

Committee Title	Student Voice					
Date of Meeting	23 rd October 2017					
Item Number and Title/Subject	Standing Orders					
Paper Presenter	Jonnie England, Chair of Student Voice					
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	<p>Any Idea (otherwise known as motions) passed becomes the policy of GCU Students' Association for five years unless overturned by a future Idea. After five years the policy will lapse unless brought forward as a new motion.</p> <p>The Standing Policy document outlines current progress with each Idea.</p> <p>The Ideas (motions) from 2012/13 are no longer policy unless a member brings forward a new Idea.</p>					
Recommendation(s)	Information		Discussion	X	Approval	
	<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 note the current Standing Policy.</p>					
Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Executive Committee					
Staff/Student Protocol	Yes	X	No		N/A	
Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?	All previous Ideas (motions) have involved consultation with staff.					
Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting?	No					
If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.	The Standing Policy is made available to members and stakeholders on the Students' Association website.					

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2016/17		
1 st Meeting	17 th October 2016	
Have outdoor speakers around campus for events such as Open Days and Freshers.	<p>Whilst working at the GCU Open Day recently, the Student Association had a gazebo playing music. In the immediate area surrounding the gazebo, there was a good atmosphere. However, around the rest of the campus, it was very quiet, and it felt like something was missing after the vibrant area where the gazebo was.</p> <p>I propose that we have an outdoor sound system setup around the main outdoor areas at the University (the main "street", and outside the Santander bank/Arc) to allow music to be played throughout campus at such events as the Open Days and Fresher's.</p>	We are working on it
Membership Expansion of Student Equality and Diversity Committee	<p>Equality, diversity and inclusiveness is at the heart of everything we do at GCU Students' Association and, as Chair of the Equality and Diversity Committee, I believe that we should expand the membership. Currently, the membership of the group consists of all Liberation Officers, one Student Carer and the International Students' Officer. I feel that we should increase the membership to include four extra 'Equality and Diversity Champions', to ensure that we reflect all of the amazing work that our student groups do. These committee meetings take place four times a year, twice per trimester, and last no more than two hours each.</p> <p>I first of all feel that it would be extremely beneficial to have an Equality and Diversity Champion on both Sports Council and Societies Council. This responsibility would be in addition to their current role and would involve ensuring that equality and diversity is considered at all Sports Council and Societies Council meetings, i.e. a standing agenda point discussing the equality and diversity of our clubs and societies/any issues that have arisen. These Equality and</p>	We are working on it

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	<p>Diversity Champions will attend the Equality and Diversity Committees and will update the committee on any points raised at these Councils that concern equality and diversity. If approved, these Equality and Diversity Champions will be nominated and elected at the next Sports Council and Societies Council meetings.</p> <p>I then believe we should have two Student Voice spaces to become Equality and Diversity Champions, and these will be nominated and elected at Student Voice. These positions are open to any members of Student Voice who have an interest in equality and diversity and it would involve reporting any issues or ideas from the student body concerning equality, diversity and inclusiveness to the Equality and Diversity Committees.</p> <p>The exact remit of the Equality and Diversity Committee, as stated in the 'GCU Students' Association By-Laws' is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Equality and Diversity Committee is responsible for developing equality and diversity policy subject to the approval of Student Voice b) Responsible for campaigning for matters relating to equality and diversity that supports members' needs c) Four statutory meetings will be held throughout the academic sessions; two in each trimester 	
Social Learning Space	Social Learning Space (NH008) can be booked between 1pm - 8pm, during Trimester 1 and 2, and 9am -5pm, during Trimester 3, for Student Groups.	We changed it
Taught Postgraduate Student Reps	The model consists of three PGT School Officers (one per Glasgow	We changed it

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	academic school). This new model would replace the current model which consists of one PGT Student Officer for the university.	
2nd Meeting	14th November 2016	
SAGE (Student Action Group on Engagement) Terms of Reference	Terms of Reference will help explain what the purpose of SAGE is; what the remit is; the frequency of meetings; and membership.	We changed it
Ethnic Minority Students' Group – change of name	The Ethnic Minority Students' Group has voted to change its name and the name of the associated officer role from 'Ethnic Minority Students' to 'Black or Minority Ethnic' as this was more in keeping with the language used in NUS and other students' associations.	We changed it
Class rep printing resources	<p>As a class rep, information, ideas and feedback from the class is integral to the role. For the last two years I have mainly collected this feedback by introducing myself to the class and explaining that the SSCG meeting is upon us. In order to get the most structured and appropriate feedback I have handed out sheets of A5 paper with the headings used in the SSCG (the learning experience headings). This ensures that the class understand what is within the capabilities of the class rep and gives them a range of topics to relate to, for both positive and negative feedback. I am personally happy to print these out for my class at home as my costs are minimal, but this is not the case for all class reps, who perhaps would have to spend their university printer credits to help fulfil their voluntary duties.</p> <p>I suggest that an A5 template be created in the learning experience model and that printing costs of this to be covered by the students association. Class reps would be and to request an appropriate number of forms on the GCU students website via class reps/volunteer resources to be picked up within an appropriate printing time scale.</p> <p>One argument i anticipate against this proposal is the concern of</p>	We are working on it

