

GUSA Council Member - Nomination Form & Manifesto 2024/25

Position:	Secretary	
Name:	John Moan	
Club:	Swimming and Water polo	
	Nominator's Name	Signature
1.	<u>Sally Jack</u>	<u>SJ</u>
2.	<u>Harrison Collie-Duquid</u>	<u>HCD</u>



About me and Experience

Hi everyone! My name is John, and I am a third-year common law student from Warrenpoint, Northern Ireland. I have been a part of Swimming and Water Polo (GUSWPC) for three years, in which two of those years I have been publicity and alumni convenor (2022-2023) and secretary (2023-2024).

Having been on CTS for a club of over 220 people, being club secretary has given me the necessary skills for taking minutes, arranging meetings and organisational skills that one needs to have. My role of publicity and alumni convenor also provides me with the necessary background and skills needed on other GUSA council positions, which I can use to either help or provide advice to my other council members if needed. Furthermore, as publicity and alumni convenor, I had to arrange our 125th Alumni ball for over 125 people, showcasing my event planning and leadership skills that I hope to bring to the Blues and Colours if elected.

Furthermore, this year I have also been a GUSA fresher's helper and been a part of the GUSA events team, which has allowed me to build on my team working, time management and communications skills needed for a role like that of secretary and has allowed me to get more involved within GUSA and its running.

After quitting sport when I was 17 and feeling nervous about coming back to it at university, it was one if not the best decision I have ever made. I have fallen back in love with sport, made life-long friends and have found a community I am so proud to be a part of, and hope to return this to incoming and current students if elected as secretary.

My Aims

Club Secretaries

One of my aims as secretary would be to improve upon our previous secretary's point of accessibility and would plan to meet with all club's secretaries during the summer over zoom to introduce myself, be a familiar face to them and provide any advice or support if needed.

I would also create a formal document accessible to all secretaries on how to format committee meeting minutes, in order improve efficiency and make sure that key information is not missed out on. As someone who has been a club secretary, it can be a daunting experience, and I would ensure that they are given as much information as possible to give them confidence going into their roles.

Blues and Colours

My goal for Blues and Colours this year would be to really and truly celebrate student's athletic accomplishments and would plan to livestream the ceremony as well as publicise the winners on our Instagram. I also would further intend to promote Blues and Colours across the campus by making sure the awards ceremony is promoted throughout the year via email and through social media.

Furthermore, I would intend to continue with annual restructuring of criteria for the awards, to ensure that all clubs are given a fair chance to celebrate their member's athletic achievements.

Freshers' Week

Being a fresher's helper this year, I feel as though I have the experience needed to help ensure that every helper gets the incredible experience that I had. Continuing the training given this year, I would like to help bring in basic first aid training, in order to provide the skills needed if an emergency arises. Furthermore, I would intend to work closely with the exec on GUU, QMU and SRC to ensure that the week is ran as smoothly as possible, and expectations required of us throughout the week are kept to a high standard for GUSA.

Another important aspect I would like to implement into freshers helping would be a mental health training session, and hopefully expand it to all club CTS and welfare over the year, to help support the likes of incoming and current students throughout the week and throughout the year, as well as provide council members, team leaders and the entirety of the team skills to help support each other.