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Date of Meeting	4 th December 2023															
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Recommendation(s)	Information		Discussion		Approval	X										
	<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>															
Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Unknown															
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	The Ideas will be presented to the meeting of the Trustee Board for consideration if passed.															

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.



Inter trimester Break

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

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Days 094 : Hours 07 : Minutes 20
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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.



PETER SCHEIBENHOFFER wrote, 03-11-2022 - 08:06

Some of the modules' structure is like this: Week 7 - Revision and pause for feedback Please consider, if lecturers are not available on that week, you cannot ask for help if you struggle with your studies. Also, it means a shorter summer holiday.



Music Societies for total beginners

by [Anonymous](#) 12 November 2022, 21:26

Category: Societies

Days 109 : Hours 04 : Minutes 21
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Since lots of students are under financial pressure It might be a good idea to have a music club with professional volunteers to teach different instruments for free or little fee. This would encourage more people to pursue music.



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Calling for an immediate ceasefire in Palestine and Israel

Days 341: Hours 09: Minutes 16
REMAINING

by [Anonymous](#) 16 November 2023, 15:31

Category: National Issues

Hi

In view of the horrendous events in Palestine and Israel and the rejection of the UK government calling for a ceasefire, can the university not play a part in at least circulating via email, petitions for a ceasefire? Every signature could make a difference.

Thanks



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Bidet showers on Campus

Days 109: Hours 07: Minutes 29
REMAINING

by [JOHN JOHNSON MAVILETH](#) 16 April 2023, 16:07

Category: Wellbeing



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We are a diverse campus with people with different cultural backgrounds in which most of the GCU students are facing issues regarding no usage of bidet showers. We think this is something important to be implemented. So, we as FTO's thought to come up in the Exec meeting with this idea of using bidet showers as it is an important part of African and Asian History.

For years, GCU Students suffered from a lack of adequate provision of bidet showers or water-based solutions in toilets. Many of our students who come from different cultural or ethnic backgrounds, don't know the use of paper towel which is normal here. GCU Students finds it continuously challenging to access toilets on campus.

Alongside being a giant leap towards making campus spaces more inclusive and diversely accessible, a gradual switch to water-based solutions can offer a real answer to the problem of paper wastage. GCU Facilities Department should focus on including sustainable drainage by using bidet showers revamp, so that the new facilities are not only environmentally sustainable but also help in cutting down on paper usage on campus. With this step, we can further be an inclusive and environmentally conscious institution, with values that are vital to the wider GCU's community.

#EDI #Wellbeing #StudentsSupport #UniForCommonGood - RSVP @John J. Mavileth @Laiba Tareen @Chukwuma Egbujor @Jennifer Abali

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Noor Ajam wrote, 17-04-2023 - 19:10

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This would be the best thing the university could do to their students

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Zach Swift wrote, 26-04-2023 - 00:22

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Students at the moment have problems keeping the toilets clean and not peeing all over the toilets seats at the moment. I have lived in the middle East where these are commonplace and I know these can get extremely dirty without proper and constant maintenance. More so than the current requirements. How about sticking to basics first and try focusing on educating students on how to use current facilities properly since it's evident there is a problem with it before spending thousands on toilets that will get wrecked and miss-used.

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Attention Needed; Students' Concerned...

by [Anonymous](#) 25 October 2023, 16:16

Category: Learning and Teaching

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I believe the reason we are in school is to learn new things and get better at the ones we may already know but in my class, Big Data Technologies, this seem to be a bit different. There's a lecturer in my class who never for once give responses/guide to questions but would rather say 'I don't know'. This has never in any way helped students for each of his courses (Big Data Landscape, Tri A and Cloud Computing and Web Services, Tri B). This two courses have over time have the highest rate of failed students than other modules. Students are not communicated to what is expected as they aren't aware of why they are marked down especially in the courseworks. No guide explains what a student should have done to score a particular mark in the coursework as the results are vague when they are eventually released.

It would be helpful if this is attended to as this has raised so much concerned over time...



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Fix the WIFI now!

by [Rachel Crowell](#) 18 October 2023, 10:59

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Days 341 : Hours 09 : Minutes 04
REMAINING

The WI-FI situation on the Glasgow campus is appalling.

This needs to be fixed now. It is of upmost importance that the campus has a strong WI-FI signal.

There is nowhere on the Campus where the WI-FI has a strong stable signal.

Im asking to set up a petition to get the WI-FI service updated and improved.



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Kathleen Kelly wrote, 18-10-2023 - 15:14

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We definitely need this fixed and maybe some sockets in rooms to go with the Internet

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Mandate that exams cannot start before 10 AM

by [Aspen Milledge](#) 15 August 2023, 18:13

Category: Learning and Teaching

Days 341 : Hours 09 : Minutes 02
REMAINING

Due to the higher cost of living and the student housing crisis, many students have elected to commute into university. These commutes can range from anywhere from 30 minutes to several hours, meaning students can wake up from 4-5 AM to make it for a 9/9:30 exam. I have also seen students renting hotel rooms so they can save on some precious sleep, which isn't accesible to most students. While it isn't much, I think not allowing exams before 10 AM can level this playing field some, while not causing significant delays in the day, and allowing for an afternoon slot in the same exam hall.



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The standardisation of presentation of content

by [Robert Gallacher](#) 30 October 2022, 02:32

Category: Learning and Teaching

Days 067: Hours 09: Minutes 09
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As a Dyslexic student I currently find it difficult to navigate the GCU learn content online.
(I am currently falling behind in my studies due to this)
As I have traversed the subjects in my chosen field I have found that there are many differing methods to how the information is presented to students.

Most of these are based on how the Instructor thinks what they decide is the best method of presentation based on their own idea of how they expect the student to learn and how they expect their presentation to be consumed.
(EG: releasing content on a particular day rather than listening to the students who ask for it to be released at an earlier date.)

As I have found, each subject on GCU learn has a different menu, some base them on weeks, some on subject matter.

It should be possible to navigate each subject on GCU learn no matter the subject and know how to navigate the chosen menu.
I believe GCU wants to be in the top universities tables and I feel strongly that this is a simple change that can be made that would not only help to achieve that but would benefit students from every facet of society.



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Stationary vending machine

by [Taylor McMahon](#) 09 December 2022, 15:08

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Days 067: Hours 09: Minutes 11
REMAINING

Can we get study supplies in the library to buy as it is a hassle to go to Sainsbury's which is also expensive.



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[Pranali Bharat Khatri](#) wrote, 18-04-2023 - 12:57

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Stationary is available in relax and renew space.

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Change Name of Students Association to Student Union.

Days 067 : Hours 09 : Minutes 01
REMAINING

by [Graham Findlay](#) 10 February 2023, 16:35

Category: Democracy

Student Union would be a better name, association is fine but hints at a depoliticisation of our Campus. No mention of being supportive of strikes by the association? We need to get some political debate back into GCU.



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Karolina Syrek wrote, 16-03-2023 - 16:36

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It's a great idea, although there should be more investment into the union anyway, for example Strathclyde's SU is much more welcoming and just seems to be the heart of the student life. Maybe re-locating our union to some more central location would help? Simply changing the name won't change the fact that the library is more of a union than the actual union 🙄

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Aspen Milledge wrote, 17-03-2023 - 21:04

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I know the FTOs have mentioned multiple times that they support the strikes as well as Students Association provides guidance on them. I'm not entirely sure what a superficial name change will do for the actual cause when you could reroute the money spent on changing the name and branding to legitimate supports for the cause.

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