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	<p>sustainability, however, in past experience online surveys have never generated as significant a response. By getting the attention of the whole class at the beginning of a lecture and collecting the forms at the end creates a higher level of engagement and stronger evidence towards the positive and negative learning experiences. As a class rep trainer, many people have suggested the use of post it notes or suggestion boxes, so written solutions are a popular feedback mechanism so paper would still be getting used regardless. The new SA policy on using recycled paper ensures a more sustainable resource than the paper many students may use at home, therefore reducing the carbon footprint of the individual.</p>	
Encourage students to write to local MPs about Brexit	<p>Last week the high court ruled that the parliament needs to have a say in brexit. Making now the discussion more open in what brexit means, and just brexit = brexit.</p> <p>The FTOs + volunteers should hold a small campaign to push and help students to write to their MPs with their concerns.</p> <p>Currently we have a big community at GCU of EU students, and quite an intake on 1st and 2nd year students, and possible future students who might want to understage Erasmus+ programs while studying here.</p> <p>Currently we are in a good position to start lobbying our local MPs in fighting the case for the rights of European students to stay here after their studies, and secure our place in Erasmus+ programmes, to name just a few things that will impact us.</p> <p>An idea is to help students by writing a template for them and help them to find out how to get in touch/where to send their letter to,</p>	We are working on it

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	so once the debates start, our MPs will have the interest of our students at heart.	
University Assessment Regulations	Members raised concern about a change to the university assessment regulation which members felt make university exams harder. The change in question is that previously when students were asked to choose to answer only some questions in an exam paper e.g. 'choose five from seven', then all questions they attempted would be marked and their best attempts up to the required number would be counted. In the update to the regulations, if the student has not indicated which questions make up their submission of the required number of questions then markers are to mark the required number of questions in the order they are attempted and no more beyond this point e.g. if the student had attempted all seven questions and has not indicated which five are to count as their answers for the exam then the marker will mark their first five answers as they appear on the exam script.	We are working on it
3rd Meeting	13th February 2017	
Liberation Groups and Societies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liberation groups should be able to decide on a year by year basis if they will accept allies as members or remain for self-defining students. Each liberation group decide this and inform the Representation and Advice department for information. Liberation groups should be made more aware that they can run social events as well as campaigning as it is clear this is not well communicated at present. Due to NUS affiliation, only self-defining students are able to attend NUS UK and NUS Scotland liberation conferences. This will be co-ordinated by each liberation officer and delegate information will be passed to the Representation 	We changed it

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	<p>and Advice department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding models should be made clearer so groups know what they can access. Each liberation group should have their own account but can seek additional funds through the Campaigns Fund. The current FTO Champion model should continue. Liberation should sit within Representation as this is standard for the sector. There should be one group per liberation movement as duality could be confusing for students and that staff support can be easily identified. [ie there will not be liberation societies] Liberation Officer training should be updated to reflect these recommendations. 	
GCU Community Partnership Agreement	GCU Community Partnership Agreement which outlines how the community of GCU staff and students will work together.	We changed it
Students' Association should stock more GCU branded clothing especially ties	<p>GCU suffers from a lack of pride and attachment to it's brand and identity.</p> <p>Glasgow and Strathclyde students wear their schools colours and clothing and are easily identifiable when out and about. This is a direction GCU should be moving towards, items like GCU branded shirts and ties are not readily available, rectifying this would be a small step in the right direction of getting people to associate with the GCU brand.</p>	We are working on it
Look into the repurposing of advertisement boards in the SA to benefit sports, societies and media	Within the Students' Association Building, in particular the toilets, there are snap frame advertisement boards that have very out of date advertisements that don't seem to have changed since 2012. I propose that we open these boards up to our societies, sports teams and media groups to use to advertise their group and/or events. I	We changed it

	think this will provide more exposure to student groups and their events which will increase the engagement and success of the groups who take advantage of this advertising space.	
4th Meeting	20th March 2017	
Student Trustees Term	When Student Trustees are appointed their term will be for up to two years (providing that they remain a student for this period of time).	We changed it
Create a liberation group around mental health	Basically, my idea is to create a new Liberation Group centred around people with mental health disorders/conditions and creating an environment where they can come together to discuss how this effects their student experience and come up with actionable ideas to help them get the most out of their student experience.	We are working on it

