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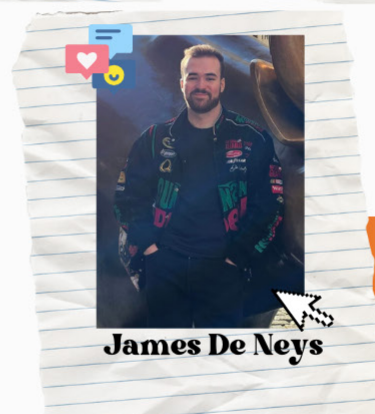
# THE **EDIT**

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# What do Full Time Officers Do?

In our elections, we elect all four officers through a single election with the first placed candidate being offered the role of President and the other three winning candidates each becoming a Vice President representing each school (School of Health and Life Sciences, Glasgow School for Business and Society, School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment) and engaging with their specific students.

This approach gives 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 allocated after the elections take place. This is done in agreement between the newly elected officers.

The Students' Association constantly strives to improve upon the services and activities we offer and to ensure that the voice of all GCU students is heard. In order to make this happen, our

Trustees have to come up with a strategic plan to take us forward.

Our Full-Time Officers work to implement this plan and ensure that it remains relevant to the lives of our members- GCU students.

Working through this plan has led to important and tangible results for our members:

- Paused membership fees for the Ark Gym
- Installation of the 24-hour computer lab in the Students' Association Building.
- Stopped the university from charging students to take resit exams.
- Worked with the university and Baxterstorey to provide students with a bar.



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# Why Vote in the Student Elections?

With the Student Elections upon us, this is your chance to influence change. Voting is very important, however, not everyone understands its significance or how to go about it, so The EDIT are here to provide you with short and sweet how-to guide.

This year's voting commences on Monday 4th March at 10am with voting taking place until Thursday 7th March at 5pm. Results will be announced on Friday the 8th March at 7pm at the Big Student Election's Party which will be held in Strathclyde Students' Union. Don't worry if you can't make it though, we will be sharing it live on our Facebook page as well as posting updates throughout the week on all our social media!

Here at GCU, every student is eligible to vote, normally all students are sent an email with a link on how to vote and you can also vote using this link when the elections are open - [www.gcustudents.co.uk/vote](http://www.gcustudents.co.uk/vote)

GCU Student Elections are undertaken using Single Transferable Vote system. In this election, you have the option to vote for up to five candidates. You signify your first choice

by using a '1' and your second with a '2' up until a total of five candidates are selected. These further choices are vital because as well as helping to determine who the Student President will be, it also helps indicate who will take up the Vice-President roles for all three schools. You can read the candidates manifestos from page 3 or online:

[www.gcustudents.co.uk/elections](http://www.gcustudents.co.uk/elections).

Using your right to vote gives YOU the power to help CHANGE happen. Voting gives you the authority to help change things around the University. Are you unhappy with something and want something to be done about it? Vote for who you think is the best person to lead the way into making positive changes to our university. Voting gives students the platform to give their opinion on what they think matters most. It's simple democracy, you have the future of the university in your hands, use your vote and vote wisely.

Who should represent you at GCU?  
Voting gives you the opportunity to choose who YOU want to represent YOU at GCU.

Monica Allen



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# YOUR



## Eilidh Stewart

### Isla and Eilidh Campaign Manifesto

#### 1. Pro-Palestine

##### We will:

- 1.1. Lobby for an increase of awareness and solidarity with Palestinian people on campus.
- 1.2. Champion the demands of the Palestine Solidarity Society which include the twinning of GCU with a destroyed university in Gaza, and at least two scholarships for Palestinian students at GCU.

#### 2. Representation

##### We will:

- 2.1. Represent everyone at GCU equally and proportionately.
- 2.2. Lobby for the Student's Association to revert to the Student's Union. A step towards re-politicising GCU.
- 2.3. Promise an open-door policy and will hold regular focus groups with students to ensure policy remains in line with student requirements.
- 2.4. Lobby to improve democratic processes within the Students Union.
- 2.5. Lobby for the university to recognise Islamophobia awareness month.

#### 3. Holding the University to account

##### We will:

- 3.1. Ensure an open line of communication with the staff unions through regular meetings to create a close relationship between the two pillars of university accountability.
- 3.2. Ensure that the students union carries out its role as a separate entirety to hold the university to account.

#### 4. Sporting

##### We will:

- 4.1. Lobby for there to be no classes on a Wednesday after 12pm, to provide a greater opportunity for sporting engagement at GCU without missing lectures.

#### 5. Wellbeing

##### We will:

- 5.1. Advocate for positive and sustained wellbeing, whatever that means to you
- 5.2. Aim to be the bridge between the student body and support services on campus.

Wellbeing is a phrase we hear all the time, and it will mean different things to all of us. Housing and money worries will impact your wellbeing. Access to services and support services will impact your wellbeing. Access to societies where you can work with others, share interests and be part of something more than yourself will impact your wellbeing.



# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer

### Ebenezer Adegoke



#### VOTE EBENEZER (BEN)

About me:

My name is Ebenezer Adegoke (BEN)

I am a final year master's degree student in Finance, Accounting, and Regulations

I started my master's program in the year 2024, and since then, Glasgow Caledonia University has become my inspiration.

I am the mature students' representative of the year 2024/2025. Member of RCF GCU, Lions Club International, I also engaged in interactive student events and support programs.

#### MANIFESTOES

.... For Quality Students Representation with Difference.

- Intensifying the awareness campaign of the core values of GCU and increasing the visibility of the importance of student association to all students even before their arrival.
- Making Student welfare a priority through quality representation, accountability, and robust engagement.
- Expanding the students' variety of events, and cultural weeks to be educative and truly promote students' social lives, diversity, and inclusion.
- Regular online & onsite meetings to urgently address students' unique needs through a complaint/suggestion 24/7 platform.
- To improve academic support in each school for both new and challenged students on specific courses is more inclusive.
- Pushing for mature student community learning techniques for adults and more support to balance study, work, and family.
- Improving the UK colleges/Universities' sports competitions, where skills can be harnessed for agency requirements.
- Engaging the University authority on how more entrepreneurs and captains of industries can be attracted for career opportunities.
- Ensuring priority to our physically challenged students' needs is sacrosanct.
- Engaging the University management to improve on how to make GCU the University of choice for students from other continents.
- Improving the usage of the Student Library and the association's library
- Ensuring all meetings are duly attended and the students' voices are heard,
- Consulting with the school management on the need for cheaper parking spaces.
- Ensuring we have more hygiene and more friendly washrooms in the uni.

