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| Committee Title | Student Voice | | |
| Date of Meeting | 19 th February 2024 | | |
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| Paper Presenter | Chair of Student Voice | | |
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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 | |
| | Unknown | | | | | |
| Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting? | The Ideas will be presented to the meeting of the Trustee Board for consideration if passed. | | | | | |
| 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 . | | | | | |
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Sensory Room

by [Katie Thomson](#) 27 September 2023, 18:50

Category: Representation

Days 264 : Hours 06 : Minutes 50
REMAINING

I am an autistic student and I find myself struggling in common areas as they can be loud, crowded and quite overstimulating. I have been looking for a sensory room or quiet room to allow me to decompress in a safe environment. The pods in the library whilst quiet are not very private if one wishes to stim.

My idea is to create a sensory room on campus, a safe space for neurodiverse students to relax, decompress and rebalance themselves. I am aware that this is not a small project and that if it were to happen it might not be during my time at GCU nevertheless I believe this idea is worth considering for future students.

Obviously, a sensory room would not be exclusively for neurodivergent students, they have been shown to reduce anxiety and stress. However, having one may benefit them more than neurotypical students.



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COMMENTS



Joshua Maher wrote, 30-09-2023 - 01:02

Agreed. They would be very useful. University of Stirling has one and it's a success



Stacey-Marie Cornish wrote, 19-12-2023 - 20:47

Absolutely love this idea. This is something I struggle with myself and would find this beneficial.



Have prayer room in library

by [Afia Kazmi](#) 04 February 2024, 19:55

Category: Wellbeing

Days 264 : Hours 06 : Minutes 33
REMAINING

As being a class and department representative and Student Voice member all for years I've had many complaints about this. Plz open a prayer/quiet room in the library like before cuz for example in winter exam season the 5th muslim prayer is after 6pm n the FnBC closed at 6pm so many Muslims n religious people had to find a public noisy place in the library. Also it saves walking time so for example if we were in a lecture in floor 1 of George Moore n the 3rd floor library prayer room was still open we would b back in class in less than 5mins but now it's about 15mins walk in the cold



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HOOKS IN THE TOILETS

by [Anonymous](#) 26 October 2023, 21:37

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Days 264: Hours 06: Minutes 21
REMAINING

It would be appreciated if there were hooks in the toilets. Hooks currently available are broken or non-existent. It is very difficult for females especially when menstrating, not to have a place to hang their coats. This may seem a small and insignificant issue but it is rather frustrating especially in an emergency. I look forward to seeing this important issue being addressed as a matter of urgency and priority.

Thank you.



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Afia Kazmi wrote, 04-02-2024 - 18:30

DEFINITELY need this!!!



Change Name of Students Association to Student Union.

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

Category: Democracy

Days 264 : Hours 06 : Minutes 48
REMAINING

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

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 😊



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

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.



The standardisation of presentation of content

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

Category: Learning and Teaching

Days 264 : Hours 06 : Minutes 46
REMAINING

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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Have microwave n kettles in library

by [Afia Kazmi](#) 04 February 2024, 19:58

Category: Catering

Days Hours Minutes
264:06:34
REMAINING

As being a class and department representative and Student Voice member all for years I've had many complaints about this. By the time we walk to the SU from Anne Lenox n make our pot noodles n come back it takes about 15mins n our pot noddles ice cold again



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Microwaves in the canteen

by [Anonymous](#) 30 October 2023, 14:50

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Days Hours Minutes
264:06:19
REMAINING

It would be great to have microwaves in the canteen that students could use to heat up soup or leftovers from the night before and save on costs. Would this be possible?



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[Awais Ghaffar](#) wrote, 15-11-2023 - 22:33

I agree too! Having spoke to many people within the uni, this would be very beneficial. Many other Universities provide these for students (or within a common room scenario).



[Afia Kazmi](#) wrote, 19-01-2024 - 19:48

AND KETTLES TOO PLZ!!!



Fix hot tap water in library

by [Anonymous](#) 04 February 2024, 20:01

Category: Wellbeing

Days Hours Minutes
264:06:27
REMAINING

THE WATER IS BOILINGGGGGGG. In fact the higher up u go the more BOILING it gets. This is a MASSIVE health n safety issue. We have to wash our hands in less than 3sec or not wash them at all cuz it LEGIT BURNS THEM



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Stationary vending machine

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

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Days Hours Minutes
067:09:11
REMAINING

Can we get study supplies in the library to buy as it is a hassel to go to sainsburys 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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Extend canteen times

by [Afia Kazmi](#) 04 February 2024, 19:59

Category: Catering

Days 264 : Hours 06 : Minutes 31
REMAINING

As being a class and department representative and Student Voice member all for years I've had many complaints about this. Sometimes our classes/meetings r 9-5pm straight n the canteen closes after 5 or even earlier



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Remove Starbucks From Our Campus

by [Anonymous](#) 05 January 2024, 19:47

Category: Catering

Days 264 : Hours 06 : Minutes 40
REMAINING

Starbucks are supporting the genocide in Palestine. It would be unethical for GCU to fund this corporation. Supporting a conflict in which the oppressor, Israel, has committed several warcrimes, goes against the common good. More than 6000 Palestinian kids have been killed since October 7th. On top of this, the company have illegally fired dozens of workers for forming unions. Their union busting is unethical. Do better GCU.



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Abdul Baqi Sultani wrote, 08-01-2024 - 14:10

Why my like is not counted? Before I liked it, the like count was 13 and when I liked it, I saw the message that my like is registered but still the like count is 13.



