Announcements and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting.

2. University Meetings

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

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

2.2 Senate

There had been no Senate meeting.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

Vice President SSE highlighted their School Board Meeting. The school has committed to establishing 180 placements in the next academic year, continued support for course-based societies and two catered lunch events for Academic Reps. Vice President SSE will write a blog outlining these school achievements. **Action: Vice President SSE.** A programme suspension was presented to the School Board for noting.

The Student President raised the approval of a programme suspension being presented to the London Board.

3. SEAP Development

The Associate Academic Registrar and Senior Quality Officer from Quality Assurance and Enhancement were present to provide an overview and receive feedback on the Self-Evaluation and Action Plan to the Scottish Funding Council.

Clear involvement with SAGE and Academic Gatherings for futures SEAP's was raised as well as factoring in short, medium and long term objectives and ensuring consistency with Students' Association processes and committees including London representation.

The Associate Academic Registrar and Senior Quality Officer left the meeting at 10:35am.

4. Early Retrieval Paper

This agenda item has been moved to the next Executive Committee meeting due to the absence of Vice President SHLS.

5. Trade Unions Response to the Consultation on TVRS

The Trade Unions response to TVRS consultation was noted. The recommendations and data provided within the paper were highlighted.

6. Campaigns Budget

The following campaigns budget request was presented:

£180: 'Not Your Student' Documentary Editing

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

Vote: For 2; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Campaigns Budget was approved.

7. Full Time Officer Reports

The Full Time Officer Reports were noted with no further questions.

8. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

9. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 7th April 2026

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 7th April 2026.

Vote: For 2; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 7th April 2026 was 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)

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 11:10am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19th May 2026, from 9:30am-12:00pm, in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 9.30am** in NH209.

Members:

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

Updates were provided on the Students' Association - GCU Executive Board meeting. Actions including student status for graduated Full Time Officers and later opening times for Re:Union Bar & Grill shall continue to be updated into the next Full Time Officer term.

It was confirmed that a rent guarantor scheme is to be introduced for the next academic year, the revised Timetabling Policy is to be presented during the June Senate meeting and an updated cover sheet template to highlight student consultation will be actioned to begin for September. 40 vacant positions within the university were removed although it was not confirmed whether this would be part of the 100 redundancies across the university. It was further noted that the affected areas impacted by redundancy is to be expanded.

The revised Timetabling Policy was not raised during the last Education Committee meeting or SAGE for feedback. It was commented that the policy will be presented to Senate for approval although standard operating procedures are to be confirmed at a later date. Concerns of removals within the policy impacting the Students' Association were raised including room use by sports and society members. Vice President GSBS is to share the revised Timetabling Policy to be added to the next Executive Committee Agenda. **Action: Vice President GSBS.**

2.2 Senate

There had been no Senate meeting.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

The revised Timetabling policy was raised in Education Committee, particularly in relation to the creation of a template exemption letter to be introduced for Trimester A 2026-27. Guidelines on usage were not further expanded upon. The Code of Student Conduct was highlighted, and the Executive Committee noted the strong student consultation that helped shape the policy. The Student President is to write a blog on this policy highlighting the steps of student consultation. **Action: Student President.**

Vice President GSBS attended International Committee during the absence of Vice President SHLS. It was noted for the impact of short-term ability for widening access students through Erasmus to be monitored. An update was provided on the rent guarantor scheme and early retrievals.

3. Early Retrieval Paper

The Early Retrieval Paper will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

4. FTO Induction Handover

The Full Time Officers were reminded to complete their handover documentation for the beginning of the incoming Full Time Officer handover period.

5. Team & Independent Objectives Update

Vice President SSE noted their positive survey results, drafted guiding principles and student consultation on AI although their paper was not approved at Student Voice. For the second objective, the scope changed from an academic rep focus to school-based in which, a greater connection of course-based societies was formed with SSE through funding and career support. The third objective was researched but not concluded.

