

#### The EDIT's little election book

How to vote + All candidate manifestos inside + Editor's note on why the election is important

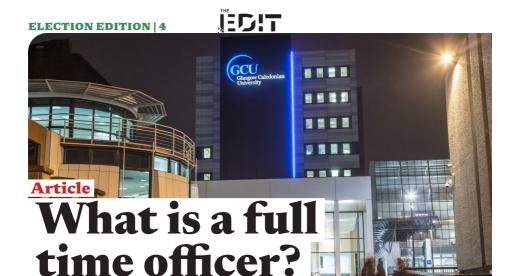


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#### STUDENTS' ASSOCATION TEAM

THE full-time officer team consists of a student president and three vice presidents, who each head one of the schools within Glasgow Caledonian.

The student president is the figurehead of the Students' Association. The student president is responsible for making sure that the executive committee is carrying out its duties and that agreed policies are acted upon. The student president is the main link between the Students' Association and Glasgow Caledonian University, the Executive Committee – and staff via the chief executive, and also the Trustee Board.

Each vice president is

responsible for ensuring that GCU students have an outstanding student experience in their designated academic school.

The executive committee are responsible for ensuring the views of GCU students are effectively represented at Glasgow Caledonian University within the National Union of Students, other affiliated bodies and externally and that the Students' Association makes a positive difference to the lives of GCU students.

The FTO elections will elect four candidates to be on the Executive Committee of the Students' Association. The candidate who comes first in the election

will be offered the role of student president. Should they decline, the role will pass to the second placed candidate and so on. All other elected candidates will become vice presidents with a responsibility for a particular academic school. Other areas of responsibility across all four roles will be formally agreed at the first meeting of the Executive Committee.

All FTO's are members of the Executive Committee and of the Trustee Board. As such, they also have all of the responsibilities shared by members of those groups. The student president is the chair of the Executive Committee and the Trustee Board.



# Why should you vote?

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THE full-time officers (FTOs) play a vital role within the Students Association by representing the views and needs of all the students at Glasgow Caledonian.

Their purpose is to ensure that student needs are effectively articulated and addressed. Voting is crucial as it is the means by which the student body can actively participate in the selection of those who will champion their requirements. Through voting, students have the opportunity to shape the representation and initiatives taken by the Full-Time Officers. impacting the University's environment and policies.

The voting period for the FTOs is from March 7th, opening at 10 am, until March 10th at 5 pm, with the results being announced on March 11th. The exciting announcement will take place at the GCU Student Association building in the Re:union Bar and Grill. An email has been sent to all students. ensuring that everyone is informed and ready to make their voices heard through voting.

The candidates standing for election represent a diverse array of backgrounds and perspectives, all striving to make a tangible difference. Some candidates are passionate about fostering a more inclusive and supportive ELECTION EDITION | 5

environment, while others are committed to expanding student services and extracurricular opportunities. The manifesto points cover a wide spectrum of issues, ranging from sustainability and mental health support to enhancing university facilities and technological resources. Rest assured. there are candidates who stand for the changes that truly resonate with you and your fellow students.

When it comes to choosing your Full-Time Officers, the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system plays a vital role. Unlike the traditional voting method where you only pick one candidate, the STV system lets you rank the candidates in order of preference. This aspect ensures that your vote is highly influential and won't go to waste. By ranking candidates, your voice echoes in multiple choices, making it crucial to thoroughly examine all manifestos to secure that every preference is appropriately represented in the outcome. The STV system empowers students to have a comprehensive say in the election process, underscoring the significance of thoughtful voting.



### Salman - North Star

#### Candidate for full-time officer

I AM Salman. Pursuing a master's in international economics and social justice at GCU. I've engaged in two international fellowships, one with Stanford University focusing on leadership and the other with KECTIL for International Leadership, I gained insights into teamwork and communication. Volunteering since 2019 with RIZQ, a social enterprise addressing hunger in Pakistan, I also served as an HR Project Manager for AFAQ News. Leveraging this experience, I aspire to contribute to the development sector, particularly in sustainable development, addressing the unique challenges faced by the youth. I would love to become a full-time officer to represent all students irrespective of race, nationality, and identity.

- If you elect me as your No.1 President I will......
- Address the language barrier issues Faced by fellow international students.

