

## GUSA Council Elections 2026 - Nomination Form & Manifesto

Position:	President
Name:	Dan De Luca
Club (if applicable):	Hares & Hounds + Squash



Hi there, my name is Dan De Luca and I'm running to be your next **GUSA President**. I'm in my fourth year studying economics and business management. I'm currently part of Hares & Hounds and Squash and have been involved with GUSA since starting at university. I've been a freshers helper for two years and have had the privilege of being on GUSA Council as your **Finance Convener**. For as long as I can remember, sport has been a huge part of my life. I believe it to be **so important for your physical as well as mental health**. With the social aspect to be where I've found so many of my lifelong friends. It is for that reason that I want to be your President. To make a change in improving sports for all of you. **To be a face for sport that listens and takes every single members' voice into consideration to enact positive change.**

### The Experience that make me the best person for the job

- **GUSA Member Since Day One**
  - **Been actively involved in GUSA clubs throughout my time at university**, giving me a genuine understanding of the student experience.
  - Experienced sport at every level, from just training, to socially to eventually competing and everything in between.
  - This perspective ensuring **I understand what matters most to members**, from grassroots participation to performance sport.
- **GUSA Finance Convener**
  - Worked closely with the GUSA President & key members of UofG Sport in both widening access to sport through the Hardship Fund and promoting once in a lifetime opportunities through the Chancellors Fund.
  - Overseen the distribution of the association's annual grant to high-level athletes competing from National to Olympic level.
  - Sat and contributed during bi-monthly council meetings discussing sport at the University of Glasgow.
  - Being finance convener has given me both **firsthand experience on how GUSA runs** which will be invaluable in a position which helps shape the organisation. As well as the contacts and knowledge of administrative procedures that will ensure the smooth running of GUSA into the new term.
- **GUSA Freshers Helper/Leader**
  - Supported the delivery of multiple Freshers Weeks, helping introduce new students to sport and the GUSA community.
  - Played a hands on role in welcoming students into Glasgow and **creating inclusive first experiences of university sport**.
  - Developed a strong understanding of what makes GUSA special at a grassroots level – the people, culture, and the impact sport has on belonging in Glasgow.
- **F1 Society President**
  - Led one of the fastest-growing societies on campus, increasing membership by over 300%
  - Involved mentoring and leading a team: Chairing meetings, setting the vision, work plan, and **managing a large student team to deliver the best experience possible** to our members.
  - Dealing with accounts and banking, sponsorship agreements and grants to ensure sustainable growth.
  - Delivered large-scale events and public facing initiatives – experience **directly transferable to being the face of a student organisation**.

**Together, these experiences give me the ability to successfully run GUSA into a new term;** from welcoming new members, to managing funding, to leading student experiences. It is clear I have the experience, passion and relationships needed to represent sport and deliver as your President from day one.

## **What I Plan to do as your GUSA President**

My approach for President surrounds building on what works, strengthening on what needs improving and ensuring student sport continues moving forward within the University of Glasgow. The previous few years have seen real progress for GUSA in this regard, and my priority will be continuing that momentum while delivering meaningful improvements where students feel the impact most.

### **Driving Participation and Inclusion**

I will build on existing progress around widening participation, inclusion and outreach, ensuring these remain core priorities. Such as **ensuring the continued success of female only hour and afternoon gym access Wednesdays** with the aim of getting as many students involved in sport as possible.

### **Supporting Clubs and Student Experience**

**Clubs are at the heart of GUSA**, and I will work closely with the club sport team and committees to ensure they feel supported throughout the year. Supporting with challenges around facilities, welfare and logistics alongside respective conveners. I will also work to promote sport in different languages to ensure a greater representation across the university within GUSA.

### **Strong Representation for Student Sport**

As the voice of student sport for the university I will represent GUSA across senior university committees, ensuring sport remains central to conversations around student experience and wellbeing.

With changes in university leadership and within UofG sport, maintaining a strong and productive partnership will be a top priority. I plan to work with the new stakeholders to ensure GUSA has the influence to **allow student voices to remain central to the decisions that affect sport**.

### **Using Data to Represent Students Effectively**

To ensure students are properly represented I will continue building on the use of surveys, feedback and engagement data to ensure GUSA speaks with authority when **advocating for students**. Data backed representation here will ensure that sport is taken seriously at every level of the university.

### **GUSA Internship**

The GUSA internship has been successful in widening participation to sport and I want to look into building on its success. This role has played an important part in outreach, particularly **engaging international students, disabled students and those underrepresented in sport**. As President I plan to continue this programme and ensure the intern is fully supported and empowered to make a real impact.

### **Cross Campus Relations**

As President, I will **continue building close collaborations with unions** to ensure the success of Freshers Week delivery and beyond by working with the secretary to **ensure the continued success of sports Wednesdays** which have become a highlight of the student calendar.

### **GUSA Council Support**

As President, **I will ensure conveners are supported, aligned and empowered to deliver in their roles**. By maintaining clear communication and fostering collaboration across the council we can ensure the consistent delivery across all areas of GUSA.

To learn more/ask any questions follow **@dan4gusapresident** on Instagram.

I hope I can count on your vote and be a force for positive change – Dan 😊