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Recommendation(s)	Information		Discussion		Approval	X										
	<p><b><i>Any member can ask a question by raising their voting card and being recognised by the Chair to speak.</i></b></p> <p>Student Voice is asked <b>to discuss and decide</b> whether to approve Ideas.</p>															
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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](http://www.GCUstudents.co.uk/ideas).



## Investing into the GCU Campus

by **RAIYAN MEHMOOD** 02 October 2022, 21:00

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Days 140: Hours 12: Minutes 50  
REMAINING

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.

## COMMENTS



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

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.



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

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.



**RYAN BROWN** wrote, 04-12-2022 - 21:28

100%. Our campus has so much potential to appear and feel better for students, some elements such as toilets, paint work, lecture seating and so on are just not up to standard, investment should be of upmost importance.



## Access to Specialist labs during weekends

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

Category: Learning and Teaching

Days Hours Minutes  
140:12:52

REMAINING

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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### COMMENTS



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

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  
140:12:47

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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## Take down triggering posters for "Erase the Grey" campaign

Days 140: Hours 12: Minutes 39  
REMAINING

by [Anonymous](#) 29 November 2022, 13:20  
Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

I would like to raise some concerns I have with the Erase The Grey campaign banners and posters that are plastered all over campus. Although I see that you are attempting to show solidarity with victims of sexual assault, in actuality all you are achieving is constantly reminding anyone who had been sexually assaulted that they are victims, they were ignored and more specifically what people have said or they have said surrounding the offense.

At the end of the day, banners and posters aren't going to stop rapists or abusers, it is a very superficial campaign and it is clear the main purpose is showing the public and other universities that you are doing the "16 days of activism against gender based violence". Victims of sexual assault or abuse get absolutely nothing from these triggering posters except from bringing back up buried feelings. Things they weren't going to be thinking about on their way to class first thing in the morning or sitting in the canteen trying to enjoy lunch. These posters alone have caused me panic attacks, affected my study for the day and my mood for that day in general.

If you are trying to make actual change that may actually benefit victims of abuse or sexual assault, here are some suggestions that would be a valuable investment of your money: counselling made more available (more counsellors, reduce waiting list and offer more than only 6 sessions), offer courses for women's personal safety, free frequent women's self-defence classes, not just a token thing in "16 days". You could also make sports clubs/societies take consent workshops. Something that would really show support is making sexual assault a consequential action in university by suspending or expelling perpetrators. These changes would show that you really do stand with victims of abuse/sexual assault on more than just a material level by supporting them, showing consequence for perpetrators and proving, through action, that this behaviour is not accepted in the university.

Please take into consideration that these posters are making your students uncomfortable and are harmful for the people you put them up to benefit, the main impact they have is negatively impacting on and triggering victims. If the university would like to show its support, I understand the campaign is impactful, therefore it would be acceptable to show this campaign ONLY during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence unlike the 3 months that the campaign ran for last year which made coming to university a difficult experience.



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## Accepting Cash Payments

Days 212: Hours 10: Minutes 36  
REMAINING

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

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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## 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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### COMMENTS



**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.

[Report Abuse](#)



## Inter trimester Break

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

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Days Hours Minutes  
141:08:31  
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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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### COMMENTS



**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.



## More GCU merch and hoodies

Days 141: Hours 08: Minutes 30  
REMAINING

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

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

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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### COMMENTS



**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.



## 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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