Dear Student,

Thank you for considering standing to be a council member on Glasgow University's Students' Representative Council.

Getting involved in the SRC is a great way to meet new people, build your CV and help improve the student experience for everyone. Whether you're running to be a School Representative or College Convenor, one of our Equal Opportunity Officers or a Sabbatical Officer the decision to get involved and represent students may be one of the best decisions you've made at university.

The Students' Representative Council represents students on many university committees at different levels. From University Court to the Student Experience Committee, we deal with issues relating to student welfare, learning and teaching, accommodation, study spaces, the digital experience and much more.

Please contact us if you would like a full list of the committees on which the SRC has a seat.

Although representation is a key focus, we do a lot more than that. Our sabbatical officers and council members organise a range of exciting and engaging events, which are focal points within the University's calendar, and these aim to benefit students alongside the wider community. Some of our big annual events include our Raising and Giving week, the Student Teaching Awards, the Volunteering & Clubs and Societies Awards, and many more. We also lead on several campaigns, such as preventing gender-based violence, mental health awareness and suicide prevention, as well as promoting crucial calendar dates such as Transgender Day of Visibility and Black History Month. Council members are also invited to a wealth of social events, including our Annual Council Dinner in spring.

There are also other ways you can get involved in the work the SRC does, such as through Volunteering, Student Media or helping with Welcome Week. I hope that your interest in supporting the student body on a wide range of issues will continue, and that you will involve yourself and engage with the SRC and its varied events and opportunities throughout the year.

There is financial support for SRC election candidates to help cover some of the costs associated with canvassing such as printing costs for leaflets and posters. This support is available to all candidates, and the sum available to each candidate will depend on the number of candidates who wish to receive this assistance. Details on how to apply and the process are available here.

Being part of the SRC is a truly unique experience; I have loved my time on council so far and I'm so thankful for the skills, experiences, and friendships I've gained

along the way. I would recommend the opportunity to everyone - you won't regret it!

Best of luck with your campaign and remember, if you have any questions don't hesitate to email elections@src.gla.ac.uk with any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Hailie Pentleton-Owens SRC President



# ELECTION PACK GUIDE TO POSITIONS AVAILABLE UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE CONVENOR

# **SPONSORS REQUIRED – 15**

#### **SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY –**

- Must be a fully registered student of the University of Glasgow.
- Must be studying within the college the candidate is standing for.
- Must be an undergraduate.

## **POSITIONS AVAILABLE – 1**

1 x College Convenor – Arts

START DATE – 16<sup>TH</sup> October 2023 END DATE – 30<sup>TH</sup> June 2024

## **Job Description**

College Convenors are focused mainly with the academic side of student representation. Four Convenors are elected, one from each College: Science and Engineering, Medical Veterinary and Life Sciences, Arts, and Social Sciences. The responsibilities of an academic College Convenor can vary greatly, and they are an integral part of Council's function. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Organising working groups to discuss issues raised by students.
- Keeping Council informed of ongoing issues and regularly liaising with the VP Education.
- Attending Faculty Meetings with relevant members of University staff to discuss issues regarding the University environment, the learning process, and course information.
- Contacting students to advise them of SRC practices and initiatives, and to update students on any issues raised.

In addition to these responsibilities, College Convenors are expected to attend all Student Council meetings and University Senate meetings and must occasionally represent the SRC



on relevant University Academic Committees. Opportunities will also arise for election to various University committees and positions. The position of College Convenor is, therefore, challenging and rewarding in equal measure.

## **SRC Committees and Working Groups**

The SRC may establish sub committees or working parties to consider certain areas of its work and sometimes consider policy motions. College Convenors may participate in the work of such committees and groups (and can suggest the establishment of new groups or committees).

## **University Committees**

Council votes in autumn to elect members to sit on a variety of University committees, including Library Committee, Museums and Galleries Committee, Senate, Senate Disciplinary and Student Support Development Committee. Please contact the PA to the Permanent Secretary for a full list of committees.

## **CHECKLIST**

#### **PLEASE CHECK YOU HAVE:**

- Completed an online nomination form and submitted the form by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 12pm.
- Checked that your sponsors are all fully registered students of the University of Glasgow and eligible to sponsor the position you are standing for. We recommend that you add additional sponsors to help you meet your quota in case any of your selected sponsors are not eligible.
- Made sure all your sponsors are confirmed by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm.
- Submitted the following to <u>elections@src.gla.ac.uk</u> by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm:
  - Photograph of yourself
  - o Photograph of your Student ID
  - Your manifesto (max. 200 words, saved as a Word document)
  - Your manifesto summary (no more than 280 characters)
- Read the job description.
- Read and understood the election rules and regulations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Deputy Returning Officer, on elections@src.gla.ac.uk

https://www.glasgowunisrc.org/representation/elections/