

Committee Title	Student Voice					
Date of Meeting	23 rd October 2023					
Item Number and Title/Subject	Standing Policy					
Paper Presenter	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. The Ideas (motions) from 2017/18 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 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					

2022/23		
1st Meeting	24th October 2022	
Library Access before Dissertation Submission	24hour access to the library Monday to Friday as well as increasing the opening hours on Saturday and Sunday to 10pm all year round.	We are working on it
Remove calories from menu	Two separate menus, the standard menu to omit calorie information and the second menu to be available on request as well as a QR code that can provide this information.	We are working on it
Hot water taps and Microwaves	Hot water taps to be installed in student common areas and for microwaves to be available in catering areas on campus, used by staff to heat up student meals.	We are working on it
Free gym memberships to be made available to those that have applied for a discretionary fund, Student Voice members, Class Reps and international students.	Make the gym accessible to benefit physical and mental health, and to alleviate financial concerns during the cost of living crisis in which students may not be able to afford a gym membership or rely on travel to gyms outside of the university.	We are working on it
2nd Meeting	5th December 2022	
Improved Wi-Fi Across all of the GCU Campus	Improved Wi-Fi Across all of the GCU Campus	We are working on it
GCU End Investment in Top Polluters & Reinvest in Climate and Social Justice Solutions	GCU must ensure that indirect investments are being regulated and in-line with the universities ethical and environmental policies and commitment to the common good as opposed to allowing for investment in fossil fuels, the alcohol and tobacco industry and the armaments sector. Furthermore, the university finance department must be held accountable and there must be a change in policy that regulates both direct and indirect investments.	We changed it
Repeal Yearly Approval of	Repeal the motion Yearly Approval of Affiliated Societies which was proposed at Student Voice 4,	We changed it

Affiliated Societies	2021/22 without adequate consultation on the impact this would have on the Societies Council. It was commented that if implemented, this motion renders the Society Council redundant as well as arguably being a breach of non-discriminative policies. Further to this, it would consume a vast amount of Student Voice's time. This policy only seeks to regulate societies, not sports clubs or student media which is not fair.	
Support the Strikes at GCU 2022-23	Student Voice support the strikes at GCU 2022-23	We are working on it
3rd Meeting	20th February 2023	
Free Meal Available to Students	Free meal to be available to all students and staff during opening hours on production of a student card.	We are working on it
Re-evaluate Erase the Grey Campaign	Re-evaluate the Erase the Grey Campaign and provide more awareness of support for GBV survivors during the campaign.	We are working on it
Accepting Cash Payments	Campus outlets to accept cash payments to increase accessibility and support international students transitioning to the UK	We are working on it
Plant Based Milk	Plant based milk to be available on campus at all catering outlets	We changed it
Access to Specialist Labs during Weekends	Specialist labs and equipment should be made available to students that need them and that they would not require a lecturer in attendance	We are working on it
Investing in the GCU Campus	The development of a GCU campus investment strategy to refurbish certain parts of GCU over both long and short-term investments	We changed it
Memorial on Campus	Memorial, for a bench to be placed with a plaque or a tree to be planted in honour of the recent passing of a GCU student as well as recognising all students that the university has lost.	We are working on it
Close GCU New York	Although exact numbers cannot be obtained, it is said that it costs roughly £20 million per year to operate GCU New York for the 100 students that attend. Whilst staff are currently striking for better wages and working conditions as well as students struggling with the ongoing cost of living crisis, it was proposed that the money currently used for GCU New York would be better invested to	We changed it

	alleviate these issues	
4th Meeting	3rd April 2023	
More Plugs that Work	Broken plug points on campus to be fixed	We are working on it
Divergent Study Spaces	Study spaces on campus can be restrictive to those who do not study in a conventional manner especially neurodivergent students. Changes to study areas to incorporate more floor space, sofa's etc. were examples of how space could be further diversified.	We are working on it
Review of Attendance Policy	To lobby the university for a review of the attendance policy with more flexibility granted including consultation with students	We are working on it
Sale of Energy Drinks on Campus	Energy drinks should not be banned from campus	We are working on it
Better security in the library	Increase security in the library with CCTV on all floors and additional security patrols during the evening and late hours	We are working on it
Increase spaces on campus where students can eat and study	Work to increase food outlets on campus, particularly in campus life as well as increase the number of study areas where food is permitted.	We are working on it
Access to self-catering facilities	Students should not have to buy food on campus and should be able to bring their own food to campus to save cost. Microwaves and hot water taps should be made available to students.	We are working on it

