

GUSA Council Member - Nomination Form & Manifesto 2025/26

Position:	Secretary
Name:	Dan De Luca
Club:	Hares & Hounds + Squash



Hi there, my name is Dan De Luca and I'm running to be your next **GUSA Secretary**. I'm in my third 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 the last two years with the last having 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 secretary. 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 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.
- **F1 Society President**
 - Involved mentoring and leading a team: Chairing meetings, setting the vision, work plan, and delegating tasks
 - Dealing with accounts and banking, sponsorship agreements and grants.
 - Most importantly, events management and speeches. **The experience of which will be invaluable when organising and running the annual Blues and Colours event.**

My Plan For Improving GUSA Sport as Your Secretary

1. Continued Sports Wednesday Success

- As Secretary **I will work on ensuring the continued partnership between GUSA & the GUU for Sports Wednesdays** as well as work to expand the current offering of discounts during the night.

How do I plan on achieving this?

- I plan to work closely with the exec of GUU and club CTS to ensure a successful contract renewal that benefits both parties. I would like to get the CTS and social secretaries involved in this process to hear out ideas and come to an agreement that truly reflects the needs and requirements of all our members.

2. Improved Resources to Club Secretaries

- Currently there are very few general resources available to Secretaries which is why I am **proposing the creation of a secretary handbook**. This would aim to help the transition incoming secretaries face through explaining how to best undertake the key roles and responsibilities of the job. For example, how to effectively write up and organise minutes from meetings.

How do I plan on achieving this?

- To implement this I plan on working closely with the outgoing Secretary who has the most knowledge and best understanding of the position. Together we can come up with a comprehensive handbook that can be released to incoming club secretaries before the beginning of the next academic year.

3. Extending Blues and Colours

- Blues and Colours is one of the highlights of the academic year, celebrating athletes in and around sport. I intend to ensure the continued fairness in the selection process as well as **extend this celebration of achievement**.

How do I plan on achieving this?

- I aim to continue the annual review of the award criteria through a rigorous review process in which I would aim to get input from club CTS. Furthermore, to extend the event I will look into pushing back the start time and organising live music after the ceremony similar to the likes seen on Super Sunday.

4. Ensuring the Success of Freshers Week

- I aim to ensure the success of freshers week through encouraging a strong collaboration with all the unions across campus as well as **continuing the highly successful training initiatives** brought in (Mind Your Mate & Beyond Equality). With the aim of providing the best freshers week possible to both incoming students but also our freshers helpers.

How do I plan on achieving this?

- I will work closely with the VP & President during cross campus meetings to assess where we can work together on university wide initiatives. Furthermore by getting on top of organisational admin early I will also ensure all necessary training is booked well in advanced. This training that is essential in giving our helpers confidence in how to handle potential crisis situations during freshers week.

To find out more about my manifesto follow @dan4gusasecretary on Instagram

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