2015/16		
1 st Meeting	16 th October 2015	
Radio Caley Logo	Radio Caley submitted the new logo to Student Voice for approval.	We changed it
2 nd Meeting	23 rd November 2015	
GCU Visual	Approval by Student Voice for the creation of GCU Visual Group.	We are working on it
Campaigns Toolkit	Approval of the Campaigns Toolkit.	We changed it
Update Society Regulations to Allow Financial Autonomy	Currently the student's association regulations do not allow for full financial autonomy by students when running a society. As the university values innovation and entrepreneurship this does not seem right. The regulations should be changed to allow for societies who wish to operate in a sustainable manner and to be allowed the framework and tools to do so. This would include either full access to a SA regulated bank account, with online banking, a debit card and ability for standing orders or there should be a framework in place to allow societies to have external bank accounts, as many other universities do.	Rejected. This is not permissible within the Financial Policy and Procedures.
Proper Students Union Bar	Mandate the Full Time Officers to work with Encore to further develop a student bar in the Bistro.	We changed it
Student Groups Requesting Extended Bar Opening Times	That student groups can request Encore open the bar for events which stay on beyond their normal hours, up until midnight.	We changed it
Encore Food Offering	Encore to have a new variety of street food available.	We changed it
More Student Employment on Campus	Increase the employment of students on campus.	We changed it
Ban 90 Day Password Change	Lobby GCU for longer period before GCU password change and/or more advanced notice of password changes.	We are working on it
Graduation Fees	Graduation fees cost £45 at Glasgow Caledonian University whether you attend the ceremony or graduate "in absentia" (not attending a ceremony). Other universities are cheaper to graduate in absentia, for example Napier University costs £35 to graduate in absentia. Some international students are not able to attend their graduation	We are working on it

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	and have to pay the £45.00 fee. Members agreed that students should pay less or not pay any fee at all if they do not attend their graduation ceremony.	
3rd Meeting	15th February 2016	
Request to allow PC Xbox PS Online Gaming through GCU Network	Being able to use Xbox Live, PlayStation Network and Online PC gaming would be good to have to help students relax, play games and chill. Currently the system is blocked by the network administrators for security reasons and with no reason being given to the students.	We are working on it
Minimum Time Period Between Exams	To work on having a at least a two day gap between exams.	We are working on it
Microwave in the Students' Association	Microwave made available for students to heat food up.	Rejected. Health and Safety concerns raised by GCU Estates Management. Previous microwave exploded as metal was put in microwave.
4th Meeting	21st March 2016	
Have the parking validation moved back to Saltire Centre	The parking validation machine is based in the Security office and there is one in the Govan Mbeki building. The parking validation machine stamps the parking ticket so you can park for £6.50 for the whole day rather than the hourly rate. The idea submitted is asking for the parking validation machine to be moved back into the Saltire Centre where it was based previously.	We are working on it
Better temperature regulation in the university	Currently almost every lecture room seems to be in a constant state of being uncomfortably warm. This leads to problems such as students trying not to fall asleep due to the heat and coming in from the outdoors where the weather is colder could affect student health and make students susceptible to illnesses etc. The temperature varies across the university and some rooms have a temperature gauge and some don't.	We are working on it
Student Voice Reform Paper	The new model can only work if the conditions are correct and processes have been followed properly, as such as to implement this	Rejected. The Trustee Board did not allocate funding for proposed model and