2021/22		
1st Meeting	25th October 2021	
Core Textbooks	Core textbooks to be available in GCU Library	We changed it
Streamlining for self-employed students	Streamlined system for self-employed students to submit discretionary and childcare applications	We are working on it
Review of GCU	Review and updating of information on GCU accommodation pages	We are working on it

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Textbook buy back	GCU to buy back textbooks from graduating students	We are working on it
2nd Meeting	6th December 2021	
Consultation on block grant proposals	Full Time Officers to run a student consultation on block grant funding from university before sending budget request/proposal to university	We changed it
Disabled students campaign	Work with Student Disability to run a media campaign about the needs of disabled students and to lobby estates to only allow cars into the disabled parking areas that show blue badges at the barrier	We are working on it
GCU Website	Work with IT to improve the GCU website	We changed it
SHLS flu vaccines	All students within SHLS to be offered flu vaccines regardless of placement	Completed
Extended library hours	Extension of library hours from 7am to 12am and 24hrs during exam periods	We are working on it
Green spaces on campus – access; equipment; promotion	Improvement of green spaces on campus including better access to spaces, better equipment and better promotion	We are working on it
Optional consent module	GCU to have an optional online module on understanding sexual consent and respect for women	We are working on it
3rd Meeting	21st February 2022	
Digital student cards	Lobby for GCU to introduce digital student cards as an option for students	We are working on it
4th Meeting	4th April 2022	
Free passes to Arc for mental health	Wellbeing services to prescribe free passes to the ARC to improve mental health on a case by case basis	We changed it
Re-approving societies yearly	Student Voice to re-approve societies on a yearly basis	Subsequent motion overrides this motion
Re-name the bar	Rename the bar in the Students' Association	Rejected Trustee Board takes the position that the financial cost would be significant

2020/21		
1st Meeting	9th November 2020	

GCU Senate Student Members Composition	One reserved spot for a member who self-defines into a liberation group; one spot reserved for a member who self-defines into a representation group; three open place that any member can stand for in the election.	We changed it
2 nd Meeting	7 th December 2020	
Merchandise	a wider variety of merchandise available, eg sweatshirts, t-shirts, shorts and joggers. we also think it would be great to have options with both the new logo and the coat of arms logo.	We are working on it
GCU Must Seek SA Advance Input On All Future Emails / Other Comms to Students	<p>This idea proposes two policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the university corporately send no further emails to the student body before sharing them with the Full Time Officer who sits on the SRTC Comms Co-ordination Group that all departments do likewise with the appointed student Department Rep for their department <p>...so that they may offer advice on clarity and succinctness of message in the content of the email (or other communication method) before they are sent to students.'</p>	We changed it
Climate Change Training	An embedded in the curriculum module on Climate Change Training for all students and staff that would be accredited, starting the next new term (Tri A, 2020/21). This would include a training on Carbon Literacy and sustainability.	We changed it
Access to Parking	University should look into working in partnership with some of the car parks in the city centre and providing deals for students who are carers.	We are working on it
Request University to Track Student Suicides	Lobby university to track both suicide attempts and suicide cases amongst students (note: does not need to be published publicly but used for internal improvements)	Completed
3 rd Meeting	8 th February 2021	
A daily mile walk	Map out a mile walk around our Glasgow Campus	We are working on it
Representation of Estranged Students	Change Care-Experienced Policy lead remit to include estranged students	We changed it
Basic first-aid kits and medications	Run an awareness campaign on first aid kits and medications on-campus	We changed it
Cheaper foods or make it worth	Campaign to reduce the cost of food on-campus or to raise the quality of food provided at the current price.	We changed it