Vice President GSBS noted that the university are working to become a University of Sanctuary which includes providing scholarships schemes. Over 100 students and staff members have been communicated in support of a scholarship team although an official pledge on this was not made as to not undermine the positive work achieved by the Head of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. The University are presented a revised timetabling policy at Senate in June, including Wednesday afternoon provisions and a draft exemption letter for extra-curricular activities. The third objective was completed with over 100 students attending political events, reaching 100,000 views on political social media content as well as social media posts created for the elections campaign.

Vice President SHLS received success on priority marking for students having resit issues with commitment provided from PVC Education that this will become a standing item for future years. Strengthening communication with students was achieved through social media and in-person engagement. IT have faced issues with tailoring communications to London students although once student numbers rise and a change in GCU app ownership occurs, a dedicated space within the app is to be created for London. The revised AI Framework has continued to be developed with the AI Steering Group and PVC Education. The Edinburgh University access language has been procured for responsible AI use for students.

The Student President accomplished a Student Partnership Framework which was signed by the Students' Association and University. The framework is currently being designed for online communications. The Uniforce project was completed with multiple student-led projects

developed. A documentary was produced on students' lived experiences and is to be premiered on 21st May 2026 before release on the Students' Association website.

In terms of team objectives information on housing guides were created and handed out to students, the housing bill was passed with lobbying to shape student focussed amendments and a rent guarantor scheme is to be introduced by the university. Five Black History Month activities were planned as well as Islamophobia awareness and various signposting and events to develop an increase in equality, diversity and inclusion. A paper on student partnership was approved at Senate as well as greater attendance from Academic Reps at school board meetings. The NSS results are still to be confirmed. The Scottish elections were promoted through social media reach, in-person campaigning and the planning of a hustings event.

6. Full Time Officer Reports

The Full Time Officer Reports were noted with no further questions.

7. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

8. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 28th April 2026

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 28th April 2026.

Vote: For 2; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 28th April 2026 was approved.

9. Matters Arising

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

10. Life Membership

There was one Life Membership for approval. It was agreed that approval is pending confirmation from student records that the individual was a GCU student.

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

Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Life Membership was approved pending confirmation from student records.

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

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 10:35am

Date of next meeting: Thursday 28th May 2026, from 9:30am-12:00pm, in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Thursday 28th May 2026 at 9.30am** in NH209.

Members:

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

Apologies:

In Attendance:

Onyinye Nweze, Incoming Full Time Officer
ThankGod Obiani, Incoming Full Time Officer
David Carse, Chief Executive
Sara MacLean, Student Voice Team Leader
Karl Henry, Communications 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

There had been no Senate Standing Committee meetings.

3. Early Retrieval Paper

Vice President SHLS highlighted their Early Retrieval paper created from focus group discussions and a wider student survey to remove the issues faced with delayed results and resits. It was commented that the paper aimed to highlight student stories and emotional impact sustained throughout these issues. The Assessment Regulations Subcommittee were presented the paper whilst the University Executive Team navigated commitment to UKVI compliance and appropriate timelines, particularly for Postgraduate Taught students.

Vice President GSBS commented that their Dean had expressed concern on focussing on PGT students, and potential unfair treatment of Undergraduate students. The university noted the impact on postgraduate students with visa time restraints as well as increased workload on

academic staff. Comments were raised on students having more choice for learning and assessments including when to resit, particularly when many may have other commitments over summer months.

The paper was raised to be implemented year on year as part of university processes. It was suggested that the paper could outline that, although this is of particular interest to international PGT students due to visa time restrictions, that the Full Time Officers believe that this should further be made available to all students. Furthermore, it was suggested that an explanation be added on the difference between coursework and exams in relation to resitting within one more or at the next available exam diet.

4. Draft Timetabling Policy

It was noted that amendments have been made by the university to the policy submitted for this agenda, supplementing policy content with standard operating procedures that will be confirmed at a later date. There is to be a timetabling working group curated for continuous development which will include a Full Time Officer to provide student perspective on timetabling and a potential Students' Association staff member to ensure Clubs and Societies are considered for room booking protocols.

