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# What do Full Time Officers Do?

At GCU, we elect four officers with a single election with the first placed candidate being offered the role of President and the other three winning candidates becoming a Vice President, representing each school (School of Health and Life Sciences, Glasgow School for Business and Society and The School of Science and Engineering)



This approach allows each officer the opportunity to get involved in all areas of the work we do including representation, campaigning, activities and events. It also means that we focus equally on each part of the university.

Full-Time Officers also take on individual areas of responsibility within the Students' Association which are given after the elections take place. And this is done in an agreement between the newly elected officers.

Campaign Week: 23rd - 27th February

Voting Week: 2nd - 5th March

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# Your Candidates



**Connor  
McLachlan**

Manifesto:

Hi, I am Connor I am a current member of the Trustee Board, Equality Diversity and Inclusivity Committee, Health and Safety Committee, Treasurer for the E-Sports Society and I am the Head of New Societies. I am going to be running for Full Time Officer for the coming year.

I am currently in my 3rd, going into 4th year of my Software Development Bachelor's Degree and I have been an active member of the Student's Association for the 2 years.

As a Full Time Officer I would hope to push the following key points:

Teaching Quality, Careers and Industry Links

As it stands I believe that STEM and especially Technology in this regard such as Computer Science and Software Development need a better link to the industry allowing for more access to placements and internships as well as having more easy access to talks with industry professionals.

Apprenticeships, skills, and routes into work

I believe we should promote more alternatives to gaining work after obtaining a degree rather than just graduate programs and graduate roles, fostering more care for students who cannot easily find those positions comfortably, allowing for better access.

Sustainability projects with external links

I propose that we push for more entry into national and potentially international competitions, especially ones that are accredited or backed, with key themes such as green and promoting eco-friendly ideas.

Accessibility, inclusion, and support needs

I wish to push to aiding people with physical disabilities or people of different backgrounds to nurture growth within the industry and also I think it is important we push for more access and make it easier for mature students to feel welcome as I think a lot of them may feel out of place.

# Your Candidates



**Dr. Japus**

Manifesto:

## I Pledge to Serve

I am Dr JAPUS, an MSc student in International Operations and Supply Chain Management, and I am standing for President of the GCU Students' Association. I believe every GCU student deserves strong representation, practical support, and a real sense of belonging.

I currently serve as a class representative, representing my cohort at departmental board meetings, where my contributions have supported programme development. I am also the President of the Nigerian Student Society (NSS-GCU), a role I assumed shortly after arriving at GCU. I lead with purpose, responsibility, and a strong commitment to student wellbeing.

Through active engagement with students, I have identified key issues that affect both home and international students, particularly around representation, academic progression, and community connection. These are issues I am prepared to address constructively and persistently.

## My Action Points

### Inclusive representation

I will ensure that the Students' Association reflects the full diversity of GCU. I will represent both home and international student experiences fairly in discussions with the University, including cost-of-living pressures, housing concerns, academic workload, visa challenges, and wellbeing.

### Academic fairness and progression

I will engage the University to review resit and progression arrangements, especially where delays impact visa compliance or graduation timelines. My aim is clearer, fairer, and more flexible processes that protect students' academic progress.

### Clear and accessible support

I will advocate for clearer communication around academic, financial, and wellbeing support services, and promote peer-led mentoring so students know where to turn when they need help. A connected student community

I will work with course representatives and society leaders to support inclusive events and regular open forums where students can raise concerns and see real outcomes.

The role of President is to listen, represent, and act.

For a Students' Association that works for everyone, think Dr JAPUS.

# Your Candidates



**Arthur Okongwu**

Manifesto:

## Manifesto for Full-Time Student Nursing Officer

Glasgow Caledonian University

I am standing for election as Full-Time Student Nursing Officer because I am committed to representing nursing students with integrity, professionalism, and innovation. As a student nurse with a specialist background in engineering and renewable energy, I bring a unique interdisciplinary perspective that strengthens healthcare education and practice.

My experience across engineering and health and social care allows me to approach nursing holistically — recognising the importance of safe systems, sustainable environments, and evidence-based practice in delivering high-quality care. I will advocate for learning and clinical spaces that are safe, inclusive, and supportive of both students and service users.

A core priority for me is student wellbeing and mental health. Nursing students face academic pressure, emotional labour, and placement demands. I will champion trauma-informed education, accessible pastoral and counselling services, and strong peer support networks that promote resilience, compassion, and professional growth.