4th Meeting	22nd March 2021	
A GCU Official Facebook page for students to buy and sell course books	Set up an Official Facebook Group for students to buy and sell course books	We are working on it
Lockers on the Ground Floor of Library/Saltire Centre	Lobby the university to provide some lockers on the ground floor of the library	We are working on it
2019/20		
1st Meeting	28th October 2019	
Plant based canteen drive	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.	We changed it
Mature Student Room	<p>Campaign the university for the provision of a Mature student space where mature students could come together and meet each other, network and do some course work.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What I need to know from you is, Do you think this is an idea you would be in favour of or not?</p>	We changed it
Provision of Free Dental Dams	<p>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.</p> <p>Our aim would be for dental dams to also be made available from the advice centre.</p>	We changed it

Extending locker rental period for post-graduate students	For many Postgraduate students the locker return timeframe of March/May is not concurrent with the needs of who are active in Trimester 3.	We changed it
Report on what Lottery funding (e.g. Awards for All) the Students' Association receives and how it is allocated	Student President to report on funding received from Lottery Awards.	We changed it
2nd Meeting		
Increase wildflowers on campus	<p>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.</p> <p>Tying into the universities attempts at being more green, wildflowers will increase the population of pollinator insects and promote growth of ecosystems.</p> <p>And obviously plants allow for a more oxygen rich environment and they look pretty which are all positives.</p> <p>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</p>	We changed it
Get rid of single use plastics and Styrofoam on campus (plastic straws available on request)	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 issues 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	We changed it

	<p>the selling of fresh fruit instead of crisps/breakfast bars that come with loads of packaging. (4) more vegetarian options on the menu.</p> <p>Let's do this so we can walk the talk of promoting the "common good".</p>	
ARC Gym – Weightlifting Equipment upgrade current provisions	<p>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.</p> <p>Ideally bigger dumbbells as they currently only go to 44kg, ideally have pairs up to 50/60kg and a few more dumbbells</p> <p>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.</p>	We changed it
Renew and add equipment at the ARC Glasgow	Lack of equipment. Paying £15/month. Compare to all other budget gyms like pure gym, xercise4less, etc. Equipment is very lacking. Old. Broken. Ripped. Not much of a variety. Pure Gym is doing 9.99 for students..	We changed it
Reflection/Prayer spaces in each building on campus	<p>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 don't 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.</p> <p>Idea was approved at the 25th November 2019 Student Voice with the amendment that the spaces should be Quiet Spaces that can be used for prayer alongside quiet reflection etc.</p>	We are working on it

<p>More food bins on campus</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>We are working on it</p>
<p>Every programme cohort to have a session on academic writing and expectations within that course</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>We are working on it</p>

3rd Meeting	10th February 2020	
Safe Space Room Changed to Quiet Room		We changed it
Turn left over cafeteria food into take-home meals for students in need	<p>We may never think about it, but someone close to us might be going through a tough phase in life. Maybe even having no food to eat. I propose that we package our cafeteria's unused food for students in need.</p> <p>We can freeze the excess food for students if they need it. Not only will it prevent food waste, but will also help out students that need help.</p>	We are working on it
Anti bac wipes and gel on campus	<p><i>This idea was approved at Student Voice on 10 Feb 2020 with amendments (brass handles, more cleaning staff, and placement of gel at toilet exits).</i></p> <p>It's cold and flu season. And even when it's not, this uni is not very clean. Keyboards and mice in PC labs and the library, desks, tables and toilets are almost always dirty. You can often feel the greasy handprints left by the last student who used a PC, a desk, a toilet...</p> <p>Germs infect hard surfaces FOUR HOURS after they're left there, and we have a lot of students in GCU with compromised immune systems.</p> <p>So, let's have cartons of surface wipes in all rooms in GCU. And in social and public areas, let's have dispensers with hand sanitiser gel.</p> <p>Other Unis do this, we shouldn't accept anything less.</p>	We changed it
4th Meeting	Canceled due to Covid-19	
2018/19		
1st Meeting	22nd October 2018	