It was commented that building opening hours are not available on the university website, furthermore, that there should be a clear prioritisation of the framework including Students' Association input and that the new policy does not include operating guidance on university room use for Students' Association, Clubs, Societies and Groups. A discussion was held on potential costs of room bookings and who could be affected by this. It was raised that avoiding mandatory assessments and Wednesday afternoon timetabling could be problematic within SHLS. A principle could be added to minimise this issue where possible.

5. SA Annual Survey 2026

The Communications Co-ordinator provided an overview of the SA Annual Survey 2026 results. Positive results were conveyed, similar to results of previous years. An improvement identified included for those who are unaware of what the Full Time Officers are doing on their behalf. It was noted that the question 'Should we change elections to school based' question had a 67% positive response.

The expected thematic responses were predicted to be similar to last year on why students do not wish to stand in the elections. Students within the health school were noted as challenging for election nomination prospects due to placements and continuous professional practice. Further reasons included little desire to participate in an election, not wanting to graduate at a different time from friends and not wanting to stall studies for a year.

Important issues affecting students were highlighted including, cost of living, accommodation, transport and mental health. It was noted that these issues could aid the development of Full Time Officer team or individual objectives. The reframing in questioning from belonging to loneliness was highlighted to achieve further insight into student experience. The Annual Survey results are to be further broken down into demographics for analysis.

6. FTO Induction Handover

The Full Time Officers highlighted their Induction handover documents for the incoming team.

7. Team & Individual Objectives Update

The Full Time Officers provided an update on their Team and Individual objectives for the incoming team as discussed at the previous Executive Committee meeting.

8. Full Time Officer Reports

The Full Time Officer Reports were noted with no further questions.

9. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

10. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 19th May 2026

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 19th May 2026.

Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 19th May 2026 was approved.

11. Matters Arising

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

12. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships.

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

Vice President SHLS noted a proposal paper for Senate on course suspensions as part of program for change on London Campus that will be brought to the next Executive Committee.

Action: Vice President SHLS.

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 11:30am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th June 2026, from 9:30am-12:00pm, in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 1.30pm** in NH209.

Members:

Chinaenyenwa Ugo, Student President (Chair)

Onyinye Nweze, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)

ThankGod Obiani, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

Hamza Siddiqi, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SSE)

Apologies:

In Attendance:

David Carse, Chief Executive

Sara MacLean, Student Voice Team Leader

Philip Morton, Governance Support Co-ordinator (Clerk)

1. Chair Announcements and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting.

2. University Meetings

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

An update was provided on the Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting held on 1st June 2026. The university discussed their strategy 2035 and asked for feedback on areas of priority. It was confirmed that an assessment of the approved timetabling policy will take place after year one and that the policy and building opening hours are to be added to the university website. Acceptable conduct training on London campus shall continue for future intakes and a restructuring of London campus is underway.

2.2 Senate

The revised Student Code of Conduct Policy and Timetabling Policy were approved. A Trade Union representative raised concerns surrounding TVRS in relation to research positions and research grants. The student consultation cover sheet was added as a matter arising to track progress.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

There had been no Senate Standing Committee meetings.

3. Spring Academic Rep Gathering ADLTQ Summaries

The Executive Committee noted the feedback received from the Spring Academic Rep Gathering. Vice President GSBS commented that it is important to communicate to students, the importance of their feedback and how this is conveyed to the university. It was agreed for each Vice President to communicate feedback within School Board Meeting as well as each School Dean. **Action: Vice President GSBS, SHLS and SSE.**

4. London Course Suspensions

The Student President confirmed that further communications had been received since the papers were circulated to the Executive Committee outlining the proposal of 12 Programme Suspensions as well as a reduction of 50% of professional staff and 40% of academic staff on London campus. This proposal was made as part of the ongoing TVRS discussions, due to low student recruitment numbers. It was noted that new programmes are being considered for London based on market demand to increase student recruitment and that the suspended courses are those with no or extremely low student numbers.