# YOUR



## Robert Gallacher

My name is Robert Gallacher, I am from Kilmaronock in Scotland and I am asking for your help running for Student president of GCU.

As a dedicated member of our university community, I believe in the power of education to transform lives; however, our current digital infrastructure does not meet the diverse needs of our student body. It's time for a change that ensures equal access and a better learning experience for all.

As the Chair of the Students Voice, and an active member for several years, I am deeply invested in championing the concerns and aspirations of our student body. I believe in harnessing our collective voice to push for a digital infrastructure that truly serves us all.

I am the current serving Chair of the Students Voice and have been the vice chair in the two years previous.

I have also been the care experienced officer for GCU and a part of the senate disciplinary committee and freshers committee.

I will also be focusing on lobbying for better access to Eduroam and other systems of digital inclusion, as well as the updating of current access to digital content.

With this in mind I also aim to help facilitate:

- . Better access to mental health services including awareness of the services available.
- . Tackling racism.
- . Tackling gender based inequality.
- . Lobbying for financial hardship support for students in need.
- . Lobbying for better access and information for clubs and sports facilities.
- . Lobbying for clear information for international students that require accommodation.

Please take time out of your day to vote. My name is Robert Gallacher and I will do as much as I can to make a difference to as many students' lives as possible.

Please email me at [RGALLA217@caledonian.ac.uk](mailto:RGALLA217@caledonian.ac.uk) if you have any questions.



# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer



## Blessing Agboifo

Your Voice, Your Future!

Candidate for President, Glasgow Caledonian University Student Association (GCU SA)

Who Am I?

I'm Blessing Agboifo, a Master's student in Public Health, passionate about inclusive leadership, student empowerment, and transformative change. I have actively worked to promote equity, student welfare, and academic excellence, and I am ready to serve as your GCU SA President, ensuring every student's voice is heard and valued.

Why Am I Running?

University life should be more than academics—it should be a fulfilling experience where all students feel supported, represented, and empowered. I will work tirelessly to ensure GCU remains student-centered, inclusive, and progressive, helping every student thrive academically, socially, and professionally.

My Priorities

1. Academic Excellence & Support

- Advocate for flexible learning, lecture recordings, and extended library hours.
- Enhance mental health and academic support services.
- Improve grading transparency and faculty-student communication.

2. Student Welfare & Well-being

- Strengthen mental health services and financial support.
- Advocate for affordable housing and better student job opportunities.
- Ensure accessibility for all students, including those with disabilities.

3. Career Development & Employability

- Establish stronger industry connections, internships, and paid placements.
- Organize career fairs and mentorship programs.

4. Inclusion & Community Engagement

- Foster diversity, cultural inclusion, and stronger student societies.

5. Sustainability & Campus Improvement

- Push for eco-friendly policies.

6. Transparency & Student Engagement

- Implement regular town halls and greater student involvement in decision-making.

Vote me as your President – my term will be worth the while.

# YOUR



## Imoh Vincent Okoronkwo

I am IMOHO VINCENT OKORONKWO, a Master's student in International Economic and Social Justice and a dedicated advocate for student welfare. As a University Senate Student Representative (elected), Student Trustee Member of the GCU Student Association, Student Voice Member, and Student Representative (2023/2024), I have firsthand experience with the challenges students face. My passion lies in creating a more inclusive, supportive, and student-friendly GCU, where every voice is heard, and every need is met. If elected, I will champion the following initiatives:

### Welfare & Campus Life

- Lobby for additional financial support for home students alongside SAAS.
- Improve canteen food quality, increase variety (including snacks), and reduce prices.
- Secure discounted, high-quality coffee on campus.
- Ensure frequent cleaning of canteen & library bathrooms (especially the ladies').
- Abolish laundry charges at Caledonian Court and improve access to accommodation.
- Provide free tampons/pads in female bathrooms to support menstrual health.
- Organize a vibrant welcome party for new students to foster connections.
- Stock the student pantry with more food options, including culturally diverse items for international students.

### Student Facilities & Support

- Extend SEAT testing periods to allow students to better understand processes.
- Push for more flexible, student-friendly lecture timetables.
- Improve email communication by streamlining messages to students.
- Negotiate for free or reduced parking fees for students.
- Enhance WiFi connectivity across campus.
- Anonymous suggestion/complaint boxes on campus

### Academics & Employability

- Fast-track resit scheduling to accommodate international students with visa restrictions.
- Organize recruitment fairs to connect students with job opportunities.
- Push for more holidays for September intake students to balance academic pressures.
- Attract free or discounted professional certifications to boost employability.
- Promote equality, diversity, and inclusion through inter-departmental sports competitions and cultural exchange programs.

Vote VINCENT IMOHO First Choice for a stronger Student Association!

THANK YOU!



# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer

### Daniel Suarez



Hi everyone!

I am a Sustainability graduate and advocate, currently undertaking a Masters in UX Design at GCU.

During the last 5 years, we, the students, have faced incredibly challenging situations such as pandemic lockdowns, struggle to adapt to hybrid teaching, a general decline in mental health, and the abrupt rise of costs of living. However, these challenges didn't stop us from making many positive contributions, like demonstrating to make institutions divest millions of pounds from fossil fuels and standing against the genocide in Gaza.

Empowered students can achieve great things to enhance their rights and contribute to society. Diversity is our main strength, and even if our dreams are different, we all have things in common: we want our opinions to matter, and we want to achieve our goals with a sense of purpose and the pathway as smooth as possible.

For this, a fair student representation that shares our common values is key. The Students' Union plays an important role in the university's decision-making.