I am also committed to improving placement quality and student safety. I will work collaboratively with academic staff and clinical partners to ensure placements are educational, equitable, and supportive, and that student voices are central in placement planning and evaluation.

My background in renewable energy informs my vision for a forward-thinking nursing community at GCU. I will promote environmentally responsible healthcare practices, sustainable campus initiatives, and awareness of the health impacts of climate change.

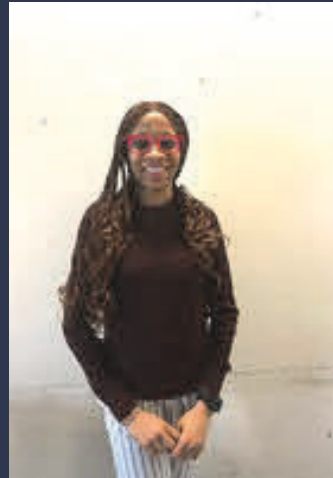
Equity, diversity, and inclusion are central to my values. I will ensure the voices of international students, mature students, and those from underrepresented backgrounds are heard, respected, and reflected in decision-making.

As Full-Time Student Nursing Officer, I will be accessible, accountable, and proactive — working tirelessly to enhance the academic, professional, and personal experience of every nursing student at Glasgow Caledonian University.

# Your Candidates

## Chinenye-NENNY

Manifesto:



NENNY FOR CONTINUITY!!

Hello GCU,

I am Chinenye, popularly known as NENNY, your current Vice President and your candidate for Student President.

Over the past year, I've not just held a title, I've delivered results individually and as part of a team. • Renewed free gym and MUGA access within three months in office, saving every GCU student £15 per month.

Successfully lobbied for Priority Marking and PAB across SHLS, GSBS, SSE and London campus, protecting student progression including those on VISA timelines.

- Secured a 20% increase in alumni-funding for sports clubs and societies.

National student housing right lobbying secured student-focused amendments, Secured GCU Rent Guarantor Scheme

- Worked with the University to revise the Generative AI framework

Co-launched UNIFORCE Scotland initiative with four universities to strengthen GCU students' employability skills

Supported EDI initiatives across both campuses: Islamophobia Awareness(mosque tour), EHRC Statement, Diwali celebration

- Contributed to the university Mental-Health Charter

- Your safety matter, we implemented visible measures to reduce sexual-harassment in both campuses.

Policy to keep Wednesday afternoons lecture-free for sports and extracurricular-activities, a dedicated sensory space, clearer student-consultation processes, embedding of AI into relevant parts of learning and teaching, and Better Buses for Strathclyde are already in motion.

As PRESIDENT, my focus is on continuity and completion. I will continue lobbying the university for;

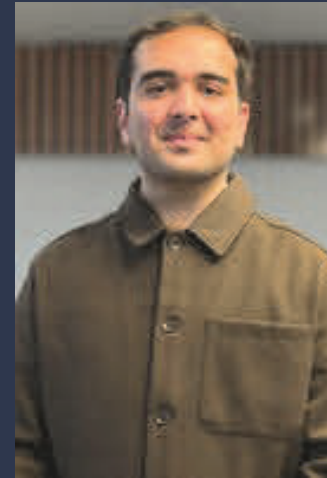
- Increased funding, facilities and tailored support for sports and societies
- Improved timetabling policies to balance academics and extracurricular commitments.
- Exemption letters for students representing GCU in sports and other activities
- Faster resit timelines
- Dedicated session on the GCU app for London students including an "Attend Graduation in Glasgow option"
- Stronger wellbeing and cost-of-living support
- Deeper employer partnerships to expand student's career pathways.
- Support more student-led projects

This is leadership built on action, relationships, and results, Let's finish what we started and go even further. Vote NENNY.

# Your Candidates

## Sanan Khan Marwat

Manifesto:



My Dear Students,

I am Sanan Khan Marwat, a postgraduate student of Law, who strongly believes in Youth Empowerment. I have a strong commitment towards students rights. We are the one who make this university a place of our dreams and future. We have to collectively work together to make it a beautiful and great academic institution with a memorable memories. My victory is your victory. If elected my priorities and aim are following:

- Public Figures in Universities:

I will organise such interactive sessions by inviting renowned celebrities, authors, artists and athletes in university to have one to one interaction with students to reshape their ideas and to contribute to student intellect.

- Global Exchange Programmes:

I will work to establish global exchange programmes for our students all around the world for their exposure, cultural understanding and gain a new memorable experiences in life.

- Collaboration with other Universities:

I will promote collaboration with other prestigious universities to develop networking, joint events and academic partnerships.

