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consideration/approval at this meeting?

If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.

Ideas are available on the Students' Association website at www.GCUstudents.co.uk/ideas.



Ensure Core Texts are available in the GCU Library

by [Anonymous](#) 28 January 2021, 12:26

Category: Learning and Teaching

Voting closed

More than a few of my core texts and recommended reading texts have not been available on GCU Library and I feel that lectures should not be pushing us to buy our own textbooks only to reference it a few times in one essay. If text is deemed as core, it should be made available to students to access online.



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LIKES



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DISLIKES



Discretionary and Childcare Applications

by [Georgina Smith](#) 08 February 2021, 18:30

Category: Student Support

Voting closed

Better clarity on evidence required for those involved in self-employment.

There needs to be a series of possible evidence that can be provided that all staff should be aware of.

Currently, it is very vague and if the income doesn't match what is expected, then it is rejected. People in self employment don't always have a set income level and can increase/decrease monthly. This makes it very difficult to fulfil the criteria and only adds additional pressure on a very stressful situation.

Thanks.



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LIKES



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DISLIKES



Accommodation Page review

by [Gordon Edwards](#) 20 September 2020, 07:26

Category: Accommodation

Voting closed

I have applied for Caledonian Court this year for my halls of residence and the move has went extremely well however I have identified some problems around the application process for Caledonian Court that I think needs changing and have spoken to several different students and we identified some issues that the student association should try and change for prospective room mates:

1. The accommodation page of the website needs some more up to date photos of the flat rooms to give students an idea of what they are expecting as some who couldn't attend the open day weren't able to access up to date photos due to the accommodation page not having been updated in a long time.

2. The accommodation application process was on a paper form, for students who don't hold a printer and given COVID-19 with libraries being closed, it may be ideal for the student association to look at introducing an online application form for students to fill in if they wish to apply for accommodation which also helps the environment in terms of paper being printed to fill in the form and then scanned and returned to the accommodation team e-mail address.

I think this would make the application process more modern and more efficient and something that would bring some real change to students applying for accommodation at Caledonian Court and something the student association should look into.



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LIKES



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DISLIKES



GCU should buy back textbooks from graduating students

by [Anonymous](#) 28 January 2021, 12:30

Category: Learning and Teaching

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Expecting students to be spending £40+ on a book for a course to only require it for one module and then be left with it is a ridiculous concept. GCU should either provide a safe platform for students to sell their old textbooks to other/new GCU students or simply buy them back from students and sell themselves.

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LIKES	DISLIKES



Students to take a compulsory 'understanding sexual consent' test in their first year

by [Anonymous](#) 29 April 2021, 10:30

Category: Wellbeing

Voting closed


A small way to educate young adults on the importance of consent and what it means. Easy, inexpensive and in line with the values of the university - potentially will help with a very serious issue.

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LIKES	DISLIKES

COMMENTS



[David Grimm](#) wrote, 15-07-2021 - 13:37

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i think this would be beneficial to every year as we often have people coming in through college to third year and this motion could be misconstrued and only delivered to actual first years

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GCU should begin using digital student IDs

by Raiyan Mehmood 20 June 2021, 20:09

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

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As we move towards a more digital age, more and more people are now utilising digital services to securely store their personal information. Physical means such as cards can get lost or stolen, therefore having the convenience of storing your information securely via an app makes it easy for students to utilise their ID through their phone. I propose using a service such as Apple Wallet, Yoti or any viable app/service which would allow students to keep a digital copy of their ID on their device. This would make it easy to get around campus or simply access their ID through their phone to use student discounts. It's an efficient and secure way to ensure students have ownership over their personal data. This would enable a more future-ready community of students that's confident in sharing and storing their data by safe means.

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LIKES	DISLIKES

COMMENTS



Helen Bolland wrote, 12-09-2021 - 20:32

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As a wheelchair user this would be really useful, as I don't have hands free when i am self propelling.

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Kerr MacHattie wrote, 29-09-2021 - 21:32

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Honestly, this actually makes complete sense. Either change completely to digital or give the option of both.

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More green space to sit, walk, and chill between the lectures

by Ewa Malwina Wojtaczka 09 July 2020, 18:59

Category: Wellbeing

Voting closed



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Wherever possible, it would be great to create more green spaces on the campus, for example, make the library terrace more appealing by adding more plants and benches.

There is nowhere nice to walk around GCU really, not unless you go all the way to Glasgow Green. Creating more paths with benches, planting some trees and plants at the campus would create more walking and private spaces for a quick recharge before the next lecture.

Not to mention designated napping areas for those of us who need it after lunch!