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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.GCUstudents.co.uk/ideas.</p>																										
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Get rid of all single use plastics and styrofoams on campus

by [Tze Yeng Ng](#) 29 March 2019, 05:30

Category: Catering

Voting closed

There is a shocking amount of single use plastics in the catering services. We have watched enough documentaries on how plastics and styrofoams are (1) not properly recycled and dumped in other countries (2) animals are dying from it (3) our bodies are invaded by microplastics. Please remove all single use plastics on campus. (1) replace it with biodegradable options - eg, wooden spoons and forks. If it issue is cost, then pray, tell, what is the price tag to life and the earth? (2) remove all plastic water bottles sales from campus and highlight the availability of water coolers (3) promote the selling of fresh fruit instead of crisps/breakfast bars that come with loads of packaging. (4) more vegetarian options on the menu.

Let's do this so we can walk the talk of promoting the "common good".



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LIKES



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DISLIKES



Referencing, report and essay writing.

by [David Grimm](#) 27 September 2019, 00:11

Category: Learning and Teaching

Voting closed

Hello all, I am David, the new care experienced officer. pleasure to meet you even if electronically. Through discussion with other liberation group officers, the issue of essay writing came up, and how if a student is unaware of how to write in an academic matter then all responsibility to seek help is placed upon them and they are left to attend the LDC - an amazing service - should they feel confident enough.

I am proposing that every student at the start of whichever year they are attending, the student will be given a class/mini-seminar on what their school is looking for with respect to referencing, how to write academically and what an academic essay may look like for example. This would be applicable to all students respective of age and stage of the study.

The hope is that this may empower students to feel empowered from their initial interactions with the university. Please do vote and let me know your thoughts. Thank You. David Grimm



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LIKES



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COMMENTS



[Mark Alexander Green](#) wrote, 14-10-2019 - 10:44

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It would be good if there was a standard format that was given for essays, dissertations etc allowing students to use it for set up rather than losing marks for not correct format. Also all 1st year students should be offered microsoft(other softwares are available) help. It is wrong to assume that all students know how to use MS word , excel etc, especially the shortcuts. I have seen 3rd+4th year students that don't know how to set up the auto format function how to align text etc. We just assume that everyone nowadays is tech savvy and that isn't the case (except for Xbox and PS4)



ARC Gym - Weightlifting Equipment

by [Jamie Robertson](#) 18 October 2019, 21:06
Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

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The weightlifting room in the ARC gym is in dire need of some new equipment, specifically one of the benches is in a terrible condition which I have linked a picture below.

Ideally bigger dumbbells as they currently only go to 44kg, ideally have pairs up to 50/60kg and a few more dumbbells

I know that weightlifting room probably isn't as popular as upstairs but a new bench at the minimum should be realistic for the uni to purchase.

<https://imgur.com/a/RKkyhOJ> - Bench Pic

COMMENTS



Maurice McDowall wrote, 21-10-2019 - 11:38

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I think the gym would also benefit from racks that organise the Dumbbells from the lightest weight to the heaviest. At the moment Dumbbells are randomly placed on the racks, that's if people even bother to return them to the rack in the first place.

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Gareth Cochrane wrote, 21-10-2019 - 18:38

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A few things that the downstairs part of the gym could benefit from are new bars. Currently the knurling on the bars is so worn down with use that it has become smooth and provide no grip. Currently as well there is no set place to put any of the weights back, it feels like it follows a policy of 'where there is a space, then you place.' Now for the more underused weights its not as bad as they dont move around much, however for the more common used ones it can be a bit of a hunt to find them.

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Let's get wildflowers on campus.

by [David Grimm](#) 19 October 2019, 18:02

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

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This idea has reached the minimum threshold of 10 likes and will be going to Student Voice on the 25th November 2019.

Since starting on campus I have seen flowers near the main entrance but have failed to see any others around the grounds, I believe that by growing wildflowers on the grounds it will have a positive impact on the majority of the student body, even if it's a subliminal impact.

Tying into the universities attempts at being more green, wildflowers will increase the population of pollinator insects and promote growth of ecosystems.

And obviously plants allow for a more oxygen rich environment and they look pretty which are all positives.

I think we should have various flowers, scattered across campus - and all campuses where possible - but particularly on glasgow grounds, to try and help both the environment and students mental wellbeing.

David Grimm



Prayer spaces in each building on campus

by [Sumaya Mughal](#) 11 November 2019, 14:10

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

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As a muslim girl, prayer is a significant part of my life and is required in Islam to be done 5 times a day at certain times of the day. This can include times that i am in class. Whilst i am in class, many times i have had to rush out of the building and to the faith and belief which can take a considerable amount of time, to then pray and rush back so that i dont miss too much in classes/lectures. to solve this, I have the idea of having prayer spaces (which can include a free room) for males and female separate in each building in campus as it would allow muslims like me across campus to be able to pray on time and at the same time minimise the effect it has on our education and missing class time.



More food bins on campus!!

by [Sophie Christine Robinson](#) 13 November 2019, 22:24

Category: Glasgow Caledonian University

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I have come to the realisation that GCU has almost no facilities in the form of food waste bins for students to use around campus. I have walked around campus, consulted with other students and student societies and all agreed that there are very lacking food waste disposal facilities on GCU. I am proposing a motion to push for a drive to increase the number of food waste bins available that students can use on campus.

Upon inspection the only food bins on campus are in the refectory (only 2 bins within close proximity to each other), there aren't even any in the learning café, recharge cafe or the Re;union bar. Unbelievable for the effort GCU has in sustainability. The amount of wasted food that is improperly disposed of on GCU because there are no food bins to put it in will surely affect the campuses green status and environmental impact. The simple and inexpensive fix of more bins could be put in place to remedy the problem easily and effectively, particularly because the disposal facility of the food waste must already be in place due to the 2 existing food bins in the refectory.

