

GUSA Council Member - Nomination Form & Manifesto 2025/26

Position:	Secretary
Name:	Owen Headley
Club:	Men's Hockey



About Me:

My name is Owen Headley, I am a 4th year Geography student, and I am running for GUSA Secretary for 2025/26. Following two successful, action-packed years on GUSA council as the Travel & Sustainability Convenor, I hope to bring all I've learnt over my time on council to GUSA Executive Committee as the Secretary.

GUSA has shaped a profound part of my time at university. I have been a member of the hockey club since first year, and I've served as the 1XI Vice-Captain and Alumni & Fundraising Convenor over the last year. Alongside this, I have completed three fresher's weeks with GUSA, including two as a leader, making friends and memories that will last a lifetime, solidifying my desires to give more back to a student body that has done so much for me. My enthusiasm to represent sport at university has grown year-on-year, and I hope to continue to give back to the GUSA community as Secretary over the upcoming year.

Freshers' Week

I have been a GUSA Freshers' Helper for the last three years, with two of those as a leader, giving me a wealth of knowledge and experience about how the week is run, providing a strong grounding point for organising the week this year alongside the President and Vice-President. My two years' experience running the Freshers' Week taster session buses as Travel Convenor have equipped me with the skills to handle significant administrative demands. I have firsthand experience with the administrative workload required both before and during the week and look forward to applying this experience to the secretary role. One thing I look to improve about Freshers' Helping is to continue to improve on work done in recent years for dealing with crisis management by gathering information from past helpers about their opinions on current procedures and using the feedback to better tailor future trainings. Additionally, GUSA currently doesn't have a written code of conduct in place for helpers. I believe by introducing one, we can set clear expectations for helpers, fostering a positive environment and protecting both our members and the association.

Supporting Club Secretaries

Over my two years as Travel Convenor, I had a predominantly student-facing role, including consistent communication with club secretaries, making me starkly aware of the profound impact they have in running GUSA clubs. I aim to be an accessible point of contact for them, offering support and advice where necessary. I plan to offer office hours at the beginning of the year to help answer any questions that may come up surrounding new skills they may not have had experience with such as arranging meetings, booking rooms and writing minutes.

Blues and Colours

Throughout my time at Glasgow, I have been a part of the hockey performance setup, giving me first-hand experience with the effort, dedication and skill required to play a sport at a top level. Blues and Colours highlights high-performing athletes and those who have shown outstanding dedication to their clubs, and I look to continue to honour their achievements in a suitable manner with a well-planned and accessible ceremony. Club volunteers who go above and beyond are at the crux of enabling a fun and engaging sporting environment at the university, and I look forward to commending the hard work done by these members. My time as Alumni & Fundraising convenor in the hockey club has given me ample experience in events planning and co-ordination. My aim is to utilize these skills to develop an event that provides a fitting tribute to the GUSA members being celebrated on the night.