It was acknowledged that programmes with no or very few students are not sustainable and noted that staff reductions were due to demand, with fewer students to support and less income to retain staff. It was further added that the university do not predict a large student increase within the next three to four intake periods that would require retaining additional staff. A concern was raised that with a 50% cut to professional staff could increase workload on those left and was questioned how this would be managed and the potential impact on student experience, particularly when intake numbers rise.

It was noted that PHD students who lecture on courses will be affected by suspensions. Furthermore, PHD recruitment is to be halted with a teach out period for those in ongoing studies whilst focus is shifted to rebuilding Masters programmes.

5. Statement on Supporting Students

Following guidance communicated to staff and students by Vice Principal People and Student Wellbeing on the unrest in Glasgow and across the UK, it was asked whether the Executive Committee wish to release a statement showing solidarity and support for students and signposting services such as the Advice Centre, Wellbeing team etc.

It was agreed for the Full Time Officers to create a video statement outlining their support for students. **Action: Full Time Officers.**

6. Full Time Officer Reports

The report system was explained to the Full Time Officer team with no further updates.

7. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

8. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 28th May 2026 and Extraordinary Executive Committee on 8th June 2026

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 28th May 2026.

Vote: For 2; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 28th May 2026 was approved.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Extraordinary Executive Committee minutes 8th June 2026. **Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0.** The Extraordinary Executive Committee minutes 8th June 2026 was approved.

9. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising to discuss.

10. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships.

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

Vice President SSE raised ongoing PSW and administrator review refusal issues for many students. It was noted that this has been raised with the university on several occasions. PAB problems were noted including the visa team providing students with CAS numbers to apply for PSW, but many of these dated after students' visas had expired resulting in visa refusals. A meeting was held with Vice Principal Strategy and Planning, PVC International and a number of affected students on Monday 15th June 2026. These were from a single course but with multiple different PAB dates provided. Further information is to be provided to Vice President SSE post-meeting.

The meeting ended at 3:04pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th July 2026, from 9:30am-12:00pm, in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Thursday 9th July 2026 at 9.30am** in NH209.

Members:

Chinaenyenwa Ugo, Student President (Chair)

Onyinye Nweze, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)

ThankGod Obiani, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

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

There was no Students' Association - GCU Executive Board Meeting.

2.2 Senate

There was no meeting of Senate.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

The AI Steering Group presented a new assessment coversheet template designed to provide clearer guidance for students and staff. The updated coversheet includes information such as fit to sit and extension declarations and confirmation of AI use. It was suggested that the AI not permitted option be removed as students may be using AI tools for grammar checking, proofreading, or searching for information. This recommendation was accepted and the wording will be amended. The coversheet is to be implemented from September, with staff able to use it at their discretion as guidance.

It was confirmed that the university will roll out AI software to staff from September and to students from January.

3. Governor Meeting Themes

An overview of the Governor meetings was provided and Scott Haldane was confirmed as the new Link Governor. The Student President presented potential meeting themes including Mental Health and Wellbeing, Cost of Living, Student Experience and Induction Experience. Concerns were raised that Student Experience was too broad a topic and that Induction Experience would only cater for new students and could be heavily influenced by potential

industrial action. Employability was highlighted as another potential theme, particularly in regard to greater integration within academic schools.

It was noted that Governors could use the Cost of Living topic to explore what support the University provides, such as grants and resources, and gather feedback on issues including the affordability of campus food and facilities. The conversation also considered how campus facilities, including sports provision, learning spaces, computer labs and future developments linked to the Campus Masterplan.

Four key themes were agreed to further discuss with the Chair of Court and Lay Governor before being agreed. These included; Mental Health and Wellbeing, Employability, Cost of Living, and Learning and Teaching Experience. The latter would include areas such as programme organisation, management and timetabling, reflecting feedback from recent NSS results. It was further noted that sports could be highlighted within Physical and Mental health. It was noted for a discussion with Chair of Court should be raised on relevant University staff attending meetings in an observational capacity as well as the general expectations of the meetings.