- International Scholarships for war effected and developing countries:

I will work for International Scholarships for students of war effected and developing countries, who have limited resources for their education.

- Job fairs and volunteering opportunities:

I will organise on priority bases such events for students so that they can secure full, part time jobs, internships and voluntary work.

- Mental Health Centre:

I will work to establish a mental health centre because students go through different mental health issues and it is very important to provide them support.

- Creation of University Intellectual Forum:

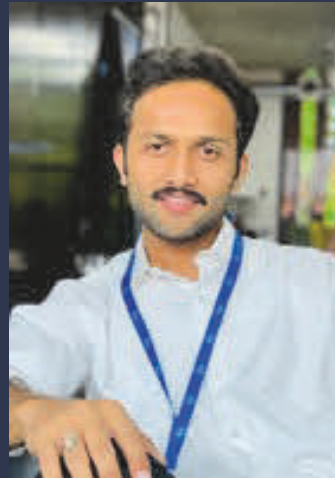
I will advocate for creation of a student led forum for interdisciplinary learning, research collaboration and policy discussion to help students in their research papers and publications.

I will highly consider your suggestions during my term.

# Your Candidates

## Azhar Hussain

Manifesto:



My Manifesto;

My name is Azhar Hussain, and I am running to be your next full time officer. I am studying at GCU London right now, but I'll be accessible to both campuses at all times. I'll come to Glasgow if pupils require my assistance. As students living and studying in one of the world's most dynamic cities, we face unique challenges — from high living costs to transport expenses, housing shortages, and access to mental health support. I am standing to ensure that the voices of GCU students are not only heard but acted upon.

Living in UK should be empowering, not overwhelming. As your Officer, my mission is to make our university a place where every student can thrive, belong, and succeed. I will work to strengthen connections between universities, campaign for fairer living conditions, and create more opportunities for students to engage with world diverse communities

My key priorities:

**Affordable living:** advocate for lower student rent, transport discounts, and fairer financial support for those studying in GCU.

**Student wellbeing:** push for accessible mental health services and safe spaces across all campuses. **Cultural Festivals in Campus:** Cultural festivals should be held on campus because they promote diversity and inclusion by allowing students from different backgrounds to share their traditions and values. These events enhance student engagement, provide a platform to showcase creativity and talent, and help develop teamwork, leadership, and organizational skills.

I believe leadership means listening, collaborating, and delivering real results. With your support, I will be a strong voice for every GCU student, ensuring that our needs, ideas, and ambitions shape the future of our universities and our city.

Together, let's make GCU a better place to live, learn, and lead.

Azhar Hussain  
Candidate for full time Officer  
Empower. Unite. Inspire.

# Your Candidates

## Caleb Chezian

Manifesto:



Your Voice. My Commitment.

Caleb Chezian- Student President Manifesto

My name is Caleb Chezian, and I am running for Student President to ensure every student feels heard, supported, and empowered. I understand the academic, financial, and personal challenges students face, and I aim to be a leader who listens and delivers real, practical change.

My Priorities

Academic & Career Growth

- Improved academic support, skill-building workshops
- Work towards partnerships to get Field-based placements and internships so students graduate with real-world experience.
- I will advocate to increase the number of resit opportunities for international students from 2 to 3, giving them a fairer chance to succeed academically.

Financial & Practical support

- Advocate to make the accommodation in the Glasgow and London campuses more Affordable
- Push to make the laundry in Caledonian Court free
- Lobby for Student transport concessions to ease the commuting costs

Inter-University Collaboration

- I aim to promote healthy inter-university competitions across Glasgow and the UK to encourage student engagement, teamwork
- plan to organise an annual inter-university festival that brings students from different universities together for healthy competitions, cultural entertainment, networking, and collaborative opportunities.

Wellbeing & Mental Health

Better awareness and access to counselling services, peer-support initiatives, and clearer guidance on available help.

Inclusion & Diversity:

- Stronger support for international students
- Celebration of cultural diversity and equal opportunities for all backgrounds

Campus Community:

- Encouraging student-led clubs, societies and collaborative events to build a stronger sense of belonging across all faculties.
- Set up a team for each sport representing GCU

My Commitment:

Accessible leadership, transparency in decisions, and an action-driven approach focused on measurable outcomes- not just promises

I stand not just to hold a position, but to make a difference. Together, we can build a campus that supports growth, inclusion, and opportunity for every student.