Short mindfulness sessions during exam period	<p>Proposal During exam period offer short morning and afternoon mindfulness sessions.</p> <p>Rationale Mental health has been identified as one of the biggest challenges that students can face during their studies. The university experience is often a stressful one and stress can cause mental health issues or exacerbate existing conditions. Exam time is, for many, a peak in university generated stress levels and students can feel overwhelmed during long revision days or approaching a tough exam</p> <p>Approach The solution I would recommend is that during the exam period the SA organises a twice daily short meditation/mindfulness class at the ARC. The sessions would be 10 minutes long, from 8.40-8.50 and 5.10-5.20. The timings would be to allow students to start their day in a positive and calming manner and ending their day with positive reflection. Alternatively, the later session could be used to break up an afternoon – evening revision timetable.</p> <p>Costs To be identified if proposal is accepted.</p>	We changed it
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	<p>Benefits</p> <p>This brief introduction to mindfulness has the potential for immediate and long-term benefits. A study showed that 10 minutes of mindfulness reduced stress and insomnia. It has been shown than mindfulness can enhance student performance, increase resilience and reduce anxiety over a longer period.</p> <p>Amendment of Idea at Student Voice: mindfulness sessions take place all year instead of just during the exam period</p>	
2nd Meeting	26th November 2018	
Signposting on foods in campus cafeterias	<p>It would be helpful for not only vegans, but also people with dairy intolerances. A simple "(VE)" symbol would be very appreciated.</p> <p>Amendment of Idea at Student Voice: to have gluten free signposting too.</p>	We changed it
Save Energy	<p>Every toilet, almost every room (even when empty), basically every light is on on-campus all the time even all the computers are plugged in and turned on using power. GCU could reduce their electricity usage by at least 15% (min) if they were to install motion sensors for the lights and some way of turning the sockets off if not in use. Also changing the light fittings to LED would help reduce costs while providing better light and longer life span therefore less maintenance costs, major savings could mean monies available for other projects.</p> <p>Amendment of Idea at Student Voice: to enquire about what the University currently does already in terms of saving energy in relation to the Idea submitted</p>	Completed
24/7 Safe Place	<p>Would it be possible to create a university students-only space open 24/7 in the university to offer a quiet and relaxing place where they can go if feeling unsafe/anxious? It might sound silly and impossible to realize, given all the "what if" and "but", however, I felt that if such space existed it would be very helpful for struggling students, especially in the middle of the night. The "safe place" could be in/near the 24h lab and could be used during the night as a space where to practice mindfulness or simply offering some information on managing anxiety and how to keep yourself safe when you're struggling.</p>	We changed it

	Amendment of Idea at Student Voice: to use the Gender Safe Space, room NH205, located on level 2, within the Students' Association, to have a generic safe space on campus during opening hours as level 2 would not be open 24/7 as it closes at 8pm but that the Advice Centre and the Wellbeing Service is open too and the Nightline telephone number can be given out.	
3rd Meeting	11th February 2019	
The Saltire Centre to have lockers	<p>As a student who travels from home to university, I am constantly layering up and carrying a lot of things for my day. However, I do not always need books all at once but bring them to be able to study with in the library after class. Lockers in the library would enable people to keep unnecessary items such as scarves etc. but also a range of books used for studying. Moreover, especially when studying in the library by myself I feel unwilling to leave any valuables at a desk (such as my laptop) to go get something to eat or if I'm gone for a while. With lockers you would be able to keep your valuables safe whilst not losing your place in the library floor, especially at this time of year when it can be hectic. Edinburgh university already has lockers in both the 1st and 5th floor of their library. They have academic lockers for the year which you can rent and 'daytime lockers' for everyday use. Although Glasgow Caledonian University has lockers these are not currently located in the library and also are limited on first come basis. More daytime lockers will enable short use for everyone who is just needing somewhere to keep their things whilst studying alone, and by placing these in the saltire centre this will enable students to study for longer</p> <p>Amendment of Idea at Student Voice: to include having daytime lockers in the various buildings not just lockers in the Saltire Centre</p>	Completed
Volunteer Drop Ins	An idea to have dedicated drop-in sessions at various times throughout the year where students can attend and find out about volunteering opportunities/work experience and local community activities to help expand their real-world experience and work in the local community and surrounding area. I know there are already events at various points for volunteering and work experience but I don't feel there is enough or nearly as often as they could be. If there were certain times a year where volunteer drop-ins were run it would mean that for perhaps a few weeks or a couple months at a time, students could pop in when they want during a dedicated timeslot once a week or every two weeks/etc. It means that people wouldn't find out about something too late to go or forget where it's taken place and struggle to find it on the day	We changed it

