

## GUSA Council Member - Nomination Form & Manifesto 2024/25

Position:	Finance Convener	
Name:	Dan De Luca	
Club:	GUSA Hares & Hounds and Squash	
	Nominator's Name	Signature
1.	<u>Izzy O' Farrell</u>	<u>I. O' Farrell</u>
2.	<u>Dominic Burns</u>	<u>D. Burns</u>



Hi there, my name is Dan De Luca and I'm currently in my second year studying economics and business management. I'm currently part of the Hares and Hounds and Squash clubs and I have further been **involved with GUSA as a fresher's helper** last year. 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** and 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 finance convener. To make a change in improving sports for all of you, and to **be able to create opportunities for you that allow for easier access to sports and funding.**

### The Qualifications that make me the best person for the job

1. Currently studying Economics and Business Management
  - Economics Studies have given me an **invaluable financial knowledge base** that I will use in calculating finances for my proposed ideas to show GUSA they are feasible.
  - Business Management has given me the **skills required to pitch** to clients and in this case **pitch my proposed ideas to GUSA** as well as fellow GUSA members' ideas that they would like pitched.
2. Current FI Society President
  - Involves mentoring and leading a team: Chairing meetings, setting the vision, work plan, and delegating tasks
  - Dealing with accounts management and banking, events management, speeches
  - Most importantly relaying information via email for grants as well as sponsorship agreements
  - All of the above will come in incredibly useful as your finance convener and prove **I have the skill set to carry out the job, be reliable, and always be on the ball.**
3. Further Qualifications
  - Level 4 Diploma in Investment Bank Sales and Trading
  - Level 4 Diploma in Asset Management
  - Won previous years GUTIC Market Watch Competition
  - Touch typing – 80+ WPM – Will be efficient in sending emails as well as drafting proposals.

### The Three-Step Plan To Improving GUSA Sport as Your Finance Convener

1. **Increasing Awareness**
  - If you asked the average GUSA member, or even University of Glasgow student, what funds were available to them. Unfortunately, the vast majority of people would have no idea. This is a big issue as it means that there are people in need, missing out on crucial funding that could help them get involved with sport or take their sport further through the hardship and Rep funds.

**How do I plan on achieving this?**

  - I plan on **running various campaigns** throughout the year. Involving GUSA Gram in conjunction with our Publicity Convener and **based upon raising awareness** through various means. Such as Instagram reels, facebook, and the introduction of **awareness conferences**, where you can come and learn about the funds on offer and **be taught about the application process**, which I **will also be looking into streamlining.**
2. **Improving Accessibility**
  - If elected finance convener I become the bridge between the GUSA student body and the organisation. I want to use this opportunity to make **changes to how GUSA memberships are paid** and have the option to **pay it in monthly instalments** or in conjunction with SAAS payments. I also want to push to have an option for a **club sports-only membership** – particularly for those clubs that do not use the facilities provided by the gym membership. Finally, I want to bring back **full gym memberships for first years** staying in university halls.

**How do I plan on achieving this?**

  - By **creating powerful pitches**, that make financial sense for GUSA as an organisation, and using my influence as finance convener to **come to a solution** that works for everyone. If elected I plan on continuing to use my Instagram account (**dan4gusafinance**), to update you all on the progress I make on these proposals. I strongly believe as a community **we can make them happen** and if elected I promise you, **I will not rest until a solution to improving accessibility has been made.**
3. **Ensuring Equality**
  - GUSA has 52 wonderful clubs that all have different funding needs and requirements and if elected your finance convener I plan on **ensuring that finances are given out to clubs in as fair a way** as possible. This includes ensuring all our clubs can afford their BUCS, and all athletes no matter the club have **fair access to rep funding**, and finally working with the travel convener to **ensure buses are fairly allocated**, and when they are unavailable **travel is subsidised** by GUSA wherever possible.

**How do I plan on achieving this?**

  - I will be completely unbiased in looking at applications for the various funds GUSA has on offer. As well as work closely with GUSA clubs and GUSA itself to **tailor funding needs and requirements on a per-club basis**. Finally, I will work with the wider GUSA committee to **ensure that transport to events is compensated.**

### How I plan on working with our wonderful treasurers

I appreciate how challenging a treasurer position can be, especially for those just entering the position for the first time. Which is why I **plan to have an introductory meeting** with all 52 new treasurers. Introducing myself as well as **going through all the funding information** and how the application processes work, as well as create a group chat where I will post updates on important funding matters. At the end of the day, I want to be a friendly face that any treasurer can contact and speak to about anything, whether that be stresses of the job or how to get an application through. So, if elected feel free to send me a message anytime and I'll get back to you asap!

Thanks for taking a look at my application, I hope I can count on your vote and be a force for positive change – Dan 😊