Your vote will allow me to be your Student President 2025-2026, and my commitment is to provide the best possible representation using my experience and expertise, focusing on:

1. Enhance Climate Action on campus, creating and implementing a realistic plan to minimise the GCU carbon footprint towards achieving carbon neutrality. As climate change exacerbates, we must act using all available resources. GCU has great potential to lead impactful climate action.
2. Implement a wider participation system through which students' needs and ideas are heard and systematised, and effective responses tackling the problems are implemented.
3. Bridge the gap between students and employers to increase the employability of GCU graduates by broadening agreements with the industry and providing further tools and guidance for students to ease the pathway to finding the job they want and deserve.

# YOUR



## Samuel Eziri

Manifesto for a Fairer, Stronger GCU

Candidate: Samuel Eziri

Position: Full-Time Officer, GCU Students' Association

Glasgow Caledonian University should be a place where every student thrives—not struggles. I am standing to be your Full-Time Officer to fight for fairness, affordability, and a stronger student community.

### 1. End Unfair Laundry Charges at Caledonian Court

Students should not have to pay to wash their clothes—it's a necessity, not a luxury. I will campaign to abolish laundry fees and push for free or significantly reduced services.

### 2. A Leader Who is Always Available

Representation is meaningless if students can't reach their leaders. I will be accessible at all times—online, in person, and through regular drop-in sessions to ensure your concerns are heard and acted upon.

### 3. Affordable Student Life

The cost-of-living crisis is hitting students hard. I will push for cheaper food options on campus, increased hardship funds, and better financial support for student renters.

### 4. Academic Support and Mental Wellbeing

I will fight for improved feedback systems, fairer grading, and flexible learning. I will also campaign for more free mental health services, additional counselors, and 24/7 peer support networks.

5. A Diverse and Inclusive GCU I will ensure international, disabled, LGBTQ+, and minority students feel supported and represented, while strengthening anti-discrimination policies and community events.

6. More Career and Employability Opportunities I will push for paid internships, networking events, and fairer wages for working students. 🗳️ Vote Samuel – A Servant Leader Who Listens, A Voice That Fights for You!

# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer



## Dumisa January

Encouraging GCU Students and Bringing About Real Change

I'm running for office at GCU Glasgow because I think that every student should have a voice and be heard. By working together, we can create a community that embodies our common goals and values.

I will concentrate on the following priorities as your representative:

- **Student Well-Being and Mental Health:** Your physical and mental well-being are important. To make sure that every student at GCU feels safe, supported, and appreciated with personalised services catering to the specific individual needs of students, I will endeavour to increase resources and support networks with more emphasis on the Disabled and the LGBTQIA+ community.
- **Academic Excellence:** I'll work to expand access to tutoring programs, enhance study areas, and provide better learning materials. Our university experience revolves around education, and I want to make sure that everyone has access to it.
- **Sustainability:** The condition of our earth determines our future. I'm determined to make GCU a pioneer in environmental responsibility by promoting greener campus policies, such as waste reduction and on-campus sustainability campaigns.
- **Inclusivity:** I will endeavour to establish a welcoming atmosphere for all members of GCU's diverse community, irrespective of their identity, background, or beliefs.
- **Affordability:** Being a student can be costly. I'll advocate for more cost-effective alternatives, such as programs that reduce the total cost of living for students – reduce on campus prices for students.
- **Student Life:** Every student deserves a university experience that is filled with fun and excitement – push for on campus student life campaigns in collaboration with student life experience marketing houses.

By working together, we can transform GCU into a place where each student is empowered to reach their potential. Let's build a campus in which we can all take pride. Vote for a University that serves everyone.



# YOUR



## Sinead Quinn

Sinead Quinn: Championing Sports, Strengthening Support, and Elevating Student Life!  
Hi, I'm Sinead Quinn a 3rd-year International Tourism and Events Management student passionate about student life and making a real impact.

I've been deeply involved in our university community, as a Student Events Assistant (2025), Sports Council member (2023 & 2024), Muay Thai Captain (2022), and an active member of GCU Weightlifting (2023 & 2024) and Mountaineering (2024). My experience in leadership and event organisation has given me a strong understanding of what students need to thrive.

If elected, I will:

1. Increasing Sports Clubs Funding – I will fight for better funding to help cover the rising costs of equipment, travel, memberships, and kits, ensuring students can participate without financial barriers.
2. Prioritize Student Mental Health & Well-being – I will push for more accessible well-resourced mental health services by adding more counsellors and shorter waiting times.
3. Support Direct Entry Students – I will improve academic support through fairer assessment policies, better feedback, and stronger academic guidance.
4. Tackle the Cost of living – I will advocate for free lunch for all students on campus in Glasgow and London.
5. Enhance Campus Life & Facilities – I will create more social/study spaces, and upgrade vital facilities like the nursery and bathrooms.
6. Upgrade the Student Association Bar - I will transform the bar into a vibrant student hub by introducing more events, adding dartboards and live sports screening, and ensuring consistent opening hours.

A University That Works for You

Your voice matters. I will listen, engage, and fight for the changes you want, whether tackling rising costs, improving student safety, or making sure your concerns are heard.

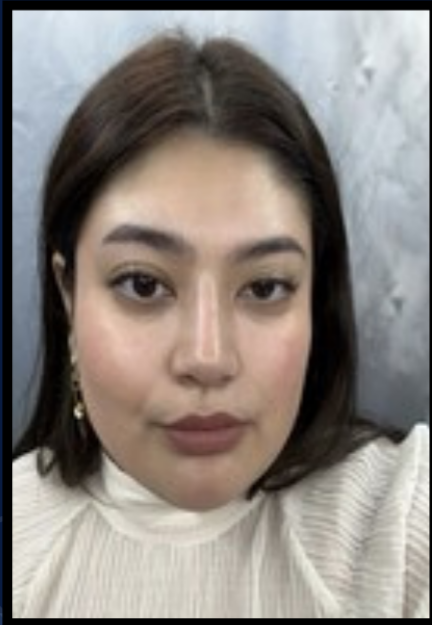
Together, We Make Change Happen

This isn't just my campaign – it's ours. Let's create a more inclusive, supportive, and exciting university together!

Vote Sinead Quinn!

# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer



**Jennifer  
Camarena**

My name is Jennifer Camarena, and I am a postgraduate student in Fashion and Lifestyle Marketing at Glasgow Caledonian University. I am running for the position of a Full Time Officer at GCU's Students' Association and am looking for your support.

This is important for me because it will allow me the opportunity to be a voice and representative of students at GCU, focusing on empowering and uniting students through the implementation of diversity, inclusion, and opportunities.

I plan to apply my diverse academic and professional background to help create opportunities, break down barriers, and ensure all students are supported with all the resources they may need to succeed. If elected, I will focus on the following objectives:

### Priority 1: Building Career Opportunities for Everyone

I will work to ensure students have access to plentiful resources, mentorships, and industry connections to develop their careers. Whether it is applying real-world experiences, building skills, or internships I will make sure our students have enough resources to help them succeed.

### Priority 2: Championing an Inclusive Space

I will push for more awareness initiatives and student-led conversations to ensure there is no discrimination and students have a safe and supportive space to succeed. This will also include enforcing policies to make students feel valued and empowered at a university that celebrates diversity.

### Priority 3: Advocating for Flexible Learning

To be inclusive, education should fit the needs of all students. I will work towards creating a space where administration and students can come together to balance in-person and flexible online learning to receive maximum support.

I will give my all to represent GCU's students and fight for their needs. Vote for me, Jennifer Camarena, for a Full Time Officer, and I will help you succeed!

Vote online on GCU Students' Association website, starting 3rd March.

# YOUR



## Seth Thomas

### LET'S SHAPE OUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE TOGETHER

Hi there,

I'm Seth, your fellow student and class representative for MA Digital Media and Content Creation. Like you, I know what it means to be a student at GCU – the excitement, the challenges, and most importantly, the potential for growth that lies ahead of us.

You've probably noticed the positive changes around campus, like the recent free access to the gym and ARC. That's the current officers' effort and exactly the kind of progress I want to build upon. But here's what I really want to know: are you getting everything you want from your university experience?

What I'm Fighting For (With You):

Your Opportunities:

- Making sure you know about every internship, placement, and project opportunity out there
- Ensuring your creative ideas and initiatives get the platform they deserve

Your Community:

- Supporting the clubs and activities that matter to you
- Making sure your culture and background are celebrated on campus
- Creating more spaces where you can meet people and work on projects

Your Success:

- Fighting for the study resources you need
- Making sure you have access to industry connections in your field
- Supporting your academic journey with enhanced peer support

Your Wellbeing:

- Making it easier for you to access healthcare when you need it
- Ensuring you know exactly where to turn when you need support
- Helping you find suitable housing without all the stress

I'm not just running to be a president – I want to be your advocate. Someone who understands that university isn't just something you pass through; it's an experience that should open doors for your future.

Your vote for me is a vote for someone who, like you, believes in making the most of every opportunity GCU has to offer.

Let's make this happen together.

Seth



# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer



## Hamza Ahmad Siddiqi

As a candidate for Student President, I am committed to advocate for

- Reliable Wi-Fi Across Campus

- I will advocate for improved Wi-Fi network across campus to ensure reliable and high-speed internet access for all students.

Affordable Parking for Students

- I will work to secure cheaper parking options, easing the financial burden on students who drive to campus.

Cheaper and Varied Food Options on Campus

- I will advocate for reduced food prices and a wider variety of dishes in the university canteen, along with a cash payment option.

Job Fairs, Job Placements & Internships

- I will push for more job fairs, job placements, and internship opportunities, providing all students with better career prospects.

Flexible Submission Deadlines During Exam Period

- I will advocate for multiple flexible options for assessment submission deadlines, allowing students to choose the best one based on personal circumstances, along with 3 resit opportunities for all.

Special Gym for Ladies

Support for Students in Lectures

- I will advocate for support for students who may struggle with certain accents, ensuring equal learning opportunities.

Improved Student Accommodation

- I will work for more affordable, high-quality accommodation options, particularly for international students.

Advocate for a 30% reduction in tuition fees for international students to promote accessibility and inclusivity in higher education.

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

- I will ensure that major cultural occasions like Eid, Diwali, and Holi are celebrated on campus, promoting inclusivity.

Support for Disabled Students & Mental Health Awareness

- I will advocate for resources and accommodations for disabled students, and increase access to mental health services for all.

Equal Representation for Female Students in FTOs & Leadership

- I will advocate for equal representation of female students in Full-Time Officer (FTO) roles and leadership positions.

Practical Training for SHLS Students

Special Scholarships for High-Performing Students

Support for International Students

Special RestRooms for females



# YOUR

## Tom Tom

Committed to serving, proven to deliver

Hello, I'm Tom Tom your current Vice President and an MSc Social Innovation Student.

My mission is simple: put YOU first. This past year I've gained a vast understanding of the systems in place, and I know they can always be BETTER for diverse student groups. I've proven myself to be driven, collaborative, innovative, accountable, and always bringing a sense of fun to getting the job done.

### Achievements

I've done individual and collaborative work with incredible teams to make tangible changes;

- Securing free gym access for all students,
- National Lobbying for student housing rights.
- I've built relationships across other Scottish Unions and the government, leading to a potential amendment in a housing bill that could transform student accommodation rights. But there's more work to be done, and I'm ready to keep pushing for you.
- Pushing for early retrieval for resits

As President, my top priorities are:

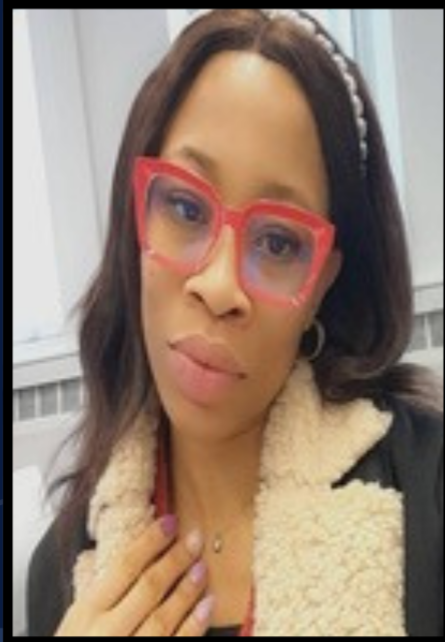
- Improving Learning Delivery Methods: I will advocate for more tailored course-based assessment options and a balance between online and physical lectures to accommodate other commitments.
- Student Housing Rights: I will leverage my relationships with other Student union officers and MSPs to further advocate for students' housing rights making accommodation more accessible & affordable.
- Sports Development at GCU: I will continue pushing for a GCU sports strategy, better sports facilities and programs.
- Increased, visible, and personalized support for all students, focusing on those from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds.