	<p>Amendment of Idea at Student Voice: have the Students' Association raise awareness via the Students' Association newsletter (email) of services on offer at the university/Students' Association regarding volunteering opportunities/work experience and local community activities to help expand their real-world experience and work in the local community and surrounding area.</p>	
Kettle and microwave facilities available in Saltire Centre	<p>Whilst I understand the caterers and university seek for people to buy hot drinks it would be great if the library had a kettle for people to bring in their own hot drinks without carrying flasks. Microwaves would be ideal especially for students who prepack their own healthy food which can't be heated up anywhere on campus</p> <p>Amendment of Idea at Student Voice: As FTOs have already been campaigning for a microwave this year but have been given a response by the university that a microwave was not forthcoming, the idea was amended for the FTO to raise awareness of their current campaign for a food warmer and hot water to be made available on campus.</p>	<p>Microwave: Rejected</p> <p>Access to hot water: We changed it</p>
Get rid of plastic cutlery	<p>These are such a waste, let's try and reduce our single use plastic!! Stainless steel cutlery can easily be used and for takeaway options we could introduce wooden cutlery.</p>	We changed it
Phase out single use coffee cups	<p>A change as drastic as this will raise the question of why? This in turn will help educate people who aren't aware of the plastic pollution. Coffee cups are non-recyclable and single use, a huge waste of resources and huge impact on the environment! I acknowledge that there is the discount incentive when using your own refillable mug which is great, but this isn't advertised or widely known and isn't enough to deter people from using them. A slow phase out of coffee cups gives people the time to purchase their own and to adapt to remembering to bring it with them</p>	We changed it
Apps anywhere to be anywhere	<p>To make AppsAnywhere available anywhere (to all) rather than just the limited amount when off campus. As many students travel into GCU to use computers, surely being able to do work at home or other locations would be more suitable, whether that's on the train or on their lunch hour. All apps available on campus should be accessible, as title suggests, anywhere</p> <p>Amendment of Idea at Student Voice: to include taking into consideration software licensing that may limit off campus access.</p>	Completed
4th Meeting	11th February 2019	

Graduation Costs	As of today, Strathclyde University has announced that they are abolishing their graduation fees for all students, and Glasgow university announced this last year as well. So I am inquiring what is Glasgow Caledonian doing about this topic? £50 is a large sum of money on top of the £40 fee for the gown as well, and even if you don't go to the ceremony you still have to pay that fee to get your certificate is outrageous. I think it would be a fantastic idea for the student association to take this fee on and get the university to abolish the fee ASAP. It does not look good for the university, the fact that their fellow universities have already taken this step and they have not	We changed it
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Standing Policy Scheduled to Expire

2017/18		
1 st Meeting	23 rd October 2017	
An agreement of areas in the university where posters and flyers are allowed or not allowed	Many societies sports clubs groups dissertation groups spend a lot of time planning developing and creating events as part of their group Often the university is used to advertise the event by the students putting up posters and flyers Quite often I have found that posters that have been put up have been taken down and not moved to another location sometimes immediately or a long time before the event takes place Obviously students spend their own time making these posters, and they cost money to produce as well whether it be printing funds or if they are done professionally Can we agree key areas that posters for like events can be put up where students will be able to view them in a few places around the university or have a designated board for events this month in the SA It would mean we don't annoy whoever takes them down and would also allow students looking for something to do to have a key area to access to see what is on.	We changed it
2 nd meeting	14 th November 2017	
Radio Caley to be played in the Re:Union Bar	Radio Caley is a Student Radio for students, by students. One of our main goals is to provide a platform for Media/Journalism students in particular, to develop industry skills, but also to keep the platform open to any student with an interest in Radio. The reason that we want to be played out in	We changed it