4. Strategic Partnership Framework

The context of the Strategic Partnership Framework was provided and how this related to the joint priorities between The Executive Committee and University Executive Team. Potential objectives are to be presented during the September Students' Association - GCU Executive Board Meeting. Full Time Officer objectives, Students' Association operational action plan, SEAP, sports strategy, campus masterplan and NSS were noted as examples of where these priorities could align.

5. Full Time Officer Reports

Vice President SHLS highlighted the SHLS International Forum including discussions on intake suspension of applicants from Pakistan and issues surrounding English language testing. The school is exploring the introduction of a GCU-based English language assessment, similar to approaches used by other universities. Vice President GSBS updated members on engagement with university departments linked to her policy areas, including ethical and environmental, catering, and careers. Vice President SSE reported meeting with SSE Department Representatives, attending the GCU Racing event, and engaging with the staff lead on STEP.

The Student President provided an update on graduations, a visit from the University of Pennsylvania, where she delivered a Students' Association welcome talk and reported on discussions with Fiona Campbell regarding harassment concerns at the London campus. Planned actions include continuing training and guidance for both staff and students, improved promotion of reporting and support mechanisms, and continued monitoring of student feedback. Members noted that fewer concerns have recently been raised with the Students' Association, and while this action has been removed from Executive actions, monitoring will continue.

Council Tax exemption for Full Time Officers was raised, with the University maintaining that further feedback will be provided. Members discussed the possibility of industrial action during Freshers' Week, which could involve security, cleaners, and other campus workers which may significantly affect induction activities. It was suggested that the Executive Committee discuss the previous Students' Association stance and agree whether to reaffirm,

update or replace the previous policy position. It was agreed that this would be added to the agenda for the next meeting. **Action: Full Time Officers.**

6. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

7. Minutes of the Executive Committee on 16th June 2026

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 16th June 2026.

Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 16th June 2026 was approved.

8. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising to discuss.

9. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships.

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

Vice President SHLS raised the elections of class reps as students don't feel adequately represented or know who they are. It was noted that with the reduction of teaching weeks, whether class rep elections should take place before week four. It was confirmed that these elections are the responsibility of programme leaders and was questioned whether this process should be reviewed by the university.

The meeting ended at 11:13am

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18th August 2026, from 9:30am-12:00am, in NH209.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 18th August 2026 at 9.30am** in NH209.

Members:

Chinaenyenwa Ugo, Student President (Chair)

Onyinye Nweze, Vice President Glasgow School for Business and Society (VP GSBS)

ThankGod Obiani, Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences (VP SHLS)

Hamza Siddiqi, Vice President School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (VP SSE)

Apologies:

In Attendance:

David Carse, Chief Executive

Sara MacLean, Student Voice Team Leader

Philip Morton, Governance Support Co-ordinator (Clerk)

1. Chair Announcements and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the Executive Committee meeting.

2. University Meetings

2.1 Students' Association – GCU Executive Board Meeting

There was no Students' Association - GCU Executive Board Meeting.

2.2 Senate

There was no meeting of Senate.

2.3 Senate Standing Committees

As there had been no Senate Standing Committee meetings, the Student President requested any feedback received from schools. Vice President SSE noted the AI in Education Steering Group, providing the student stance on open AI on campus as approved at Student Voice and confirmed that core training would be provided to staff on AI use. The Student President raised the schools desire for further academic rep input and feedback although noted the potential need for a paid rep system to increase satisfaction and engagement in a demanding volunteer position. It was suggested that a thematic review of survey responses could be carried out to identify the main issues students face at school level to be addressed.