My leadership style blends transformational and servant leadership. I believe in collective action, big-picture goals and continuous improvement while also prioritizing the needs of others, fostering inclusivity, and building strong, trusting relationships needed for change.

I commit to making every vote for me count toward transformative change for our diverse student community

# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer



**Chinenye**  
**(NENNY)**

My name is Chinaenyenwa Ugo, known as “NENNY”, I am a student of Master's in Public Health. My dedication to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all students, both home and international, led me to serve as a class representative for MPH and the Vice-President of the GCU Igbo students association. I am also a very active member of the GCU Student Voice. As a candidate for Full-Time Officer at GCU, I am committed to bridging gaps, promoting inclusivity, and driving positive change to ensure every student has access to the resources and support needed to thrive.

### Addressing Immediate Needs:

- Push for earlier resit dates to prevent delays in graduation and avoid negative impacts on student term time and visas.
- Lobby for reduction in the number of physical lecture days to help students and lecturers maintain a healthy balance between academic responsibilities and personal life well-being.
- Engage with the university for students to easily appeal grades they believe are unmerited, ensuring fairness and transparency.
- Work with the accommodation department to provide temporary housing for new students on both campuses upon arrival.

### KEY PRIORITIES:

- Lobby for diverse, affordable, and culturally inclusive meals on campuses, ensuring every student enjoys quality dining at lower prices.
- Advocate for improved classroom ergonomics to create a more conducive learning atmosphere.
- Push for more protection and support for disabled students.
- Lobby for tailored resources and support for undergraduates.
- Lobby for more mental health facilities in both campuses.
- Unite home and international students through joint projects and social events, creating shared experiences and meaningful connections.
- Strengthen educational initiatives to address and prevent discrimination.
- Support student-led projects focused on sustainability, social justice, and community outreach.
- Lobby the management for cleaner toilets.

Vote "NENNY" as your FIRST-CHOICE candidate for a more inclusive GCU for all!



# YOUR



## Mian Mustafa

My name is Mustafa, and I am running to be your student representative because I believe in YOU and the decisions YOU will make with me as your representative. So why me? One reason: as a working student myself, I understand the challenges you face every day. I know what you feel and what you desire to change, and I am going to be your fellow traveller towards that change.

From securing screenings for sports events to finding bike/car parking, from going hungry because you don't have time or you don't have money to waiting endlessly for services access—I hear you, I feel you.

I know for us students finding a source of income sometimes becomes an existential question. I will advocate for more on-campus employment opportunities. I will push for expanded hardship funding, affordable housing and transportation, and better mental health services with faster appointments. To my international friends, I know what it's like to adjust to a new environment, overcome financial struggles, and manage the insecurity of time. I know the restrictions you face, and I will fight for you.

Our struggles and joys are shared. If there is one lesson we can draw from humanity's survival on this planet, it is that we survive together or we don't. It is only through our collective spirit can we foster inclusion, reject hate, and strengthen our bonds. I will strongly advocate for a zero-tolerance policy against racial, gender and religious discrimination. I believe education should allow us to maintain a work-life balance, so I will work for hybrid learning options while campaigning for a greener campus.

Most importantly, I will ensure students are involved in decision-making—because no policy should be made about us, without us.

Vote for Mustafa—because Mustafa hears you, feels you, and stands for you.

# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer



## Khaja Imtiyaz Ali Mohammad

Hello friends, My name is Imtiyaz Ali Mohammad, I'm running for post of GCU student's association full time officer post.

Presently I am studying in GCU London campus and elected as London officer for 2024-25. I'm also a former national student union leader with the ALL INDIA STUDENT'S FEDERATION, India's first and reputed student organization with over a million members. I have participated in many national and international conferences, including the World Youth Festival. My mission is to be a strong advocate for your needs, ensuring that our university provides the best possible experience for every student. As GCU full time officer, I will strongly make efforts to :

- Prioritize on-campus placement drives by collaborating with MNC companies. Strengthen links with employers to create more internship and job opportunities.
- Upgrade university facilities with advanced data centers for better network connections, SEATs applications, WiFi, and IT services Engineering and Pharmacy lab's with advance technology.
- Work towards transparency in assignment corrections with fair and improved grading policies.
- Aim to create a dedicated website for GCU alumina fostering relationships which will benefits students, staff, and university for employment and research.
- We are therefore committed to a strictly zero-tolerance policy any discrimination, harassment, or bullying related to sexual conduct, race, sex, disability, gender, age, and socio-economic backgrounds.
- Advocate for affordable food, housing and transport and improved catering services on campus.
- Student advocacy in cases involving visa issues or the eligibility for resits.
- Advocating for timetable issues for students with higher management.

I am dedicated to driving meaningful change that enhances your student experience. With my leadership background, experience in student advocacy, and commitment to student well-being, I am confident in my ability to represent your interests effectively. Let's work together to build a university that truly values and responds to student voices.

# YOUR



## Noor Ul Bashar

As your leader, I pledge to amplify your voice, champion your rights, and foster a inclusive campus community. I will work tirelessly to:

- Enhance student life and experiences
- Support academic excellence and well-being
- Promote diversity, equity, and social justice

Together, let's unite, inspire, and empower our student body to thrive!"



# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer



**Dheeraj Dhiman**

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# YOUR



## Ali Raza

Dear GCU Family,

My name is Ali Raza, and I am running to be your Full-Time Officer because I believe in a university where every student feels heard, supported, and empowered. As an international student, I know what it's like to be away from home, to face academic and financial pressures, and to sometimes feel lost. But I also know the strength we have when we come together as a community.