	<p>model the following is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trustee Board have considered and approved all resource implications including money and staff time • A process is agreed with the university that allows the efficient selection of jury members • Student Voice votes early in 2016/17 to approve a new Constitution, Schedules and By-Laws • The membership approves the new model through a referendum in 2016/17. 	<p>no political appetite from Executive Committee to take this forward. A full Democracy Review is planned by The Bigger Plan 2020 (strategic plan).</p>
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2014/15		
1 st Meeting	27 th October 2014	
A New Way of electing Full Time Officers	New model of Student President and Vice Presidents for each of the three academic schools. Candidate with most votes would be elected Student President. Policy areas would be negotiated.	We changed it.
Gender and Sexuality Safe Space	Gender and Sexuality Safe Space created within Students' Association Building	We changed it. Originally NH219 and moved to NH205.
Food Bank	Create Food Bank collection point within Students' Association Building.	We changed it. Originally ad hoc group and now society.
Renaming 'LGBT' as 'LGBT+'	All references will be changed from LGBT to LGBT+.	We changed it. Revised in Bye-laws.
Radio Caley Values and Responsibilities	Radio Caley's Values and Responsibilities.	We changed it.
Social Learning Space	Creation of the Social Learning Space on Level 0 of Students' Association Building. Space cannot be booked.	Completed. This Idea was overturned on 17th October 2016.
Societies Funding Process	Societies funding model should be reviewed.	We changed it. This was tackled within Society Policy updates.
Trustee Board Composition	Additional Student Trustee place on Trustee Board.	We changed it.
2 nd Meeting	24 th November 2014	
No ideas		
3 rd Meeting	2 nd March 2015	
Gender Balance on Student Voice	The demographic of GCU students is made up of 60% women and 40% men. However, women are continually underrepresented in student politics. The Idea submitted would wish to further this move for greater diversity in student politics by gender balancing Student Voice. This would be built upon by instating a gender balance over all for Student Voice. The 29 elected positions would remain, regardless of gender. However, the open spaces would compensate where possible to achieve a gender balanced Student Voice. This would work by modifying the gender ratio of the open places to create an overall gender balance for Student Voice.	We changed it.

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Student Media Space	A proposal for the desks in the corner of the Students' Association, upstairs, to become the official base in the Students' Association for The Edit magazine.	We changed it.
Candidate Resignations	Following the implementation of the new Full Time Officer Elections model, the Trustee Board have discussed what should happen in the event that a winning candidate resigns after the election results are announced. The recommendation of the Trustee Board is that for a period of four weeks after the results are announced, that if a winning candidate resigns then the vacancy is filled by the highest ranked losing candidates. After this four week period has elapsed, vacancies would be filled by by-elections as is currently the case.	We changed it
4th Meeting	30th March 2014	
Accreditation Awards for Sports Clubs & Societies	The Accreditation Award is an annual programme designed to help each committee to work collectively towards a goal and at the same time develop any society or sports club that participates. Taking part is not compulsory but it provides the framework to be proactive in developing a club or society for the future and improve the experiences of the members. The award is on three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold, which members can decide what level to aim for.	We changed it.
Housing Strategy for GCU	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student Voice is opposed to increases in the cost of rent on all university owned accommodation. 2. Student Voice is in favour of the development of a Glasgow student housing cooperative. 3. Student Voice will sign up to the Living Rent campaign, which seeks to lobby government to institute rent controls; preventing land lords from increasing rent above a rate which is reasonable for tenants, but is still profitable and doesn't damage the viability of the industry. 	We are working on it
Constitutional Update – Chief Executive Role Title	To update from General Manager to Chief Executive within Constitution and the Schedules.	We changed it.

2013/14		
Meeting 1	24th October 2013	
Students' Association Position on Industrial Action	In recognition that paying academic staff fairly is in the best interests of students, the Students' Association's Executive Committee propose supporting the proposed industrial action scheduled to take place on the 31 st of October.	Completed.
Non-alcoholic drinks option at all Students' Association events	At all events either run or supported by the Students' Association at which alcohol is sold or served there must be a soft drink alternative available.	We changed it.
Restructuring the Wellbeing Committee as the Equality & Diversity Committee	Last year, a Wellbeing Committee was created within the By-laws of the Students' Association to serve a purpose for wellbeing related issues similar to what the Education does for academic matters. However, upon reflection over the summer months and by examining practice elsewhere in the sector, it is apparent that what is actually required is an Equality & Diversity Committee.	We changed it.
Meeting 2	24th November 2013	
Appointing Student Trustees	Proposal to appointing Student Trustees to Trustee Board rather than by election. Selection would be through the Trustee Board Appointments Committee.	We changed it.
Indicative Referendum on Scottish Independence	The Full time Officers confirmed that that main purpose of this referendum was to provide students with information on registering to vote and also provide a platform for information and debate from both sides in the Independence issue.	Completed.
Referendum on Industrial Action	Students' Association to support Industrial Action on 3 rd December 2013.	Completed.
Gender Neutral Toilets	Lobby the University to include Gender Neutral Toilets in the Heart of Campus development.	We changed it
Oppose Sexual Objectification in Pub & Nightclub Advertising	Organise a petition to publicly object to this type of marketing and lobby pubs & clubs as well as local and national government to help end this type of exploitation.	We are working on it