- Facilitate the proper accommodation and orientation of students, especially newcomers to GCU.
- Propose the establishment of an Academic Excellence Scholarship for international students, aiming for at least one seat in each department.
- Enhance the effectiveness of SAAS for home students.
- Bringing more Sports and Societies funding.
- Establish a process of open line communication for all students with FTOs and the Student Mental Health & Wellbeing team.
- Embrace and leverage the diversity of cultures, and traditions, through momentous trips, and cultural events.
- Relentlessly represent the voice, problems, and interests of all students.
- Push for the provision of one free meal daily, not limited to breakfast, considering varied student schedules.
- Advocate for the installation of taps or hand showers in toilets, ensuring at least one floor in each building has this



facility.

- Boost student employability by attracting more local recruitment from private companies through initiatives such as job fairs and expos.
- Vote For SALMAN
  North Star as your No.1
  President & as well for AK & Raiyan in the 2nd & 3rd Position.



### Maria Habib

#### Candidate for full-time officer

I AM a postgraduate student currently doing an MSc in International Banking and Finance. I am rivalry for the position of Full-Time Officer in our prestigious Glasgow Caledonian University Students Association to fill this action I need your ballot. For me, this position has figured prominently to speak up on behalf of students. Apart from my disability, I am very committed to achieving tasks and it seems an important platform to put strategies that help students in their academic journey along with students who need extra support. It changes can bring the force of positivity and attraction. To significantly influence joining with the Student Association of Glasgow Caledonian University an institution where unity and diversity prevail. My overrides are listed below-

### #1 THE WELFARE OF THE STUDENTS;-

I firmly acknowledge that welfare is linked to the priority students with their standing in excellent in their studies there are some achievements to put into action:

- Identity academic and experience workshops for the students that can help the students to have market knowledge and life coaching.
- Collaborating with the school authorities to provide different types of scholarships and considering students with disabilities or other health issues.
- Creating awareness about mental health issues on campus as well online at the university website.

Modified GCU learn website that should standardized for students and provide disabled helping tools.

#### #2 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT'S COMMITMENTS

- To improve strategies for achievement for international students.
- Expand job categories on the campus for international students and involve all students.
- Promoting different culture and their severity.
- Ameliorate career
   services for students and



bring change to disabled students.

The vote for the election will held online, from 4-7 March 2024, to achieve the goal, I need your support. Thank you for your precious moment.

Remember my name; Maria Habib



### Satish Kumar

#### Candidate for full-time officer

- I WILL enhance support services for international students, ensuring they feel welcomed and empowered throughout their academic journey.
- I will create more opportunities for cultural exchange programs, fostering a diverse and inclusive campus environment where students from all backgrounds can learn from each other.
- I vow to prioritize mental health and wellbeing initiatives, providing resources and support systems to help students cope with academic stress and personal challenges.
- I will work towards strengthening the bond between students and the local community, facilitating volunteering opportunities and partnerships that benefit both parties.
- Enhance career development services and opportunities for students, including internships, job placements, and networking events to prepare them for success beyond graduation.
- I am committed to maintaining transparent

communication with students, keeping them informed about university policies, decisions, and initiatives that affect their academic and social experience.





### Laiba Tareen

#### Candidate for full-time officer

AS you Student President I will:

Ensure to consistently and relentlessly represent the views and interests of all students towards quality education and improved welfare.

Make sure that women rights are being heard like 3-4 days permitted absence for illness caused by menstruation.

Refurbishing Caledonian Court.

Lobby for the inclusion of free bus travel for mature students Scheme.

Lobbying for gender neutral toilets at every block of campus.

Push for more in person learning and teaching on campus with the ability to learn online with those who prefer.

Work towards zero tolerance on racism at the university and support the diverse range of students at GCU.

Push for more hardship funding for international students.

Lobby the Government for a guaranteed summer SAAS programme every year.

Inclusion of students in the new parking system at the campus.

Making campus more accessible for disabled students (ramps on every staircase).

Fight for more staff in the mental health and well-being service of GCU.

Lobby the university for free Lunch and Breakfast on Campus.

Lobby the university about introducing bidget shower in toilets on campus





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#### Candidate for full-time officer

I AM Wilfred Obi current VP of the student association, vying for the position of GCUSA President for 2024/2025 Session.

Achievement as VP As a team, we achieved the following:

- Microwave on campus
- Student pantry for students
  - Hot water on campus
- Winter warmer campaign in London
  - Festival of culture
- Price of drinks and food slashed within the campus
- Engaged with Director of London campus to give GCU London students enhanced experience

**Priorities** 

Lobby to create more study rooms on Campus.