My Promise to You:

1. Stronger Support System: No student should struggle alone—I will push for better mental health resources, academic guidance, and financial aid.
2. A Vibrant Campus Life: University is more than just classes. I will work to create more cultural events, student-led initiatives, and a truly inclusive environment.
3. Better Career Opportunities: You deserve a future full of possibilities. I will advocate for more internships, skill-building workshops, and employer connections.
4. Fair & Affordable Living: I will fight for fair housing policies, cheaper transport options, and better financial assistance for students in need.

Why me?

Because I have felt the same struggles you have. Because I truly care. Because I want to make sure every student at GCU has the best possible experience. This is our university, and together, we can make it better.

Vote Ali Raza ---Your Voice, Your Future!

Let's stand together. Let's make a difference.

# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer



### KACY (Kanwal Chaudhry)

I'm Kacy (Kanwal Chaudhry), and am running to be your Full-Time Officer because I believe in the power of student leadership to drive real change. Over the years, I have worked tirelessly to improve student representation, support academic success, and create inclusive spaces where every voice is heard.

From Class Representative to the Chair of the Student Voice Committee, I have progressively taken on leadership roles that have allowed me to advocate for students at every level. As a Department Representative, I ensured that student concerns were addressed in policy decisions, and as a Student Study Abroad Ambassador, I worked to promote global opportunities available to all students. My experience in quality assurance panels, student mentoring, and committee leadership has equipped me with the skills to negotiate, collaborate, and implement policies that truly benefit students.

When elected, I will focus on:

- Cost of Living Support – Push for cheaper food options, better student discounts, and increased hardship funding to support those struggling financially.
- Better Communication & Representation – Ensure students know who to contact for help, demand faster responses from the university, and make Students' Association decisions more transparent.
- Mental Health & Wellbeing – Work to reduce counselling wait times, introduce peer support networks, and create more relaxation and quiet spaces on campus.
- Campus Facilities & Study Spaces – Advocate for more inclusive study spaces, and improved library resources to support student success.

I am committed to making a tangible difference for every student. I have spent my time at university listening, understanding, and taking action, and I will continue to champion your rights and fight for your needs. Let's build a stronger, more supportive student experience together! Vote for Kacy as Full-Time Officer – A Proven Leader for a Stronger Student Voice! Your Voice Matters!



# YOUR



## Muhammad Bilal

I'm Bilal, - The Beacon, pursuing an MSc in Accounting and Finance at Glasgow Caledonian University. With experience in administration and financial management at both national and international levels, I have worked with organisations like UNICEF, UNFPA, and WFP, as well as alongside the Government of Pakistan and the United Nations. These roles have taught me how to navigate complex systems, advocate for fairness, and drive meaningful change.

As a student, I understand the challenges we all face—whether it's academic pressure, financial concerns, or feeling unheard. My leadership experience has always been about creating real solutions, and that's exactly what I want to bring to this role. I am running for FTO because I believe every student—regardless of background—deserves strong representation, better opportunities, and a system that works for them. With your support, I will ensure that your voice is heard, your concerns are addressed, and that together, we build a fairer, more inclusive student community.

As Student President, I will advocate for:

- To enhance cross-cultural interactions, integrate local and international communities.
- Improve Wi-Fi, introduce AI-based learning tools, and invest in cutting-edge technology.
- To expand networking, internships, and employability workshops to ensure students.
- Advocate for counselling services, stress-relieving activities, and socialising.
- Development of a modern sports complex, including swimming and dance studios.
- Scholarships to support students demonstrating outstanding academic achievements.
- Work to increase the effectiveness of SA'AS to better support home students.
- Advocate for more international trips.
- Will work to unite universities by fostering collaboration through the spirit of sports.
- Push for increased funding and resources for societies.
- Advocate for funding to help transform innovative ideas into successful businesses.
- Increasing parking spaces and introducing free parking options.
- Promote gender equality, support women's leadership development, and ensure a safe, inclusive environment for all women on campus.

# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer



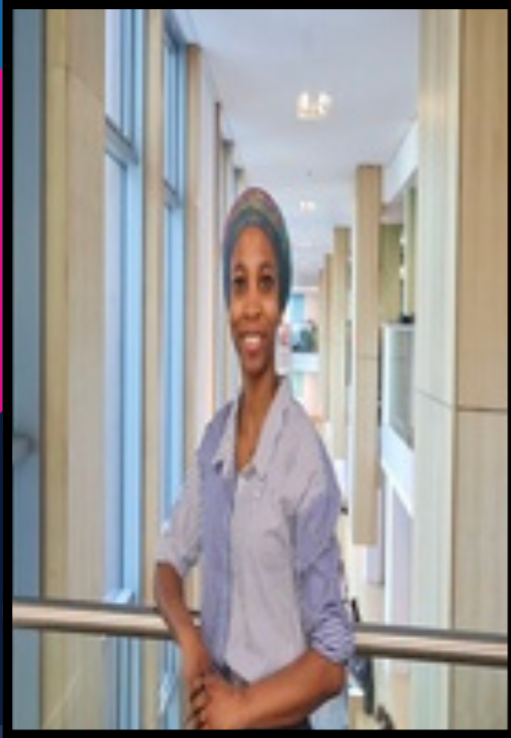
## Rusham Farah

Your voice matters, and I am here to represent you. As a passionate and dedicated candidate for the Full-Time Officer Elections, I bring experience as a member of the Student Buddy Team, a Class Representative, and a volunteer. My commitment to student leadership and community service has given me firsthand insight into the challenges and opportunities that students face. This role is not just a position—it is a responsibility to serve, support, and advocate for all students. I will ensure that every decision made reflects your needs and aspirations, fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for everyone.

I will work diligently to improve student life, addressing key concerns such as academic support, mental health resources, student rights, and community engagement. By collaborating with students, faculty, and external partners, I will implement initiatives that create a lasting positive impact. My goal is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed in a university experience that prioritizes well-being and growth.

Leadership is about action, not just words. I am committed to continuous development, refining my skills to drive meaningful change. As a member of the Executive Committee and Trustee Board, I will advocate for student-led initiatives, enhance policies, and build a stronger, more connected student body. I want to lead with you, ensuring that your voices shape the future of our Students' Association. This is our opportunity to make a difference. Let's work together to create a campus that is inclusive, dynamic, and student-centered. Your vote is your voice—vote for me, and let's make positive change happen.