	<p>the Re:Union bar is because it will massively increase the station's value in terms of metrics.</p> <p>The numbers of listeners will substantially increase, as well as our reach to students who may not have searched us up independently. It provides any student in the bar with insight into what we do and means that we get increased participation. The increased volume of listeners and audience means adverts are more valuable meaning we are less dependent on the Student's Association too.</p> <p>These are things that the Student's Association is meant to support. Our student group has a chance to improve, let's see it through.</p>	
For GCU to provide free pads and tampons	<p>We, women, will spend quite a lot of our money on pads or tampons through our lives. To have our periods is nothing we ourselves decided, but something we were born with. Every month means more money spent on period products, and when you are already living on student loans, that make those expenses even worse. I therefore think that GCU should provide free pads and tampons for us with periods. As this effects half of the students at GCU, I feel like this is a very important issue.</p>	We changed it
Reduce the 5 working day notice for room and equipment bookings	<p>As of late, the Students' Association have adopted a policy of a 5 working day notice period for all room and equipment bookings through the Students' Association.</p> <p>This amount of time is far too long and can prevent student groups from carrying out activities. Bookings such as just taking out a camera should not require a 5 day notice period.</p> <p>Instead the following notice period's should apply for bookings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event bookings = 3 days - Stall bookings = 2 days - Equipment bookings = 2 days 	<p>Rejected</p> <p>Trustee Board takes the position that the policy remains the same.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Room bookings (if a risk assessment is required) = 2 days - Room bookings (if no risk assessment is required) = 1 day 	
Revision on charging for events	<p>Events are a great way of raising money for societies and groups, and when popular bring people to the student bar, and have the potential to raise a lot of money for the student group at the same time. The student bar have now placed a blanket ban on charging entry to their space meaning that societies must now go elsewhere if they want to do an event at a bar. I think this has the potential to impact a lot of people.</p> <p>It is of course understandable that the bar don't want to ban people who don't want to pay entry for spending money at the bar, however it does mean that large events that can make them money are no not feasible. One event radio caley was planning on doing in December would have involved upwards of 150 people using the space in a joint radio caley/charity fundraiser but we cannot make it worth the cost now that entry has to be free. This means that on that night, not only does the bar lose out on the revenue for that many people, but so does a student group, <i>and</i> a charity.</p> <p>Is there a way to implement a system that allows charging entry and guarantees the bar the assurance that they will still make money? Well my proposal would be that there is a minimum person threshold. If an event fails and entry is charged for it, then of course there is going to be a loss for the bar. But let's say that an event of >100 people for example runs with an entry fee, even if one or two students are discouraged, then the fact that there is a busy event surely makes it worthwhile for the bar.</p> <p>By paying a deposit to the bar, on events where a charge is implemented at the door, it encourages events to be as successful as possible. Should the numbers in the venue fall below what is expected, then the bar can keep the deposit, if not it gets returned (or even not). I know this is as much a decision to be made with the bar, but since it has such a large scale impact on student groups, and when charities are involved, the "Common Good", I wanted to create a discussion with people who</p>	We changed it

	are likewise impacted.	
Upgrading hand dryers within Students' Association Building	The current hand dryers within the SA building have low air pressure and take forever to completely dry hands, meaning students will often leave the toilet with wet hands, defeating the purpose of having hand dryers. As there are also no paper towels made available, I feel it's time to upgrade this aspect of the SA's facilities.	Rejected
3 rd Meeting		
Nap Pods	With deadlines fast approaching and more and more students practically living on campus, nap pods would be an ideal place for a quick nap and recuperation period. With "self-care" becoming more and more important with students balancing heavy workloads be it university or paid work, nap pods would provide an ideal opportunity for the SA to promote and actually facilitate such policies.	Rejected
Nap Pods for NightLine		Rejected
Reusable takeout containers in the cafeteria	Replace the single use takeout containers in the cafeteria with reusable ones/	We changed it
Re-assess the uni wide ban on energy drinks	<p>The Re:Union Bar & Grill recently stopped stocking energy drinks when it came to light that the university didn't provide them anywhere else on campus.</p> <p>I can see two possible reasons for the ban:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High caffeine content. 2. High sugar content. <p>If number 1 is true, then the university needs to reevaluate the provision of coffee, tea, and chocolate on campus, all of which contain caffeine. Coffees especially are available with extra shots, leading to similar levels of caffeine. If this is the reason it's like banning shop robbery, but home robbery remains legal. Prohibition of caffeine is not going to prevent students from consuming it, especially</p>	Completed