Engage with the management to invest more on better Wi-Fi connectivity.

Lobby to make upper floors of the library accessible to only GCU students.

Engage with the university to ensure that toilets are clean at all times.

Lobby to slash gym cost so as to provide better

student wellbeing and general fitness.

Push to make GCU learn more student Friendly and clearer information on assessment.

Lobby for continuation of the student pantry in Glasgow and work towards starting one at London campus.

Push for the continuation of winter warmer campaign in London campus.

Lobby for easy access to accommodation for both Glasgow and London campus.

Engage with the university to slash the price of Laundry services in the Caledonian court.

Lobby for greener, sustainable and ecofriendly campus in both Glasgow and London.

Push to extend canteen and reunion bar closing time.

Lobby for diversity in catering menu.

Push for more funding for sport activities.

Lobby to make the reunion bar friendlier by creating live sport viewing, Dart board and other board games.

I will push for continued



protection and support for disabled, care experienced and LGBT+ students.

Vote Wilfred Obi for effective representation of all students of GCU.

I will work for the interest of all students in the University for the common good.

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### Saqib Siraj

#### Candidate for full-time officer

DEAR Esteemed Colleagues,

I am honored to announce my candidacy for the position of Full-Time London Officer at our esteemed university. With a steadfast commitment to serving our diverse student body, I pledge to advocate for positive change, foster inclusivity, and enhance the overall student experience.

Empowering Student Voices:

As your Full-Time
London Officer, I pledge
to be an unwavering
advocate for every student
at GCU London. I will
actively seek out your
feedback and ensure that
your voices are heard
and represented in every
decision-making process.
Together, we will create an
inclusive and supportive
environment where every
student feels valued and
empowered to thrive.

Enhancing AcademicSupport:

I am committed to improving academic support services to ensure that every student receives the guidance and resources they need to excel in their studies. Whether it's enhancing access to tutors, expanding library resources, or promoting peer-to-peer learning initiatives, I will work tirelessly to enhance the academic experience for all.

Fostering CareerDevelopment:

GCU London is not just a place of learning but also a launchpad for your future career. I will collaborate with industry partners to create more internship and job opportunities, organize career fairs, and provide workshops to enhance your employability skills. Together, we will pave the way for your success beyond graduation.

Promoting Diversity and Inclusion:

Diversity is our strength, and inclusion is our priority. I will champion initiatives that celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures and backgrounds within our community. By fostering an environment of mutual respect and understanding, we will cultivate a truly inclusive campus where everyone feels valued and respected.



Together, let's embark on this journey to make GCU London a vibrant, inclusive, and empowering community where every student can thrive academically, personally, and professionally. Your vision, your voice, our future.

## Mark Trainer

#### Candidate for full-time officer

VOTE for Mark Trainer.
My name is Mark, a
4th year BSc Computing
student from Glasgow.
I have the skills and
knowledge to represent
students as an FTO that
I have gained from my
diverse experiences
across various roles, from
several society committee
positions and a post on
the societies council to
working at GCU as a
Student Volunteer.

If elected I will campaign on the following things:

A More Social Campus I will pursue creating more social opportunities for students on campus. University should be a place that facilitates more than an academic environment. Societies and Clubs are a cornerstone of social and recreational aspects of student life. The goal is to support them to deliver a better student experience for all.

Better Communication No more missing out. If there is something happening at GCU that may interest, or be important to you then you should hear about it. Currently, it is the case that many students find out about events only after they have finished. It is frustrating and fosters apathy among the student population. It will be a priority of mine to work with the relevant parties to improve communication with students to ensure they are getting the most out of attending GCU.

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Vote Mark Trainer as your choice for FTO.



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### Shreya Dutta

#### Candidate for full-time officer

HELLO, my name is SHREYA DUTTA, a student pursuing MSc International Fashion Marketing. Here I stand as a nominee for the Full Time Officer position. Being a responsible and active member of the GCU Student's Association, I bring with me unwavering tenacity, undeterred focus, and a strong resolve to accomplish my goals, to do the best for the students of this university.

