

GUSA Council Member - Nomination Form & Manifesto 2025/26

Position:	GUSA Vice President
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Club:	Badminton/Volleyball



Hi, I'm Alex and I am running to be your next **GUSA Vice President**. I'm a third-year biomedical engineering student and part of Badminton and Volleyball. After an amazing year as **GUSA Outreach Convenor**, I wish to be further involved in making sure that our students' voices are heard within all areas of sport.

As your Outreach convenor this past year, I worked with numerous clubs to further highlight GUSA's outreach programme, with a total of **124** individual outreach sessions from September to now. I have been able to fully set up new clubs' outreach such as Boxing, Muay Thai, Judo, Netball and Trampoline. International student engagement within GUSA was a key aspect that I pushed for in the past year, working alongside International Student Support and increasing the number of international students by **20%**.

My key manifesto points:

- **Cross Campus relations and furthering my advocacy for International Students in Sports**

I wish to continue my advocacy for **international student engagement in sports** by being present at exec meetings, where executive officers of other unions, an international officer and university chancellors are also present to voice out my ideas. I want to push for international students to be more spoken about in the **Welfare forum**.

Why me? Having been on **GUSA Council** for a year, this experience has deepened my understanding of the council, its protocols and procedures, the projects that we are working on, and our relationship with both **UofG Sport** and our membership. I also understand the importance of cross campus relations and working hand in hand with the SRC, QMU, and GUU to overall improve student campus life.

- **GUSA Ball**

GUSA Ball is the **biggest event** of the year, and I will make sure that it is no different this year. I would like to explore the idea of organising an **afterparty at the GUU**, given our established relationship with them through Sports Wednesday. This could **lower ticket prices** massively and I would update the after-dinner tickets to after party tickets. This would also prevent clubs from separating after the dinner to different venues and would strive for a sense of GUSA community and celebration like the night is intended for.

Why me? I have gained a lot of experience **running and coordinating** large scale events such as large outreach events and the annual Engineering Ball which hosts over 700 students. I understand the importance of **budgeting** and securing the best deals to make the event **affordable yet high-quality**. The structure of these events is similar, and I will apply the same skills to organise it.

- **Leading Welfare Initiatives – Women in Sports Week and 16 days of activism**

I wish to expand further on welfare initiatives and assess where improvements can be made. For example, for Women in Sports week, I want to **collaborate with all unions** on campus and get them into sports for that week. I plan to make a podcast touching on not just Women in Sports but also menstrual and mental health. For the 16 days of activism campaign, I will push for wider participation from GUSA, urging club CTS to join in on the march. I will work closely with clubs to **ensure CTS and welfare officers are well-trained and supported**, improving the overall student experience in sports. I will work to **expand diversity-focused initiatives**, ensuring that underrepresented groups feel **welcomed, valued, and supported in sport**.

Why me? I have the relevant experience of being welfare officer of the Engineering society. This equips me with the **leadership qualities needed to implement real change**, from coordinating welfare campaigns to ensuring student concerns are addressed at the **Welfare Forum**. Welfare isn't just a box to tick—it's about creating a **culture of support, belonging, and well-being** in student sport, and I am fully committed to leading that change.

- **GUSA Recstravaganza**

I plan to expand GUSA Recstravaganza to **Garscube**. Currently, a lot of our GUSA members tend to neglect Garscube, our other sports venue on campus. By setting up some sessions there, I hope to encourage students, namely **Vet Med students and freshers** staying at Wolfson, to get active and participate in sports.

Why me? I have started both of my sports recreationally; therefore, I understand the importance of **recreational sport**, its **accessibility**, and the difference it can make for **students' lifestyles**.

- **Freshers' Week**

As VP, I plan to organise a Freshers' Week that is inclusive and engaging, offering a variety of events that promote accessibility, well-being, and a sense of community for all students, regardless of their experience with sport. I would like to explore other ways to **promote GUSA** beyond Freshers' fayre and taster sessions. This year, advertising GUSA events through the international student support team was effective and I plan to continue working with them. I would like to collaborate with the incoming publicity convenor to share graphics across campus to hopefully engage the **wider student body**. I aim to highlight **clear signposting to mental health and student support services**, for both helpers and students involved.

Why me? During my year as Outreach Convenor, I have refined essential **organisational and people management skills** that are essential for the smooth running of the whole week. As an international student joining GUSA, I acknowledge that GUSA struggles sometimes to be inclusive. I aim to work **with the SRC** on delivering welfare training, such as **Mind Your Mate** and **Beyond Equality**.

To discover more about my manifesto, follow me on Instagram **@alex4gusavp**. Thank you ☺