	<p>when it is available in other forms.</p> <p>Number 2, would be more fair as sugar is unhealthy. The issue is however, sugar free variants of energy drink exist, and full-sugar soft drinks are readily served across campus in vending machines and cafeterias. This is also illogical.</p> <p>If health is an issue, then there is plenty more to ban before a healthy campus can be claimed. And if health is indeed an issue, why are the 0 kCal energy drinks banned? Especially since, compared to your typical soft drinks they contain more vitamins (generally, and brand depending).</p> <p>It seems like a relatively misinformed view when the risk factors associated with energy drink use, especially sugar free energy drink use are less harmful than many other freely available products. Include comparisons against stress related risk factors related to high intensity degrees and you will see that even attending uni comes with the potential to negatively impact the health of a student.</p> <p>The students inclined to consume energy drinks will surely continue, instead, purchasing them off campus and decreasing revenue made in the catering facilities.</p> <p>If it's health related, a poor job has been done, and many more items need to be banned under the same rationale. Even doing that does not prevent students bringing these items in so is a fruitless endeavour.</p> <p>In terms of business, they are a high acidity, sealed environment which prevents spoilage, and so even if sales are low for a few days, the stock does not need to be rejected. These products will amount to no loss, even if they take twice as long to sell, for that very reason.</p> <p>Let's get the energy drinks back. Extra points if it is only the sugar free variants because sugar intake is a concern, and perhaps even a shift to diet versions of the popular soft drinks, but this is secondary to my main point.</p>	
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4 th Meeting	26 March 2018	
<p>Petition for GCU to revise recent white to recycled paper changes in all Campus printers</p>	<p>As I am sure all students are now aware, the printers available to students across the Campus are stocked with recycled paper as Glasgow Caledonian University seeks to reduce its carbon footprint. Whilst the thinking behind this decision is appreciated, it has in turn created an issue.</p> <p>As a Class Representative I have had students voice concerns about the new arrangements, those printing C.Vs and assignments which look professional on white paper do not carry the same visual quality on the recycled paper in use at present. This has led to students printing important assignments at home or at external printers off campus with additional cost to students, whilst no saving has been made in terms of the printing cost on the recycled paper.</p> <p>I have visited the Print Centre on Level 1 of the Saltire Centre like many others to enquire if they are able to print my assignments but there are strict guidelines to which they must adhere.</p> <p>I therefore propose that Glasgow Caledonian University revise its decision to use recycled paper only in all Campus printers. I believe the students who have raised concerns would be happy to use recycled paper to print off lecture slides or notes, but that it is essential that access to printers with white paper is available for students who do not wish to print C.Vs , cover letters or submit assignments using the recycled paper.</p> <p>To clarify, it is acknowledged that a meeting took place on Monday 14th November at Student Voice and so far as GCU are concerned, recycled paper is acceptable for any assignments submitted.</p> <p>I propose a solution of re-introducing white paper to a selected percentage of the printers available and advising students of which printers carry white and which carry recycled paper, so that the University continues to lower its carbon footprint and also offer students the option to print on more professional looking paper if they so wish.</p> <p>At Student Voice: Members discussed that it is currently recycled paper within the GCU printers.</p>	<p>Completed</p>

	Members also noted that the University's Online Similarity Checking Policy states that all standard academic summative submissions of coursework will be submitted online. Members discussed whether the paper in printers could be bright white recycled paper. The Chair called for a vote to introduce bright white recycled paper to be made available in campus printers and to pass as policy.	
Set Exams before Christmas	Exams should be held before the Christmas break, as it is not fair that we should be pressured into studying our entire holiday, when it is the only time for some of us to actually see and spend time with our families. Especially for those of us who live abroad or far away from home in order to attend university. The other universities in Glasgow have their exams before Christmas, so it should not be an issue to accommodate this at GCU.	We are working on it Student Voice decided that a referendum would be held during 2018/19.
Allow non-native speakers to have a dictionary	Allow non-native speakers to have a dictionary made available under extraordinary circumstances as decided by the University, through a written process.	We changed it