As an Officer, I will:

- Prioritize inclusivity by ensuring that all students, regardless of background or identity, feel welcomed and valued at GCU.
- Enhance mental health support by advocating for increased resources and services to address the mental health needs of students, promoting wellbeing and resilience.
- Provide the right to freely express by installing a complaint box in the university allowing students to write and express all their complaints or suggestions as future requirements.
- Support student needs by addressing concerns

- and challenges faced by students, and advocating for resources and initiatives to meet their academic, financial, and personal needs effectively.
- Ensure balance in academic and personal life by conducting free interactive activities such as easy board games, coffee/tea chats, drawing/painting, or any form of creativity, once every week to boost the students.
- Aim to provide quick food services by opening small canteens within the university at a very reasonable price, making it available for everyone.
- Promote sustainability by applying various tactics to spread awareness among the students and motivate them to participate in campus cleanliness.
- Guide students by conducting small sessions regarding plagiarism and its negative effects on the career of the students as this is a rising concern.

At last, I give my commitment to the students of GCU to stand by the thought of "For the people, with the people, and by the people".



Thank You



### Roland Nwachukwu

#### Candidate for full-time officer

MY name is Roland Nwachukwu, and I am an MSc. International Banking and Finance student. It is my pleasure to nominate myself for the role of a Student Officer, which will afford me the opportunity to render excellent service to the esteemed students of our great institution, Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU), the University for the Common Good.

If elected as a Student Officer, I will work in conjunction with the other Executive Committee members to initiate and execute the following programmes:

- Welfare Constantly engage the School's Management on matters concerning the welfare of students such good discount scheme for canteen services, conducive learning environment, etc.
- Cultural / Sporting Activities - Organise cultural week during which students from diverse international backgrounds will display and showcase their rich culture. There will also be inter-school sporting

competitions.

– Student Loan –
Having worked in the
financial sector for
over a decade before
enrolling into the MSc.
International Banking
and Finance Programme,
I will leverage on my
expertise to arrange with
some financial institutions
for provision of tuition
loans to our international
students.

I pledge to work tirelessly for the transformational cultural, social, and academic landscape of Glasgow Caledonian University during my tenor as a Student Officer.

Thank you.



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### Imoh Okoronkwo

#### Candidate for full-time officer

FELLOW students of GCU,

My name is IMOH OKORONKWO, I am the current student representive, International Economic and Social Justice. A seasoned student-savant with good records of welfare advocacy programs to enhance both academic and mental welbeingof students. During my undergraduate, I was the student representative for four years, and initiated "The Little Help," program to help students with food items during exam periods. This is still in existence till date.

Coming to GCU in September 2023, and in other to help fellow students achieve success, I came up with "Imohnomics Learning Hub," where I am training students on Ouantitative Data Analytics with Econometrics software. Advanced Excel. PowerBI, Tableau, and Mendeley referencing software, free of charge. We currently have over 50 trainees. More are welcome.

My plans,

- Accommodation: 10% reduction and rebate: I will create a link between GCU and the Housing Council to ease the process and requirements for private accommodation for GCU students.
- Recruitments/ professional placement: I will work to engage more companies in the career fair for local recruitments and internship opportunities for GCU students.
- Interdepartmental sport competitions: I will also organise interdepartmental football and other sport competitions for students to showcase their talents and have a more informal relationship with each other.
- More Microwaves in more strategic places in the school
- Lobby for more funding for home students
- Students food bank: Laise with the management and other agencies to esterblish a more effective food bank in the school for GCU students
  - Enterpreneurship/



Made in GCU: I will introduce an enterpreneurial fair where students can showcase their stills and build their network

- 5% tuition cut: Advocate for tuition fee cut by at least 10% to further ensure little relief and achieve the common good.

Thank you!



### Aiebee-Iberedem Tim

#### Candidate for full-time officer

HELLO, I am Aiebee-Iberedem Tim, a unique student leader with strong advocacy skills for students' voices.

I am the International Students' Officer 2023/2024, a member of the Student Voice and University Senate, and a member of the Rotaract Club. I am best known for my outspoken and selfless character.

I have an excellent understanding of GCU Student Life and the University's needs through my practical engagement with the Students' Association and the University. I believe my experiences best fit the Student President.

My Leadership as Student President will encourage:

Diversity and Inclusion

- Dedicated to creating an inclusive campus.
- Actively introduce/ support initiatives celebrating diversity, including cultural events, awareness campaigns, and collaborations with all student groups.
- Work with the university to allow cultural/traditional dishes

to celebrate GCU's diverse cultures and ethnicities.

Student Engagement:

- Enhance students' involvement in decision-making processes through regular open forums/ discussions for students to express their concerns, ideas, and aspirations.
- Run an Officer-Student interaction instead of the regular Student-Officer.
- Give students a Colead Responsibility.
- Introduce a student's suggestion/idea box.