Not to Be Served, but to Serve

# Your Candidates

## Fahad Aziz

### Manifesto:



I am not here to be comfortable.  
I am here to be loud.  
I am here because silence is expensive - and students are already paying too much.  
I have seen students choose between food and books.  
I have seen talent shrink inside financial stress.  
I have seen brilliant minds sit at the back of rooms, unheard, unseen, unfunded.  
This stops now.  
This manifesto is not promises.  
This is a declaration of disruption.  
I believe a Students' Association is not an office.  
It is a shield. A microphone.  
A fire alarm when systems fail us.  
If elected, I will fight for real representation - not symbolic seats at tables.  
I will push for transparent decisions - you will know what is happening and why.  
I will demand stronger academic support - because surviving a degree is not success. Thriving is.  
I want a campus where help is fast, human, and stigma-free.  
Where activities are not luxuries.  
Where international, home, part-time, working, struggling students all belong equally.  
I am not perfect.  
But I am relentless.  
I will show up in rooms where students are ignored.  
I will ask uncomfortable questions.  
I will challenge systems that forget who they serve.  
Because education is not just lectures and deadlines.  
It is dignity. It is opportunity.  
It is survival for many of us.  
This is bigger than one election.  
This is about what kind of university we choose to be.  
Safe.  
Fair.  
Brave.  
Student-first. Always.  
If you want someone quiet - don't vote for me.  
If you want someone safe - don't vote for me.  
If you want someone who will stand, speak, and refuse to sit down when students are pushed aside - Stand with me.  
This is our time.  
Our voice.  
Our association.  
Our future.



## Hamza Siddiqi

### Manifesto:

### VOTE 4 A CAREER-CENTRED GCU | HAMZA SIDDIQI

Over the past year as VP of GCU Students' Association, I focused on one thing: delivering practical change that improves student life and strengthens pathways into careers.

#### What I've delivered:

- Led the Student-Centred Guiding Principles on AI, now shaping clearer policy and ethical AI training.
- Pushed SSE to release international students' results earlier to meet visa deadlines.
- Secured an increase in societies' budgets and strengthened support for academic societies.
- Worked with academic reps to resolve lab issues and advocate for better PGR spaces.
- Collaborated with other FTOs to protect free gym access for all students.
- Pushing for fairer Minor Academic Misconduct processes, so honest mistakes aren't treated disproportionately (no attempt should be exhausted when it comes to minor academic misconduct)
- Advocating for resit after 1 month of result announcement for PGT students which will help international students to complete their studies within the visa timeline and also give opportunity to apply fit-to-sit under challenging circumstances.

#### As President, I will:

- Deliver timetabling that's realistic, earlier, and easier to fix when problems occur.
- Ensure AI policy and training match real industry expectations and student needs.
- Establish a paid academic rep system that values student time and builds employability.
- Build a career-centred GCU through internships, industry partnerships, alumni connections, and curriculum alignment with market demand.

I deliver outcomes, not noise. If you want a GCU where students are heard and careers are built, vote Hamza Siddiqi

# Your Candidates



## THANKGOD

Manifesto:

My name is THANKGOD Obiani, a Master's student in Public Health, and Class Representative. I am running for GCU Student President because I genuinely care about students and believe our Students' Association should work for everyone.

A student speaks up, another listens, and change begins. I want a campus where every voice matters, support is real, and opportunity is shared. Leadership is showing up, listening closely, and turning student words into action

Student life is about more than lectures and exams. The basics matter. I will campaign for free breakfasts for freshers, improved accommodation standards, temporary accommodation for new students upon arrival, and more affordable laundry costs in Caledonian Court, because these everyday issues directly affect well-being and success.

For home students, one of the biggest challenges is the slow and complicated process of accessing financial grants. I will push for simpler systems, clearer information, and faster decisions so students receive support when they need it.

Academic fairness is a key priority. No student should face delays to graduation. I will push for international students to be allowed to resit their courses within their visa timelines.

I will also advocate for better career guidance, clearer pathways into employment, and stronger support to help students plan their futures with confidence.

Inclusion is central to my vision. GCU London students should feel just as represented and supported as those in Glasgow. I will work to ensure students on both campuses are fully included in both social and academic activities, representation, and access to academic and support services

Inclusivity matters to me. I will support disabled students, promote mental health, represent students confidently, work with the Executive Committee, and deliver change while continuing the good legacy of past student leaders.

Together, we can make it happen.

Vote THANKGOD and then, THANK GOD!



## Kainat Aamir

Manifesto:

For Students. With Students. Always.