# YOUR



## Mariam Queen Akinwale

Empower. Engage. Elevate.

My name is Mariam Queen Akinwale, and I am running to be your next Full-Time Officer because I believe in a university experience where every student's voice is heard, valued, and acted upon. As someone who has worked as a Student Ambassador, Travel Advisor, and has volunteered my skills as a GlobalBuddy, a Senior PAL and a Student Voice Member, I am fully committed to students' experience and, have actively supported students and contributed to our university community. I was also honored to participate in the Student Leaders Programme, and I am currently pursuing the Common Good Award to further hone and develop my skills as an effective leader. Additionally, as a member of GCU Entrepreneurial Hub, I have come to deeply understand the value of innovation and student support.

My Vision:

Empower Students for Academic Excellence

- Advocate for more awareness on clear AI guidelines to help students understand how to use generative AI ethically and effectively in their studies.
- Push for more extra-curricular resources, workshops and peer support to help students excel.

Enhance Student Well-being & Comfort

- Advocate for assigning personal tutors for postgraduate students.
- Push for more culturally diverse and affordable food in the canteen.

Engage & Elevate Our Community

- Ensure that students are properly signposted and made aware of career and CV support services available within GCU.
- Engage with the Entrepreneurial Hub to ensure that more students in both Glasgow and London campuses have access to GCU's entrepreneurship and business support programs.

I am here to represent YOU, and ensure your time at GCU is fulfilling and memorable. Let's make real impact together!

Vote Mariam for Full-Time Officer - Because Your Voice Matters!



# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer



## Etimbuk Michael

As a Full Time Officer at GCU, my commitment is simple: to be the voice, advocate, and catalyst for change that our student community deserves. With your trust and support, I will work tirelessly to elevate the student experience, champion inclusivity, and drive meaningful change across our vibrant university. I believe in the power of student voices. Every student has unique needs, concerns, and aspirations. My goal is to listen, collaborate, and lead initiatives that represent everyone, from societies and sports to sustainability and mental health. I will ensure our voices are heard by GCU leadership and beyond, pushing for better academic experiences, mental health resources, and sustainable campus practices.

Empowerment is at the core of my vision. Through the unique opportunity of this role, I aim to build a community where students not only have a platform to share their concerns but also the tools to effect real change. As your Full Time Officer, I will work with my fellow officers to create bespoke, student-driven projects and campaigns that directly impact your university experience.

I bring with me a passion for leadership and a relentless drive to make GCU a place where every student thrives. Together, we can ensure our university is not just a space to learn, but a place that nurtures, supports, and listens.

Vote for leadership that listens. Vote for change that matters. Vote for Etia as your Full Time Officer at GCU.

# YOUR



## Gul Zaman Sherwani

Gulzaman Sherwani for Full-Time Officer

As your Full-Time Officer, I will prioritize academic support, employability, well-being, and inclusivity to enhance student life across all GCU campuses. My goal is to ensure every student voice is heard and represented.

Academic Support&free bus travel

I will advocate for better access to online learning tools, extended library hours, and stronger Peer-Assisted Learning (PAL) programs. I will push for improved feedback quality and flexible exams to cater to diverse student needs and free bus travel scheme for students.

Employability & Networking:

I will work to expand networking opportunities with alumni and industry experts. By strengthening employer collaborations, I will advocate for more internships, job placements, career development workshops, and support for student entrepreneurs.

Support for International Students& free breakfast and lunch scheme

I will improve visa guidance services to help international students with post-study employment. I will also campaign for financial assistance programs, affordable housing, and flexible part-time work policies to ease financial burdens.Loby the university for free lunch and breakfast on campus.

Mental Well-Being:

I will enhance counselling services, introduce a dedicated student helpline, and launch Well-Being Wednesdays with stress-reduction activities. I will also promote accessible wellness and fitness programs for all students.

Inclusivity & Student Engagement:

I will ensure every student is equally represented in university decisions. I will organize cultural festivals, awareness campaigns,Refurbishing court,and improve communication through newsletters and Q&A forums.

Why Vote for Me?

I am committed to making real change and ensuring your voice is heard by GCU top leadership. Your voice matters. Your future is important.

Vote Gulzaman Sherwani for Full-Time Officer!

# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer



## Riska Prawesti

- Free Breakfast Club – Kickstart your day with a free breakfast to energize your morning and connect with others.
- GCU Sustainability Shop – Free secondhand items, created by and for students, promoting sustainability.
- Food Banks – Providing essential food items for students in need, ensuring no one is left behind.
- Departmental Sports Competitions – Foster community and school spirit through friendly competition, embracing teamwork and unity.
- Exhibition Spaces – Showcase your art, science, and creativity, encouraging student innovation and expression.
- Live Music from Local Bands – Enjoy live music performances at the Student Union, contributing to a vibrant and inclusive campus culture.
- More Hangout Spaces Spaces & Events – Create welcoming spaces for relaxation and socializing, with events that support student well-being by reducing stress and building community.
- Exciting Music Events – Bringing everyone together through diverse music events, celebrating creativity and community
- Community Fridge – Free food, collected by volunteers from local supermarkets, reducing waste and promoting the common good.
- Improving Campus Wi-Fi & Tech Access – Better connectivity and access to technology for all students, enhancing learning opportunities.
- International Food Fairs & Cultural Nights – Celebrate diversity and explore new cultures, promoting inclusivity and global connections.
- More Study Spaces & Quiet Areas – Designated quiet zones to help you focus and study, supporting mental health and academic success.
- Student Life Hacks & Financial Literacy – Practical advice for navigating student life and finances, supported by well-being programs for personal growth.
- Supporting GCU's Academic Resources – Raise awareness of GCU's study workshops, tutoring, and writing help to ensure every student has the support they need to succeed.
- Supporting GCU's Well-being Programs – Promote access to mental health services, wellness workshops, and stress relief.

Vote for change, community, and a thriving campus experience. Together, we live the Common Good.