Student Well-being:

- Advocate for enhanced mental health resources and disability awareness ensuring every student has access to the support they need.
- Create new and improve on already existing wellness programs for work-life balance.
- Advocate for more Students with Disability and Women-centred activities.
- Work with the University to further ease the accommodation challenges for International Students.
  - Work with the



University to create more on-campus part-time jobs for Students.

Academic Excellence:

- Collaborate with GCU schools to improve teaching methods and ensure good academic performance.
- Work on initiatives to provide additional academic resources outside the regular classroom fostering an environment for intellectual growth.

Your vote for Aiebee-Iberedem Tim as Student President will shape our university experience to empower, inspire, and always unite us all.

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### Friday Oshiotse

#### Candidate for full-time officer

MY name is FRIDAY OSHIOTSE (Ambassador Friyo). I AM a master's degree student in public health, and I was honoured with the prestigious Common Good Award in the year 2023 AS A RESULT of my selfless services in human development. I was among the selected few students that ensured seamless registration of new students in September 2023, and I am also a member of the Senior Peer Assisted Learning Support where I have provided academic guidance and impacted positively into the lives of students across GCU. Currently, I have provided useful information on accommodation, job applications, academics etc to hundreds of GCU students. I have a perfect understanding of the challenges, struggles, and pains of students due to my series of interactions with them hence I believe I am the best man for the position of SUG President.

As the President, I will

 Put measures in place for "proper welcoming" of new students and ensure the dissemination of useful information.

- Organise an "interactive session" to help new students navigate their way through the academic year.
- Establish an
  "academic society" where
  continuing students
  will help to provide
  academic guidance to
  both undergraduate and
  postgraduate new students.

ï Dialogue with school management for free daily breakfast for students.

i Organise "social events" where students will get to know each other better and use the avenue to promote equality, diversity and inclusion thereby fostering unity amongst students

 Liaise with school management to partner with private companies for job fairs and employability platforms for students.

ï Organise mental health awareness campaigns for students.

– Ensure that I and the other Full Time Officers are accessible to students. This will make it possible for students to discuss their challenges with the Full Time Officers.



kindly contact me on foshio300@caledonian. ac.uk. Thanks



### Raiyan Mehmood

#### Candidate for full-time officer

I'M Raiyan, a passionate student studying Video Game Design. I want YOUR 1st preference vote for Student President to ensure you have the best experience at GCU! Making a difference means a lot to me, and I have the experience to show that I'm the best person for the role.

Why me?

- \* Proactive with Student Ambassadors. Student Voice, 5 societies including being secretary (2 years running).
- \* Helped form University Strategy 2030, steering GCU's direction for the next 10 years.
- \* Lobbied 3 successfully implemented ideas: GCU app, website refresh and campus masterplan.

I'm well-equipped, empathetic, and determined to show ambition!

4 goals I can achieve to help you:

A transformed campus built for students, by students!

\* Support long-term investment into creating a sustainable and state-ofthe-art campus with new buildings, refurbishments, and accommodation.

- \* More study and social spaces and improve digital spending for wider Wi-Fi access, high-tech labs, digital student ID's and campus security.
- \* Rebrand the student union and create unique and inclusive spaces for student-led activities. celebrating our community.
- \* Get facilities that YOU want through frequent consultation, keeping students at the heart of all decisions.

Student activities matter

- \* Increase student engagement through union and society-collaborated social events.
- \* Remove barriers for societies e.g. increase funding, simplify planning processes, greater access to venues.

CV-enhancing opportunities

- \* Boost promotion of industry connections for internships and graduate employability. Champion for meaningful career events with Q&As and networking.
- \* Ensure opportunities at GCU are visible and regularly advertised with



student stories showcasing benefits of extracurricular activities, so you stand out from the rest!

Open-door policy

\* With my approachability, come to me with any issues and I'll respond effectively with compassion and support you to the best of my ability.

VOTE RAIYAN #1 and I'll deliver on making students my number 1 priority!

Also, Vote AK#2, Salman#3

Vote here!

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### Kapil Ranjit Mavani

#### Candidate for full-time officer

HELLO Friends,

My Name is Kapil Mavani and would like to be heard by students' voices and concerns along with challenges a new and existing students face. My rich corporate experience will help me to lead the student Association combined with my experience of being a class representative of Global MBA and understanding of GCU working, I would be the best fit Student President's Role.