I am an international student pursuing a Masters in Public Health and currently serving as President of the GCU Stem Cell Society. I understand what it means to balance academic pressure, financial responsibilities, leadership commitments, and adapting to life away from home.

That is why I am standing.

Not simply to represent students, but to work alongside you.

My leadership journey did not begin here. I previously served as President of the Student Association at SZABIST University, where I advocated for need-based scholarships, conducted well-being workshops for students & staff, introduced women empowerment courses to support fellow students, and worked to ensure fair price control in the student/ Staff cafeteria to protect affordability. I have always believed that leadership must deliver meaningful, practical change, not just good intentions.

University life can be demanding, balancing deadlines, finances, work, and personal responsibilities. Support should never feel distant or difficult to access. It should be visible, responsive, and built around our diverse GCU community.

As an international student, I understand the importance of belonging, accessibility, and clear support systems. As a society president, I have brought students together, created opportunities, and turned ideas into action.

I believe leadership should be visible, approachable, and accountable. Every student, whether home or international, undergraduate or postgraduate, should feel genuinely included in decisions that affect them.

I am not here simply to hold a title. The title is the platform. The action is the priority.

I am here to listen, involve, and act with you.

This is your time to vote.

For Students. With Students. Always.

# Your Candidates



**Rana  
Imran**

Manifesto:

Real action. Real representation. Real results.

Hi, I'm Rana Muhammad Temoor Imran, a BSc (Hons) AI and Data Science student at Glasgow Caledonian University. I'm standing for Full Time Officer because students need support that's visible, practical, and consistent from day one not promises that fade after elections. I won't claim I can "fix everything". I will deliver achievable wins, communicate clearly, and make sure every student feels heard, whether you're home or international, commuting, working, caring, or balancing it all.

My priorities

1) Assessment and resit fairness

- Push for earlier resit scheduling and faster results where possible, so students can plan work, visas, and graduation.
- Make appeals, extensions, and academic processes easier to understand through clear, student friendly guidance.

2) Learning that fits real life

- Advocate for a better balance of online and on campus delivery, with timetabling that reduces unnecessary travel days.
- Introduce quick course check ins each term so recurring issues are flagged early and followed up.

3) Cost of living support you can use

- Work on practical discounts and essentials support (food, printing, commuting) and clearer hardship fund signposting.
- Push for better value, culturally inclusive campus food options with transparent feedback routes.

4) Facilities, communication, wellbeing and inclusion

- Improve cleanliness and maintenance (including toilets) with clearer reporting and follow up.
- Make help easier to find: simple "where to go" information for services and support.
- Improve visibility and access to wellbeing support, strengthen pathways for disabled students, and promote confident reporting of discrimination.

How I'll work

- Monthly updates: what changed, what's blocked, and why.
- Termly focus groups and pulse surveys to keep priorities student led.
- Open door sessions all year and strong collaboration with reps, societies, and staff.

Vote Rana — practical progress and reliable representation.

# Your Candidates



**Onyinye  
Peace Nweze**

Manifesto:

My name is Onyinye Peace Nweze. I currently serve as PGT Representative for GSBS and have previously been a Class Representative and Senior PAL. These roles have enabled me to represent students at Student Voice and School Board meetings, presenting feedback directly to university leadership. Through this experience, I understand how change happens at GCU and remain committed to ensuring student voices shape it.

My Manifesto

You didn't come to university just to pass exams.

You came to shape the life you want after.

You chose your course believing it would lead to meaningful work, financial stability, and a future you could be proud of. Yet for too many students, graduation now brings fear. Fear of being unprepared, overlooked by employers, or unsure how a degree translates into real opportunity.

I feel that fear too. And I know I'm not alone.

As Student President, my mission is clear: to ensure every GCU student feels prepared and confident for life beyond university.

To achieve this, I will focus on three priorities:

1. Real-World Experience in Every School

I will lobby the university to integrate meaningful, hands-on experience within programmes, not just talks, but structured opportunities where students complete genuine job-related tasks, receive feedback, and identify strengths and gaps before graduation.

2. Employer-Led Skills Development

The Students' Association will collaborate with the university to enhance employability trainings through employer insight, strengthening students' readiness for the workplace.

3. Practised Professional Skills

I will collaborate with the university to enhance existing employability support through live, scenario-based sessions where students practise real workplace situations in front of staff or employers and receive structured feedback, ensuring they refine professional skills before graduating.

Most importantly, I will hold the university accountable for ensuring employability is not left to chance.

Vote Onyinye for Student President

Full Time Officer

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