Afia Kazmi wrote, 08-01-2024 - 17:54

Aslong as after u liked it it said "Thank you, your like has been registered" then it's done. U can still try n like again to double check too 🤔



Monzer Keblawy wrote, 08-01-2024 - 20:41

We don't want Starbucks ☹️☹️☹️



Where is the Palestine statement

by [Anonymous](#) 04 February 2024, 19:53

Category: Student Media

Days 264 : Hours 06 : Minutes 38
REMAINING

Please release it. Every SU has released one n the GCU SU also made one so y is it not out yet



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Monzer Keblawy wrote, 06-02-2024 - 19:18

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Afia Kazmi wrote, 06-02-2024 - 19:19

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Beatriz Soto Mora wrote, 06-02-2024 - 19:23

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Unfairness to the International community in terms of catering

by [Anonymous](#) 03 February 2024, 19:53

Category: Catering

Days 264 : Hours 06 : Minutes 41
REMAINING

Different societies of the International Community of GCU have recently and consistently raised concerns on the unfairness to the diverse cultures when hosting an event at the Re: Union Bar n Grill and some other venues on campus. This concerns have hereby called for a review of the school policy as BaxterStorey as the official food vendors because they do not deliver transitional African, Asian, Chinese meals.

So, the international community would love the catering policy of the school to be reviewed to allow flexibility in the catering services to enable the above mentioned communities and more to have a more relaxed sense of belonging as this would help improve social networking and engagement on campus.

In terms of engagement and events, it has been proven time and time again that the international students are the most active and most engaged in all events, so making sure they are satisfied should be a priority.



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Make canteen food have better taste and more options

by [Anonymous](#) 04 February 2024, 20:00

Category: Catering

Days Hours Minutes
264:06:29
REMAINING

Bro it tastes disgusting and just a few repeat dishes every week and have more halal/kosher/vegan options



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Control Faith n Belief Centre heating

by [Afia Kazmi](#) 04 February 2024, 20:01

Category: Wellbeing

Days Hours Minutes
264:06:25
REMAINING

As being a class and department representative and Student Voice member all for years I've had many complaints about this. It's always either too hot or too cold. Either fix it so it's always correct temperature like in every other building in the uni or tell Atleast the CISA people how to control it so people can let them know n they can fix it for them



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Stop the Promotion/Association with Barclays Bank

by [Anonymous](#) 31 October 2023, 10:17

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Days 264 : Hours 06 : Minutes 14
REMAINING

I've been disappointed to see promotional material for a Barclays job fair on our social media channels. Barclays is the "dirtiest bank in Europe" and [actively funnels money into fossil fuel industries and arms industries](#), amongst other deplorable practices. I find it unconscionable that GCU is encouraging its students to look into opportunities at an organisation that reaps profits from the destruction of our planet. This is certainly not "For the Common Good".

I believe GCU should remind themselves of their values and stop the promotion of these Barclays-associated events, whether they exist inside or outside the campus. Additionally, Barclays representatives should no longer be allowed at any wider employability events going forward. Ideally, GCU would take accountability for acting in a manner so against their stated values, just as public as their promotion for these events has been, but quietly ceasing these activities would also suffice.



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[Zain Qureshi](#) wrote, 07-11-2023 - 12:18

The banking industry in general is corrupt, all the biggest banks benefit the rich (including ones that are responsible for killings and sufferings). Going after 1 company (who is helping to recruit gcu students) is not the correct method.



[Zara Tahir](#) wrote, 03-02-2024 - 18:16

Your logic is defective. 1.You call the banking industry corrupt and yet support the recruitment of students in that same industry - morally inconsistent. 2. You're alluding to the idea that because people still engage with other banks they can't "go after" one. This is silly because most Muslims (which make up a large demographic of those supporting the notion above) refrain from banks and interest which is the main cause of the corruption within banking. Even with those who do engage with other banks, you are essentially saying to them "since they're all bad, let's just give up and support evil wholeheartedly instead of trying to make a stand in whatever way we can". Throwing the baby out with the bath water. 3. Your selfish support for a company that is supporting genocide just because your priority is getting a barclays job so you can get the new iPhone 15 over the literal lives of innocent men, women and children IS NOT CORRECT.



Only open library for GCU students in exam season

by [Afia Kazmi](#) 04 February 2024, 20:04

Category: Learning and Teaching

Days Hours Minutes
264:06:36
REMAINING

As being a class and department representative and Student Voice member all for years I've had many complaints about this. One time we came into uni on the first exam day n there was no where to sit n there was sooooo many non-GCU students who were there when we needed it most. I know the uni is "for the common good" n its key feature is that it's a public uni but that's y we r saying ATLEAST in only in exam season



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Have multiple exam dates

by [Afia Kazmi](#) 04 February 2024, 20:04

Category: Wellbeing

Days Hours Minutes
264:06:23
REMAINING

As being a class and department representative and Student Voice member all for years I've had many complaints about this. For example if someone just happens to have a severe fever on exam day or many many many other unfortunate examples like this then they don't have to wait till august to do the exam n pay extra for accommodation or flights ect or graduate late. I understand it means the teachers need to make another back up exam paper for these students but as a "uni for the common good" we should make the first step in this



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Paint library bridge

by [Anonymous](#) 04 February 2024, 20:05

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Days Hours Minutes
264:06:45
REMAINING

The library bridge is something from a horror movie with all the ancient paint n the creaking like it's gonna fall any second



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