- \* As an international student I would like to establish a well-defined communication ladder between students and college staff.
- \* I want to bring greater familiarity between students and Staff/Tutors
- \* I want to bridge the gap between students and university.
- \* Walk in Policy for students at student association office to solve any immediate prevailing issues.
- \* I would enhance GCU Career development plan provided by the university to another level wherein maximum students can take advantage.

- \* I will push for more English Language development programs for international students.
- \* I want more greener initiatives to be taken by GCU for fulfilling energy requirements of university.
- \* I will promote One University One family environment, No place for any discrimination.
- \* For the London Campus especially, I would like to restart diverse breakfast all the time and all the trimesters students which was initiated for some time as students come early to campus.
- \* I would strongly vouch for full-time representation at the London campus for the betterment of students and enhance their learning experience and would also help to solve their issues/challenges faced by students promptly.

Friends please do vote for me to create a difference and see the change you want to see.

My Name is Kapil Mavani, and I am running for the post of Student President.

Please remember friends



that voting lines open on 4th March @10am and close on 7th March @5Pm.

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### Afia Kazmi

#### Candidate for full-time officer

HEY, I'm Afia (known as AK), a Muslim-Asian woman home-student, and I'm running for Student President so please vote for me as your FIRST preference on Monday 4th to Thursday 7thMarch 2024 on the GCU Student Association website.

I LOVE GCU and never want to leave. I've been in GCU since I was 15 years old (7 years now) due to the Student Mentor programme and Advance Higher Hub. I've completed a BEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering degree and now, I'm studying MEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

My research paper was accepted by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and I got the highest percentage in a dissertation presentation the engineering department has ever seen.

In my 7 years of being a GCU student, I've been part of basically EVERYTHING in GCU including, 8 job departments (e.g, Student Ambassador and Student Mentor) over 10 societies (e.g, CISA and EDIT) and class/department/student voice representative almost every year - ALL at the same time. I'm also doing the Common Good Award and the GCU Senator.

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Basically, everyone knows me in uni. There is NO student with more EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE and LOVE for GCU than me (I even rejected an unconditional offer from Glasgow University for GCU).

Things I will advocate for when I become Student President:

- \* More religious representation (religious holidays)
  - \* Flexible studies
- \* More support for societies
- \* New and Improved GCU campus
  - \* Eco-friendly campus
- \* Improve the GCU Learn app and Student Association website
  - \* Cheaper parking
  - \* Cats on Campus!
  - \* GCU Cinema
  - \* Student support
- for ALL groups
  - \* Increase engagement
  - \* Office open-door-policy



- \* Cheaper student life
- \* Woman rights
- \* Fight against discrimination
- \* Extend closing times for the campus life desk
  - \* Inclusivity
- \* Listen, act and provide feedback on your concerns!

Please vote for Raiyan and Salman as 2nd and 3rd preference!

#IamGCU #VoteAKforPresident

# Rosidah Ningrum

#### Candidate for full-time officer

I AM Rosidah Ningrum, an Indonesian studying International Business Management.

As a candidate, I bring strong leadership background, having served as the Vice President of AIESEC, the biggest International Youth organization in the world. I am also founder of NGO & Education Startup to support Indonesian students to pursue their higher education.

As a recipient of
Postgraduate Ambassador
Scholarship from
GCU and member of
the UniBuddy team, I
collaborate with GCU
officers to enhance overall
educational experience
for every student,
providing me with a deep
understanding of GCU's
student body's needs.

As President, I will champion:

Students' Welfare & Inclusivity

- 1.Advocating Daily Halal Food Canteen to ensure Muslim students can get the food aligns with halal standards.
- 2. I will propose free coffee and snacks in the

library after 7 PM for students dedicated to latenight studies.

- 3. Propose a platform for students with business ideas to showcase products, creating valuable opportunities through public and local business engagement.
- 4. Support Students Clubs & Societies Growth. Student representatives will freely discuss ideas, ensuring program expansion, and empowering initiatives.
- 5. Secure more funding to reduce students' financial burden
- 6. Ensuring your voice is heard. Organizing Anonymous Feedback Boxes for students to share ideas, comments, and feedback.
- 7. Promoting Student Accommodation Viewing, rely on GCU reps to visit your house for safe, scamfree transitions in Glasgow accommodation

Academic Support:

1. Lobbying the university for an Elective Final Project, allows all students to choose between research or workplacement.