# YOUR



## Isla Matthews

### Isla and Eilidh Campaign Manifesto

#### 1. Pro-Palestine

We will:

- 1.1. Lobby for an increase of awareness and solidarity with Palestinian people on campus.
- 1.2. Champion the demands of the Palestine Solidarity Society which include the twinning of GCU with a destroyed university in Gaza, and at least two scholarships for Palestinian students at GCU.

#### 2. Representation

We will:

- 2.1. Represent everyone at GCU equally and proportionately.
- 2.2. Lobby for the Student's Association to revert to the Student's Union. A step towards re-politicising GCU.
- 2.3. Promise an open-door policy and will hold regular focus groups with students to ensure policy remains in line with student requirements.
- 2.4. Lobby to improve democratic processes within the Students Union.
- 2.5. Lobby for the university to recognise Islamophobia awareness month.

#### 3. Holding the University to account

We will:

- 3.1. Ensure an open line of communication with the staff unions through regular meetings to create a close relationship between the two pillars of university accountability.
- 3.2. Ensure that the students union carries out its role as a separate entirety to hold the university to account.

#### 4. Sporting

We will:

- 4.1. Lobby for there to be no classes on a Wednesday after 12pm, to provide a greater opportunity for sporting engagement at GCU without missing lectures.

#### 5. Wellbeing

We will:

- 5.1. Advocate for positive and sustained wellbeing, whatever that means to you
- 5.2. Aim to be the bridge between the student body and support services on campus.

Wellbeing is a phrase we hear all the time, and it will mean different things to all of us. Housing and money worries will impact your wellbeing. Access to services and support services will impact your wellbeing. Access to societies where you can work with others, share interests and be part of something more than yourself will impact your wellbeing.

# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer



## Abdul Waheed

### Quest for Excellence

I would like to ensure that every student's voice matters.

If I elected I will campaign on the following issues.

- International Diversity: I will ensure that every international student will be treated equally. We will organize debate over different cultures and different ideas from different nations for promoting internationalism.
- Student Career: I believe working as a student officer I will give space to improve student's skills to develop a good career. Partner with businesses for paid internships.
- Student Issues: I will ensure that your issues will be raised at high level.
- Social Activities: Encourage and participate in more social activities.
- Academic Issues: I will work with university staff to improve academic programs and services.
- Gender Based Equality: We will support initiatives that address gender equality. and I will encourage actively promote gender equality.
- Welcome behaviour: Foster collaboration and welcome to new students for initial challenges.
- Foster Collaboration: between students, staff, and the union to drive positive change.
- We will respect and uphold the university Policies and decision making.

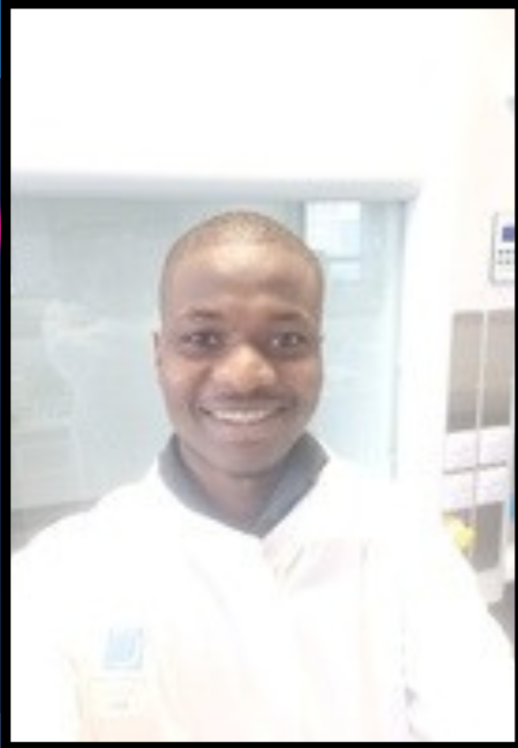
Making changes is difficult but I promise that I will make this happen, I am aware of the obstacles and challenges, but I believe in us.

Get in Touch:

Thank you for reading my manifesto. Feel free to contact me with your thoughts, ideas, and questions.

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# YOUR



# LUCKY

## A LUCKY Future for GCU Students

As your Student President, I will ensure every student at Glasgow Caledonian University feels LUCKY, because we all deserve fair opportunities and a supportive environment.

- Living Support – Advocate for reduced housing deposits at Caledonian Court and push for more budget-friendly accommodation choices to alleviate financial burdens on students.
- Unity in Community – Make campus life more inclusive and vibrant by lobbying for free membership to all sport clubs and societies.
- Counselling & Well-being – Enhance mental health support by pushing for recruitment of additional counsellors and extension of therapy session durations to better address students' wellbeing needs. I also intend to Champion healthier, cost-friendly food options in our campus canteens.
- Knowledgeable Guidance & Accessibility – Strengthen academic guidance through peer-led mentorship programs, tutoring services, and career workshops to support students' educational and professional development. Provide tech support for mature students and lobby for a dedicated neurodivergent/autism-friendly study spaces.
- Youthful Empowerment – Empower students' voices by implementing regular town halls, where the Student President and University leadership directly engage with the student body to better understand and address their concerns.

I bring experience from the Trustee Board of the Student Association, my role as Senate Student Representative, and as a Senate Disciplinary Committee member. I stand for accountability, integrity, and approachability, your voice will always be heard!

Let's make GCU a LUCKY place for all! Vote for me!



# CANDIDATES

## For Full Time Officer



Charles Onyejietu

As a President, I will...

- Ensure equal representation for all communities and maintain a visible, approachable, and attentive administration.
- Lobby to increase the food pantry scheme, subsidize meals across campus, and provide snack vending machines in the library.
- Push for affordable laundry services and campaign for a pastry kiosk at Caledonian Court.
- Assure smooth running of home students' SAAS Schemes.
- Boost graduate trainee programs and collaborate with agencies for faster part-time job placement.
- Foster teaching opportunities for Ph.D. students as part of their enrollment to enhance their academic experience.
- Promote freedom and equality for all while opposing discrimination.
- Advocate for increased placement opportunities and ensure confidential support for students during their placements.

# Full Time Officer Elections 2025

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