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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>																										
If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.																											



Plant-based Canteen Drive

by [Rory Harte](#) 13 March 2019, 16:01

Category: Catering

Voting closed

This idea is to create an open discussion about the environmental impact animal products sold from the canteen. What steps can be taken to promote a plant-based diet within the canteen.



20

LIKES



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DISLIKES

COMMENTS



Ramzy Ihab Mahmoud Abou-Zeid wrote, 22-08-2019 - 15:13

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Hey Rory. While I think it's a great idea to try and reduce your environmental impact, I think more clarification on your point would be helpful. For instance, do you mean completely remove meat from the canteen menu, or simply make more meat alternatives available, for example Quorn. Or do you mean making plant-based foods cheaper in the canteen. This is a great idea, but I think that people are misreading it as you trying to force them to give up meat in favour of plant-based protein, which I think is what's making people dislike your post. I know that's how I read the first time round. In summary, I think just clarify your point better - it comes across as a bit totalitarian at first glance. I'm not going to upvote this yet, as I'm not 100% sure what you actually want.

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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

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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



4 "period related non attendance day" per month for women

by [Gaia Argiolas](#) 13 September 2019, 14:32

Category: Wellbeing

Voting closed

Many courses at university have compulsory attendance. However, women are disadvantaged because they will miss on average 4 days a month because of intense pain/ discomfort/illness related to their periods. I think that if this university promotes gender equality it should also promote 4 days a month where women can miss their compulsory lectures/labs/tutorials without being penalised as men do not have such an issue and have an advantage on this matter.



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LIKES



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DISLIKES



Mature Student Room

by [Susan Docherty](#) 15 September 2019, 14:54

Category: Representation

Voting closed

Hi all, when I ran as FTO I had on my manifesto that I would try to get provision of a Mature student space where mature students could come together and meet each other, network and do some course work.

I have spoken to a lot of mature students regarding this in my time as Mature and Part time student officer who were all really keen on this.

What I need to know from you is, Do you think this is an idea you would be in favour of or not?



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LIKES



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DISLIKES

COMMENTS



[Aileen Jane Hunter](#) wrote, 17-09-2019 - 14:57

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Glasgow and Strathclyde both have areas for mature students, therefore it is plain to see that we are behind with the times!

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[Rupert Wilson](#) wrote, 01-10-2019 - 10:00

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Yes this is a very good idea. I can't speak for all mature students but personally I feel it can be just as uncomfortable for the younger students to have to share spaces with people who they're not sure are students or lectures.

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[Zsafia Zubay](#) wrote, 07-10-2019 - 14:58

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Yay! Defo interested!



Provision of Free Dental Dams

by [Molly Louise Ferguson](#) 25 September 2019, 10:33

Category: Wellbeing

Hi all, As the LGBT+ Liberation Officer I have recently been made aware of the lack of provision of free dental dams on campus. At the moment free condoms can be collected from the Advice Centre, however dental dams are not supplied here or anywhere else on campus. As a liberation group, we feel it is discriminatory for free condoms to be offered but not dental dams. We believe the university should be promoting safe sex within all communities and should be inclusive of the LGBT+ community.

Our aim would be for dental dams to also be made available from the advice centre.

Thanks



19

LIKES



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DISLIKES

Voting closed



Referencing, report and essay writing.

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

Category: Learning and Teaching

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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DISLIKES

Voting closed

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)