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**GLASGOW UNIVERSITY STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE
COUNCIL RESPOND TO GRADUATE TAX PROPOSALS**

The Glasgow University Students Representative Council welcome the graduate tax proposals made by Vince Cable (14/07/10) as a more progressive method by which students can pay for their education. However, the SRC believe that education should be free, and whilst Cable's proposals to reduce the instant debt graduates are saddled with are a step in the right direction, they do not go far enough.

Tommy Gore, President of the SRC, reiterated that education funding should not come from the pockets of students. Emphasising the need for a wider review of funding for education, he said:

“Whilst we welcome the new government in Westminster addressing the unfair policies behind university funding, the latest proposals should only be the start of a much wider review of the purpose of higher education.”

“The proposals by Vince Cable are steps towards a fairer system. The current system leaves English, Welsh and Northern Irish students saddled with debt following graduation, which can put them at a major disadvantage as they attempt to start their life outside university. The SRC strongly believes that because of the wider benefits brought to society by graduates, society as a whole should bear the burden of paying for university education.”

“The SRC will continue to campaign on the issue of student funding and will be looking to MSPs standing in the Holyrood elections in May 2011 to guarantee a fairer deal for all students studying in Scotland.”

Glasgow University Students' Representative Council represents the interests of students registered at the University of Glasgow to the University and nation. The representative function is augmented by the delivery of services aimed at enhancing the student experience while at Glasgow.

Council comprises up to 37 elected students who meet throughout the year.

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