

Committee Title	Student Voice					
Date of Meeting	Monday 8 th April 2024					
Item Number and Title/Subject	Ideas					
Paper Presenter	Chair of Student Voice					
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	There are fifteen Ideas eligible for discussion by Student Voice.					
	Idea		Likes		Dislikes	
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	Keep Wednesday Free for Sports Day		52		1	
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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 consideration/approval at this meeting?	<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.GCUsStudents.co.uk/ideas.</p>					
If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.						



Remove Starbucks From Our Campus

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

Category: Catering

Days 211:07:37
Hours Minutes
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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COMMENTS



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 ☹️☹️☹️



More Funding for Sports

Days 211: Hours 07: Minutes 53
REMAINING

by [Katie Duncan](#) 12 March 2024, 14:31

Category: Sports

The idea I would like to put forward is for more funding for sports at GCU. This includes, sports and gym facilities, equipment, and GCU sports clubs. When compared to other universities in Glasgow, it is clear that GCU lacks in the sports department, with little funding for clubs and lower quality facilities.

With extra funding, the sports and gym facilities could be greatly improved, encouraging new and existing students to become members and join sports clubs at the university. Studies have shown that when students are involved in sport at their school they have higher retention rates and better grades. It is also widely acknowledged that being involved in university sports makes people feel like they are a part of the university and will improve students wellbeing, social skills as well as their mental and physical health.

Not only is this beneficial to GCU students but it could greatly impact the university as well! Research has shown that when universities invest in sports, it promotes enrollment due to a good sporting reputation, helps get national exposure and sponsorships, and it can create a better relationship with alumni as there will be more opportunity for sporting engagement. Students would spend more time on campus and feel more engaged in student life, this could be very profitable for the university.

If you agree, please like and share! Thank you.

Links: <https://athleticdirector.com/articles/athletics-in-the-higher-education-philanthropic-ecosystem/#:~:text=Research%20has%20shown%20that%20athletics,by%20providing%20numerous%20engagement%20opportunities>.

<https://www.stir.ac.uk/student-life/sport-at-stirling/student-sport-and-wellbeing/#:~:text=Being%20active%20at%20University%20can,included%20in%20the%20university%20community>.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9737165/>

[https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1558866119840466#:~:text=The%20high%20retention%20rate%20among,was%20much%20lower%20\(76.79%25\)](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1558866119840466#:~:text=The%20high%20retention%20rate%20among,was%20much%20lower%20(76.79%25)).



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Keep Wednesdays Free for Sports Day

Days 211: Hours 07: Minutes 49
REMAINING

by [Katie Duncan](#) 18 March 2024, 13:04

Category: Sports

Many students at GCU have classes scheduled on Wednesday afternoons, even though Wednesdays are when BUCS and Cup games are held for sports. I would like to put forward the idea that Wednesdays be kept free for all students so that the students who are involved in sports clubs can participate in sporting events held on this day. Many universities in Scotland have already adopted this idea and it would be good to see GCU get on board and encourage students to get involved in sports.



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Extend canteen times

Days 209: Hours 11: Minutes 24
REMAINING

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

Category: Catering

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 run 9-5pm straight and the canteen closes after 5 or even earlier.



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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
209:11:26
REMAINING

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



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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!!!



Stop the Promotion/Association with Barclays Bank

Days 211 : Hours 09 : Minutes 40
REMAINING

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

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

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".

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.



Have microwave n kettles in library

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

Category: Catering

Days 211: Hours 07: Minutes 48
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 noodles ice cold again



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Rachel Crowell wrote, 20-03-2024 - 14:38

There is two microwaves in the student association and a hot water tap in the student association that to go to outside of opening hours you have to get your student id activated at the security office.....whats that? you DO mind having to walk from the library all the way to the student association, a dark isolated almost empty building and back again most often while its raining? There is a kettle in the post graduate room, which undergrads cannot use. Its a joke.



Control Faith n Belief Centre heating

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

Category: Wellbeing

Days 264: Hours 06: Minutes 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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Fix hot tap water in library

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

Category: Wellbeing

Days 211: Hours 07: Minutes 45
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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Rachel Crowell wrote, 20-03-2024 - 14:40

Yes this is so basic, but would be so helpful to people who study in the library all day and night who need hot water outside of cafe hours. This is a definite, basic request. Leave the microwaves, just give us the water!



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.



Paint library bridge

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

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

Days 264 : Hours 06 : Minutes 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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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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Student homeware sale

by [Sofia Congradyova](#) 05 October 2023, 10:45

Category: Accommodation

Days 211: Hours 07: Minutes 43
REMAINING

Most people who have lived in student accommodation will have seen the amount of things being thrown away at the end of each academic year as students move out of their accommodation. Student accommodations require students to empty their flats completely when they leave. This includes things like plates, cutlery, baskets, pots, hangers etc. Private student accommodations also sell boxes with these things as "starter packs", knowing that especially international students will not have the option of bringing these items from home. This accommodation procedure creates huge amounts of waste (that is often not being recycled), promotes waste of resources and requires students to spend a lot of money on purchasing new homeware.

As a university that is committed to the sustainable development goals as well as the common good, I suggest to organise a yearly sale of homeware to promote a responsible use of resources and allow students to purchase items for a lower price.



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