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	<p><i>Any member can ask a question by raising their voting card and being recognised by the Chair to speak.</i></p> <p>Student Voice is asked to discuss and decide whether to approve Ideas.</p>																
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Staff/Student Protocol	Yes		No		N/A												

Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?	Unknown
Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting? If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.	<p>The Ideas will be presented to the meeting of the Trustee Board for consideration if passed.</p> <p>Ideas are available on the Students' Association website at www.GCUstudents.co.uk/ideas.</p>



GCU End Investments in Top Polluters & Reinvest in Climate and Social Justice Solutions.

Days 212 : Hours 10 : Minutes 26
REMAINING

by [Laura Yapp](#) 27 October 2022, 12:47

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

GCU have an ethical investment policy in place that states 'Direct investments in the fossil fuel, alcohol, tobacco and armaments sector will not be permissible.' However, GCU has no direct investments at all, as all investments are managed indirectly by investment manager Rathbone Investment Management. Rathbone currently invests GCU's money in unethical companies such as Shell, JP Morgan (the world's largest financier of fossil fuel expansion), and British Petroleum (BP). These investments actively contribute to the climate crisis and therefore do not align with the universities 'ethical and environmental' policies or its stated commitment to 'the common good.'

I ask that the University instructs Rathbone to stop investing its money in the fossil fuel and arms industry, as well as banks which finance fossil fuel expansion and arms companies that supply human-rights-abusing regimes. Instead, the University should invest its capital into 'impact investments' which contribute new capital directly into climate and social justice solutions. In addition to divestment and positive reinvestment, it should also pressure all the companies it invests in to adopt gold-standard climate and social justice practices through robust engagement.



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Investing into the GCU Campus

Days 212 : Hours 10 : Minutes 32
REMAINING

by [RAIYAN MEHMOOD](#) 02 October 2022, 21:00

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

The GCU Glasgow campus is great. However, aspects of the different buildings seem to be lacking particularly in the classrooms and facilities in contrast to some of the other institutions in Glasgow. As others like Glasgow and Strathclyde invest heavily in their campus's future, I feel there should be an expansion or renovation in this case.

For example, George Moore's upper floors seem to be quite dull and lacklustre without a sense of life. Some of the computer technology doesn't seem to be keeping with modern standards either. The Annie Lennox building's upper floors also seem to suffer from the same problems with the overall design of the hallways and classrooms being rather 'prison-like'.



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I feel there should be more dedicated student hubs for the different departments too so as not to crowd the lower floors. More spaces for quiet studying, and social collaboration alongside brand new support facilities like wellbeing hubs, international student support, careers services and modern updates to the faith and belief centre.

Alongside this, the student association building seems to pale in comparison to other university student hubs therefore a revamp into a more appealing space would create a sense of life and perhaps allow students to have their say in what facilities and activities they want here. There should be a dedicated building for research with cutting-edge facilities so that GCU can act as a driver of future developments and projects.

Improvements to the campus at large can help ensure that students get a world-class learning experience. With increased office space for both staff and students, new social areas, modern facilities and a chance to create a sustainable environment, there are massive opportunities to enhance GCU's campus. I believe GCU has great facilities already, but a refurbishment or investment of sorts into aspects of the campus needs to happen soon. At the very least, an investigation to gather views on how people feel about the current buildings and facilities.

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Aspen Milledge wrote, 13-10-2022 - 18:26

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Absolutely. Our campus has the potential to be amazing. I definitely agree with improving the student union as it seems very plain compared to the other Glasgow unis. I agree with the study spaces, specifically in departments, as well. Just over the last few weeks its been near impossible to find a seat in the library if you have more than one person.

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RACHEL CROWELL wrote, 21-10-2022 - 15:23

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I agree the buildings tend to become more basic each level up you go in the lift. What annoys me is that there are rooms on level two of the Annie Lennox building that are rarely used and all the other rooms on the ground floor are very crowded. It could use better distribution.

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Improving Wifi within Library

by [Anonymous](#) 20 October 2022, 04:59

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Days 212: Hours 10: Minutes 28
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With most activities being on campus now, our library is back to running at a "normal" capacity. This is awesome! But myself and many others notice that the wifi is extremely slow, and many of us resort to using our phone's hotspots. Could the wifi be improved in the library to accommodate the amount of students we have? It struggles to keep up with everyone's devices attached to it.