Wellbeing & Mental Health:

1. Advocating for Universal Mental Health Program, fostering selfsupport and valuing shared experiences with friends as valuable as professional well-being services.

Let's make the 2024 as the year to remember.

It starts when you BRING ROS AND VOTE ROS to be your next President!

Vote ROSIDAH NINGRUM as your FIRST PREFERENCE

Voting Date: 4th-7th March 2024 at 5pm

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#### Adele Onada

#### Candidate for full-time officer

MY name is Dr. OLADELE ONADA

I am running for Vice President School of Health and Life Sciences.

I am a dual Nigerian-Irish nationality and a PhD student in the School of Health and Life Sciences. I was involved in politics in Ireland at the House of Senate and the Oueen's University. Belfast, Northern Ireland. Presently, I am the GCU Health and Safety representative and deputy postgraduate research representative. I have the work and student learning life experiences to serve the students

Manifestoes:

Voice of students in the School of Health and Life Sciences will be represented at all levels of the degree programmes by engaging with student union voice leaders and the university education and programmes committees.

Alleviate living crisis with student breakfast.

Programmes and curriculum integration with Russel group universities in Scotland to improve transition of GCU students into masters and PhD programmes with support network.

Promote clinical teachings and skills for nursing students in GCU before placements in hospital wards with better conditions for teaching, placements and pay for GCU students.

High standard of education and laboratory training by working with students to provide workshops in laboratory project reports writing, academic essays, systematic literature reviews writing, referencing management, mentorship, career advice and ensuring constructive feedbacks from lecturers to motivate students in class assessments.

Working with staff members to promote equality, diversity and inclusivity in the lecture rooms and laboratories by implementing policies for students and university staff.

Wellbeing and life balance with provision of GCU Clinics, GCU student housing, campus fridge food storage, free gym membership and



Philanthropists donations.

Biomedical companies and NHS jobs recruitment workshops for GCU students by sponsoring social events to promote diversity in the pharmaceutical, healthcare and biosciences workforce for GCU students.

Prevention of genderbased violence and sexual harassment educating students on consents.

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### **Oluwatomisin Osinubi**

#### Candidate for full-time officer

IF you've ever felt overwhelmed or out of place in university, you're not alone! I'm Tom-Tom, and I initially felt the same in my first few months at GCU until I actively sought out opportunities like the GlobalBuddy, Magnusson fund, GCU film society, hosting events at the reunion bar, working towards the Common Good award, and enrolling in the student leadership program. The fast-paced nature of the university hinders most of us from discovering these opportunities.

As an adept creative and MSc Social Innovation student, I'm passionate about channeling creativity and removing barriers to opportunities which is why I'm running for Full-time Officer—to collaborate with YOU to transform the student association from being a distant representative body to a student-led collective continuously creating access to opportunities that improve your student experience. Together, we can:

1. Kickstart #CALERAVE: a creativity

hub to host trimesterly inter-faculty challenges, sports, and activities featuring influential industry guests, sponsored prizes, social media campaigns, and opportunities for students to showcase talents in music, film, poetry, podcasts, fashion, photography, technology, etc driving global spotlight, socialization, cultural exchange, confidence, and well-being enhancement.

- 2. Implement research-driven innovation in collaboration with Uhatch to improve your earning potential i.e. creating a network that gives GCU students priority access to various flexible shifts.
- 3. Personalized support for home & international students to ease integration through bi-weekly support groups for exchanging useful knowledge & resources gained from real experiences in priority contexts including accommodation, income, navigation, academic workload.
- 4. Work with Glasgow City Council



to launch #StudentLife initiatives cushioning us from the cost of living crisis.

- 5. Advocate for equal/ clearly defined breaks for September intake students.
- 6. Mandatory Full-time officers' accountability syncs with students to assess impact so far and collaboratively develop further initiatives.

Vote TOM TOM #1 and let's explore boundless possibilities together.

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#### Lucky W. Ehigiamusoe

#### Candidate for full-time officer

HI everyone, I am Lucky Wilson Ehigiamusoe, a post-graduate student of Medical Bioscience from the School of Health and Life Sciences. As a Trustee of the Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) Student Association. I've dedicated myself to understanding the concerns and needs of our student body. My first-hand experience with student challenges sparked a fire within me, a burning desire to be your voice and champion for progress. That's why I'm running for Full-Time Officer.