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Meeting 3	27 th February 2014	
Right to Education Campaign Affiliation Policy	<p>Last year the Students' Association held a referendum on whether or not to support the Right to Education Campaign, a campaign which supports the rights of Palestinian students, teachers and educational institutions. The outcome of this referendum was in favour of supporting the campaign. A policy has been sent to Student Voice for approval that would set out what actions the Students' Association will undertake in support of the Right to Education Campaign.</p> <p>The main proposition within the policy would be for GCUSA to actively promote the campaign during the Right to Education Week which would include communication with staff and students and flying the Palestinian flag outside of the Students' Association. There would also be information about the campaign added to the Students' Association website.</p>	We are working on it
Changes to Referendum Procedure	That the requirement to obtain 250 signatures in order for a referendum to be held is unduly high and propose to lower it to 100 to make it easier for students to have referenda held on subjects which are important to them. In order to make sure that this process is not abused and that legitimate decisions are made by referenda, it is also proposed that a quota of 500 imposed as a minimum turnout below which the decisions would not be binding.	We changed it.
Bringing back Ethical & Environmental Officer and Committee	Until two years ago, the Students' Association had an E&E Officer and an E&E Committee to help direct the campaigning work of the Students' Association in this area. Student Voice voted at the time to remove this as they were not thought to be effective by the Executive Committee at the time. This Idea is to bring back this role and committee as the current Executive believe that these can greatly aid the work of the Students' Association.	We changed it.

	By having a student-led Ethical & Environmental Campaign and extending decision making outside of the Executive Committee, we believe that we can engage a wider range of students in our E&E work and allow students to play a larger role in shaping the direction of the campaign. Using existing rules within the By-laws, an ad hoc E&E Committee has been set up this year and has been attended by interested students demonstrating there is appetite for this. Furthermore, the National Union of Students Green Impact project recommends having these as good practice.	
Meeting 4	27th March 2014	
Changes to Full Time Officer Remits	Update Full Time Officer remits within Bye-Laws.	Completed. This Idea was replaced on 27th October 2014.
Changes to Student Trustee Regulations	Remove requirement that student trustees cannot hold 'any Office Bearing position within the Students' Association'.	We changed it.
Recording of Student Voice	Pilot recording of Student Voice within 2014/15 by Radio Caley.	Completed.
Sexual Health Clinic on Campus	Lobby GCU to provide a sexual health clinic for students on campus.	We are working on it
Expanding Advice Centre Services	Investigate the expansion of the Advice Centre.	We are working on it
Gender Balance on Student Voice and NUS Delegations	Idea is to introduce gender balance for all NUS Scotland and UK Conference delegations and across the ordinary members of Student Voice.	We changed it.
Improvement to the By-Laws	Remove the INTO Students' Officer, Halls Officer, merge the roles of Mature and Part-time Students Officers to create a Mature & Part-time Students Officer and replace the Research Postgraduate Students Officer role with three Postgraduate Research Experience Representatives.	We changed it.

2012/13		
Meeting 1	3rd October 2012	
Student Officer Engagement	20% quota on the Student Officer Time to Engage with students.	We are working on it
Mature Student Induction Pack	There should be an induction pack or pamphlet aimed at mature students coming to GCU.	We changed it.
Rename Student Officer Team	Bye-Law change from Student Officer Team to Executive Committee.	We changed it.
Meeting 2	8th November 2012	
Rename the Sports Executive	To change Sports Executive Committee to Sports Council.	We changed it.
Rename the Societies Executive	To change Societies Executive Committee to Societies Council.	We changed it.
Limit the number of bake sales	Limited to one per club/society per academic year within the Students' Association Building.	We changed it.
GCUSA should 'twin' with University of Bethlehem Student Senate	Executive Committee and Students for Palestine Society to open discussions on twinning with UoBSS.	We are working on it
GCUSA should affiliate with "Right to Education" Campaign	Arrange referendum on supporting "right to education" campaign during February 2013 elections.	We are working on it
Meeting 3	31st January 2013	
Radio Caley evening access	Swipe access for Radio Caley volunteers for access to Radio Studio after hours.	We changed it.
GCU Student Portal	To discuss the concept of the student portal further with students and staff.	We are working on it
Supporting Equal Marriage	Support Equal Marriage for LGBT students.	Legislated changed.
Meeting 4	15th March 2013	
Bar on campus	Campaign for bar on campus.	We changed it.
Portfolio refresh consultation	To lobby the University to undertake an open and extensive consultation process on long thin modules.	We are working on it
Changes to Students' Association By-laws	Various proposals.	We changed it.