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RACHEL CROWELL wrote, 21-10-2022 - 15:11

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This should definitely be examined especially on the third and forth floors of the library. There are two wi-fi networks and neither of them work. I am so frustrated with this issue I had to by my own dongle and use it in the university building the expense of this I have to pay with my SAAS payment.

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Access to Specialist labs during weekends

by [DANIEL WILLIAMS](#) 09 November 2022, 13:25

Category: Learning and Teaching

Days Hours Minutes
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Hey guys! Apparently this used to be a thing for students before covid - being able to use labs during weekends. Students don't have that opportunity anymore after covid. An example is the tools students need for Cyber Security, most of this tools/programmes needed to perform tasks cant be accessed from home due to the amount of PC power required and licenesing that only the labs provide. The library computers can't be used either because they are restricted.

It would be great to have this access back to students, especially 4th years as they have a module that requires them to only be in a lab to practice.

Thank you!

Department Representative for Cybersecurity.



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ETHAN KELLY wrote, 14-11-2022 - 20:49

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Definitely a great idea - especially as exams/coursework deadlines are approaching

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Free Bowl of Soup and a roll on production of Student Card

by [Graham Findlay](#) 02 November 2022, 19:24

Category: Catering

Days Hours Minutes
212:10:23
REMAINING

Lots of colleges provide one free meal to students each day, why can we not have a bowl of soup/roll for any students who show their student card?

The cost is minimal, as inflation rises this would be a good way of ensuring people have at least one hot meal per day.



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Lack of plant-based milk

by [Anonymous](#) 18 October 2022, 13:00

Category: Catering

Days 212: Hours 10: Minutes 34
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For the past 2 weeks, there has been a lack of plant based milk in the Sir Alex Ferguson Library cafe. This excludes the lactose intolerant and those on a vegan diet, as well as those who simply want to make more environmentally conscious choices. It is clearly in high demand, so there should be adequate supply, especially as we are all back on campus.



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KATE LAWRIE wrote, 18-10-2022 - 18:00

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Also very inconsistent with those dairy free options - never have the same ones, so when you ask the next time it's an entirely different 1 option.

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River Theo Gowand wrote, 24-10-2022 - 13:26

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This has been a consistent problem for years. Considering they run out of plant based milk within days of getting it in, but never run out of cows milk, they need to consider ordering a much bigger quantity of plant milks and adapt to the demand.

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More GCU merch and hoodies

by [Anonymous](#) 14 April 2022, 00:16

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Voting closed

I think both GCU and students would benefit from having more merchendice such as bags, lanyards, water bottles, ect. The hoodies only come in three different colours, navy blue, grey and charcole. Please could more colour variety be introduced.



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TARIQ MIR wrote, 01-06-2022 - 17:01

most definitely , a uniform of sorts - but it may impart confidence in the wearer , its super important for students to feel they are proudly connected to our great institution and to the spirit of one another on their academic journey and beyond.. its a great instant advert as well and a marketing dream to have our students represent this way



Aspen Milledge wrote, 13-10-2022 - 18:23

Agree, take Uni of Glasgow for example. They have tons of merch and people love it! You should feel proud and want to have options on showing off your achievements.



Inter trimester Break

by [Anonymous](#) 12 October 2021, 13:11

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Voting closed

One week break between week 6 and week 7 during each trimester.

Can start freshers week a week before scheduled in order to ensure trimester finishes at usual time



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Aspen Milledge wrote, 06-07-2022 - 03:13

I think this is a great idea! I find this period of time is when students are needing some extra time to catch up without falling behind.



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GCU Business Ball for Business Students

by [Anonymous](#) 28 April 2022, 12:01

Category: Social Activities

Voting closed

Arrange the Business Ball to be scheduled for all Business students due to the lack of events for this field of study during the pandemic.



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Accepting Cash Payments

by [CHARLIE GRIBBEN](#) 06 October 2022, 09:43

Category: Catering

Days Hours Minutes
212:10:36
REMAINING

I was informed today that the university is not accepting Cash Payments for food purchased. This is of great inconvenience to myself and I'm sure for many others. I wanted to purchase a bottle of water for £1, which I had. This was not accepted as a form of payment.



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