3. NSS Results

The Student Voice Team Leader provided an overview of the National Student Survey results. The university scorings fell below last years results in all categories other than 'Academic Support'. Although the overall satisfaction score of 75.2 is an increase of 0.4, the Scottish Sector overall had a larger uplift of 3%. GCU dropped 4 places in rankings from six to ten. For the Students' Association, Student Voice also had a decrease to 74.6. These issues appear to relate to visibility, communication and students not feeling empowered to make changes.

From the NSS feedback, several areas of improvement were identified including; students not feeling listened to, outdated practices within programmes, poor timetabling, organisational management surrounding placement support, teaching consistency in quality and assessment clarity. Student communications were discussed in reference to the GCU app and the need for campus/school specific communication.

The university initiated a student experience survey over the past two years that is circulated before NSS to mitigate future student issues long-term. A working group was created to assess areas of concern and improve NSS scoring in the coming year. It was commented that raised areas of concern should be added to the university SEAP for accountability as well as increasing visibility of accomplishments and implementation of student feedback.

The NSS Results agenda item is to be added as a standing agenda item.

4. SFC SEAP Thematic Report 2026

An overview of SEAP (self-evaluation and action plan) was provided and how this has an impact on improving student experience whilst holding the university account for their actions by the Scottish Funding Council and QAA who provide feedback for implementation.

Principle four of the SEAP references student engagement. It notes that institutions may demonstrate good communications surrounding representation and partnerships, however it is not clear on how an action was developed in partnership with students or the role of SPARQs in strengthening the SEAP. It was acknowledged that SEAP may aid Full Time Officers in advocating the university on matters impacting students.

5. Full Time Officer Stance on Industrial Action

The previous Full Time Officer stance on industrial action was outlined and discussed. The timeframe for Trade Union worker strikes were noted, particularly impacting students during Freshers Week and Student Induction. Vice President GSBS agreed with the previous officer team stance on opposing compulsory redundancies and further raised concern over the impact on student experience on courses affected by redundancy. It was acknowledged that staff to student ratio continues to decline within the university even with a decline in international student recruitment.

The Full Time Officer team are to meet separately to form a joint statement on their stance on industrial action to be presented for approval at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Action: Full Time Officers.

6. Governor Meeting Update

The Student President confirmed topics for the Governor meetings for 2026/27 as:

1. Students' Learning and Teaching Experience
2. Mental Health and wellbeing
3. Cost of living
4. Employability within the curriculum

Dates are still being confirmed. It was proposed by the Executive Committee for the meetings to be held post-Court meetings to still maximise Governor attendance.

7. SA Building Revamp/Estates Meeting

The Student President discussed changes to the Students' Association with the university to modernise communal areas, seating and Re:Union Bar. It was confirmed that Re:Union Bar and Grill have begun refurbishments to be completed before the end of August.

8. Event Listings (Black History Month & Afro-Scottish Events)

It was noted that the university Careers team and EDI team had contacted the Student President regarding Black History Month events that they would like to host in partnership with the Students' Association. Vice President SHLS noted that People and Planning were organising a workshop focussing on migrant rights as well as the university promoting 'Show Racism the Red Card'. The Student President raised a free Afro-Scottish event taking place in Glasgow that would like to partner with the Students' Association to increase engagement.

The Full Time Officers agreed to produce communications on safety in Glasgow for new students during Freshers. **Action: Full Time Officers.**

9. Full Time Officer Reports

Vice President SHLS highlighted a meeting with the EDI Steering Group including discussions on gender neutral restrooms on campus. It was noted that this discussion could be added to the next meeting agenda with the University Executive Group.

10. Regulated Lobbying

There was no Regulated Lobbying.

11. Minutes of Executive Committee on 9th July 2026

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes 9th July 2026.

Vote: For 4; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0. The Executive Committee minutes 9th July 2026 was approved.

12. Matters Arising

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

13. Life Membership

There were no Life Memberships.

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

The Executive Committee agreed to attend the NUS meeting on education funding to be held on 29th September 2026.

The meeting ended at 12:00pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15th September 2026, from 9:30am-12:00am, in NH209.