



FAO: All Final Year Students

A joint statement from the University of Glasgow's student organisations regarding the National Student Survey

This week, the National Student Survey 2012 has launched on university campuses across the UK, bringing with it the opportunity for all final year students to feed back on their university experience, a deluge of reminder emails (and eventually phonecalls), and questions, so many lovely questions.

For the first time the stats fans at the National Student Survey HQ have decided that it is time for student unions to make their long-awaited survey debut and face the scrutiny of final year students and their well-formed opinions. This seems like a simple idea, but we're aware it might cause some confusion here in Glasgow.

The question you'll be confronted with in the survey may look a little something like this:

"Thinking of all the services, including support, activities and academic representation provided by the Students' Union at your institution, to what extent do you agree with the following statement: I am satisfied with the Students' Union at my Institution."

Glasgow University's unique quadri-part system of student organisations has the potential to cause some consternation when it comes to divulging your opinion of your 'student union'. Which one does it refer to? Are you GUU (let me hear you say whey-ooo) or QM ('til you die)? Should you answer about only one? Why are the marvellous folk over at the SRC neglected? And what about GUSA? They represent you too, if you're keen on the ol' sports.

We believe that Glasgow's four-part student body system is brilliant in its uniqueness and offers far more to students than any one organisation could, through its diversity and variety of services. Having four student bodies allows each to focus on what it does best.

With this in mind, the four student bodies on campus, GUSRC, GUSA, GUU and the QMU are asking you, the fourth year students of this prestigious institution that when answering question 23 of this year's National Student Survey, that you not consider an individual organisation, but to look at the services provided collectively and respond accordingly.

So reflect on that time you pulled on the podium; the countless filling meals you've gotten from the Food Factory; your attempt at Super Circuits which ended triumphantly (or disastrously) and the time the Advice Centre fought for you against a dodgy landlord and everything else the GUU, QMU, GUSRC and GUSA have done for you during your time as a student in Glasgow when considering question 23 and let the nation know that although Glasgow's system may seem odd from the outside, it's actually a pretty sweet deal for students.

Thanks very much and all the best,

GUSRC

QMU

GUSA

GUU