As your advocate, I'll champion 3 key areas to empower your success at Glasgow Caledonian University:

- 1. Wellbeing & Safety:
- \* Train 50 student volunteers in mental health awareness by December 2024 to provide confidential peer support.
- \* Advocate for increased 24/7 security patrols around campus, especially late at night, by November 2024.
- \* Conduct a campus lighting audit and improve poorly lit areas by

December 2024.

- \* Form a student-led Diversity & Inclusion Committee by October 2024 to address inclusion concerns and also organize inter-cultural events.
  - 2. Financial Fitness:
- \* Lobby publishers and bookstores for bulk discounts on essential course materials, aiming for a 10% reduction by October 2024.
- \* Partner with local banks to offer monthly workshops on budgeting, loans, and responsible credit management.
- 3. Everyday Conveniences:
- \* Guarantee weekly restocks of pens, paper, and other essentials in all study spaces.
- \* Campaign for additional washing machines in student residences and negotiate affordable laundry card options by August 2024.
- \* Implement a central online calendar highlighting events relevant to diverse student groups and interests, launching the calendar by November 2024.

Together, we can



achieve these goals and build a brighter future for all Glasgow Caledonian students!

Vote Lucky through this Link https://www. gcustudents.co.uk/vote

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### **Paul Ager**

#### Candidate for full-time officer

PAUL is vying to be your Students Union President in 2024 (RENEWED HOPE FOR GCU)

What is in it for you?

- \* Implement mentorship programs to support academic success and personal development.
- \* Advocate for increased funding for student clubs and societies to encourage diverse extracurricular activities.
- \* Focus on improving accessibility on campus for students with physical disabilities.
- \* Establish partnerships with local businesses and organizations to provide internship and job opportunities for students.
- \* Enhance campus safety measures and awareness campaigns to address issues of harassment and assault.
- \* Promote sustainability initiatives such as recycling programs and reducing plastic waste on campus.
- \* Collaborate with faculty and staff to address academic issues and ensure fair grading practices.

How? Diversity and Inclusion:

Embracing all individuals, regardless of gender, nationality, religious background, and other unique characteristics, in alignment with the principles of Glasgow Caledonian University.

Collaboration: Engage in collaboration with faculty and staff to tackle academic concerns, fostering an environment that upholds equitable grading practices and addresses any related issues.

Why me?

I am a candidate characterized by groundedness, positivity, honesty, and authenticity, backed by extensive leadership experience, energy, and passion. I aim to connect with each of you, listening attentively to guarantee that your overall well-being and student experience are optimized to the fullest extent possible!

Track Record
I am a student-led,
relational leader who
turns challenges into
opportunities in all
aspects of my work and
volunteering, which is
why I am proud to have:



Worked as a secretary IEEE Student Branch from 2019 - 2020

The responsibility of being the current president of the IEEE Student Branch

A Vote For Me Is A Vote For You!

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### **Dana King**

#### Candidate for full-time officer

I AM AKINOLA
OJELABI, Student
Representative for the
MSc Financial Technology
in the School of
Computing, Engineering
and Built Environment
(SCEBE) and Glasgow
School for Business and
Society (GSBS) at GCU
2023/2024.

I have decided to run for Student Union President at our great citadel of learning because I am committed to supporting your interests and developing a dynamic, inclusive campus community in order to create good change and improve the GCU student experience.

My five-point agenda 1. Advocating for Student Welfare:

Expand mental health services and resources to ensure all students have access to support when needed.

Establish a hardship fund to assist students facing financial challenges, and enhance student well-being

2. Promoting Academic Excellence:

Collaborate with faculty to enhance teaching

quality and student engagement through innovative pedagogical approaches.

Advocate for increased funding for academic resources, including libraries and laboratories, to support student learning and research.

3. Strengthening Student Voice and Representation:

Establish regular forums for open dialogue between students, faculty, and administration to address issues and propose solutions and to ensure our voices are heard and valued.

4. Fostering Inclusivity and Diversity:

Create platforms for underrepresented student groups to voice their concerns and advocate for their needs.

Organize cultural awareness events and diversity training workshops to celebrate our university's multicultural community.

Virtual communitiesSocial Engagement

Develop an online platform where students can connect virtually, join interest-based groups, and participate in discussions



and activities, especially during times when inperson gatherings may be limited.

A Vote for me "Dana King" is a Vote for the Real Change. A Vote for me is the rebirth that we truly seek in Glasgow Caledonian University. A Vote for me is never a waste, but a catalyst to a dynamic Representation.



Full Time Officer

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