

GUSA Council Member - Nomination Form & Manifesto 2024/25

Position:	GUSA Finance Convenor	
Name:	Sammie Harvey	
Club:	Lacrosse (GULC)	
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Hello, my name is Sammie Harvey. I am a 2nd year economics and sociology student and I have been a part of GUSA for the past 2 years. When I came to university, I joined the Glasgow University Lacrosse Club (GULC) and was elected as **Social Secretary in the second semester of my first year** and was re-elected this past year. My time in GUSA has had an extremely positive impact on my university experience and life. It has led to many strong friendships and opportunities, which is why I want to run for Financial Convenor for GUSA. I think that every student should have the same opportunities that sport has brought to me and through this role, I feel as though I can help to make that possible.

Why should I be GUSA Finance Convenor:

- For the majority of my time at university I have been a member of the GULC committee and that role has prepared me for the challenges that will come with being Finance Convenor. As the re-elected Social Secretary, I have proven my **excellent time management skills** which allow me to be a full-time student and a present member of the GULC committee. I believe this experience will support me in being a proactive member of GUSA council and a reliable port of call for club treasurers.
- My economics degree has taught me to be an **objective** individual who can take on the tasks of Finance Convenor, such as supporting the Chancellors Fund, with an **unbiased** perspective making sure the tasks are completed to the highest standard possible.
- As a current committee member, I know the importance of **clear communication** within the running of clubs in GUSA. As a strong communicator, I would not only be a voice for club treasurers, bringing forward any queries to those above me, but also a spokesperson highlighting the various opportunities within GUSA on both an individual and club level, such as the Hardship, and Chancellor's Fund. I would also encourage and support club treasurers to communicate with me to establish a strong, open relationship between them and myself so any queries can be resolved with ease

My Plans:

In the past year and half, I have worked closely with the GULC treasurer, which has given me insight into the importance of **support towards treasurers** and how GUSA can best assist them. As a result, I have developed some ideas of how this can be achieved:

- To help to support treasurers on a regular basis, I would launch **regular 'office hours'**, so that treasurers could have a face-to-face meeting with me. This would allow them to ask questions and **reduce the stresses** that come with dealing with club finances. This could either be done **via zoom or in person**.
- As well as regular office hours, I would hold **monthly meetings for treasurers** as an extension of the Facebook group created this year. I feel that this would allow club treasurers to ask any questions and bring up issues, as well as being a space for news to be shared. This would also help to create a network so that they can not only receive support from the Finance Convenor but also other treasurers.
- I would also like to **create a handover for all treasurers**, independent of those received in the individual clubs, so that all treasurers have a clear lead to follow. This would include a **step-by-step explanation of making club claims** and dealing with club finances. I understand that many clubs have issues with transferring hands of club accounts from the previous to the current treasurers. Difficulties such as this would be **explained in depth** with the aim of avoiding any issues.

Being a part of GUSA is an excellent way for students to obtain the mental, social and physical benefits of sport whilst at university. However, some have **difficulty accessing sport** due to the financial burden. In order for all students to experience the benefits associated with sport it is imperative that we make efforts to make it more financially accessible.

- Due to both the cost of living increasing and shortage of housing currently in Glasgow, many students have made the decision **to stay at home** whilst studying. This however has meant that a large number of students have not been able to be a part of GUSA due to costs of travel on top of club membership. I would push for more club recognition of this and investigate ways of making it more accessible for those commuting from home. I would look to larger clubs who have larger financial stores to **create memberships that reflect the needs of home students**, as some clubs have done in having social memberships. I feel this would heavily **improve the university experience for home students** who are otherwise more removed from the full student experience.
- I would also try my hardest to reduce the **current rate of day passes for students** using the Stevenson building and Garscube without membership. At the current rate, students only get a £1 discount to use the facilities. I believe that by reducing the cost of the day passes, more students would receive the benefits of the facilities without having to commit to the full membership.
- Carrying on from the current Finance Convenor's efforts to create more visibility of the Hardship Fund, I would like to create a **comprehensive web page listing all funds and opportunities** that GUSA is able to provide to students. Along with this, I would also create a clear and **easy-to-follow quiz** to help students apply for the funding that's most applicable to them with links on how to apply for those opportunities.

Thank you for taking the time to read the proposed improvements I would like to achieve as Finance Convenor 😊