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 Sabbatical Officer, a School Representative, a College Convenor, or a Welfare and Equal Opportunities Officer the decision to get involved and represent students will be one of the best decisions you’ve made here at Glasgow. Not only will you have the opportunity to make real change for students here at Glasgow, you’ll also gain skills and experience that will enhance your time at University and beyond.

The SRC represents students on a range of University committees at different levels. From University Court to the Student Experience Committee to Council of Senate we deal with issues such as student welfare, teaching spaces, library access, accommodation, catering 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 events that are a focal point of the University’s calendar and benefit students and the wider community. We have annual events such as Raising and Giving week, the Student Teaching Awards, the Volunteering Clubs and Society Awards, LGBT History Month and many more. We have led a number of campaigns around preventing sexual violence, suicide prevention and increasing support for student parents and carers. Council members are also invited to a wealth of social events, ranging from Christmas socials to the Annual Council Dinner in spring.

There are also a number of other ways you can get involved in the work the SRC does, such as through Volunteering, Student Media or helping with Freshers’ 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 with the SRC and its varied schedule of events throughout the year.

Being part of the SRC is an incredible experience; I have loved every second of it and my only regret is that I didn’t get involved earlier in my University career.

Best of luck with your campaign and remember if you have any questions please get in touch with any questions: elections@src.gla.ac.uk

Yours sincerely,

Lauren McDougall
SRC President
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES SCHOOL REP – GUIDELINES TO CANDIDATES

These Guidelines should be read in addition to the general guidelines for candidates

Students studying at Dumfries now have the opportunity to stand for the newly created position of School Representative Interdisciplinary Studies. As students are located in Dumfries, the procedure for submitting nominations is different.

1. The candidate must email the following to elections@src.gla.ac.uk. The candidate should receive an email confirming the receipt of this information.

   - Scan of student ID
   - Scan of other photo ID such as driving license or passport
   - Scan of completed and signed nomination form
   - Manifesto (no more than 200 words, word document)
   - Photo (In separate file format such as jpeg png etc – not copied into a word file)

2. If you are able to attend, the candidates meeting will be held in Glasgow on Thursday the 28th February, 1pm, The Williams Room.

3. It is important that candidates check their email regularly as this is how we will contact you with any problems with your forms.

   **All nominations must be received by 4pm on Friday 22nd February.**

Candidates will be confirmed once they and all their sponsors have been verified.
ELECTION PACK
GUIDE TO PRODUCING A MANIFESTO

Your manifesto gives you an important opportunity to tell the electorate why they should vote for you. There are no set rules as to what should be contained in a manifesto, but the following is a guide to the sort of things that often appear in them.

- **Personal information.**
  You may want to give some personal information such as your course or year of study. This part is usually kept fairly short.

- **Relevant experience.**
  Many candidates state experience they have which may be relevant to the position they are standing for. This may include membership of any university groups and activities out with the University. It is common to state a few specific things you have done within that group / activity or in any role you held, and link them to the functions of the position you are standing for.

- **Views on current / recent events.**
  You may wish to state your opinions on events relevant to the functions of the SRC or to the remit of the specific position you are standing for. This gives voters the chance to see whether or not your views are similar to theirs.

- **What you will do if elected.**
  This is arguably the most important part of the manifesto, as it gives students an idea of how you would carry out the role and of the direction in which you would want to take the services and activities within the remit. Most candidates make at least a few specific pledges, giving an indication of their priorities for the coming year.

It is important to remember that the points above are just a guide to things which are often included in manifestos. You do not have to include all of these elements, or indeed any of them.

In your manifesto, you can write what you like, so long as:

- It does not exceed the word limit (500 words for Sabbatical positions, 200 for all other positions),
- It does not contain any offensive or factually inaccurate material (The Returning Officer may judge whether something is offensive or factually inaccurate).

This rule is in the SRC election regulations, and so must be adhered to.

**Please send an electronic copy of your manifesto** to elections@src.gla.ac.uk
SPRING ELECTION PACK
GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATES

1. CONTACTS

Returning Officer: elections@src.gla.ac.uk
SRC President: president@src.gla.ac.uk
Tel: 0141 330 5360

2. OVERVIEW

Be in the right spirit for the Elections: Be committed, be responsible, be fair, and enjoy it – if you follow these guidelines, then most problems will be avoided.

Contact current and former Council members for advice on positions, campaigning and any other aspect of the election you might be unsure of.

Please make sure that you read Schedule 2 of the SRC Constitution\(^1\), which outlines the full rules for elections, as well as the guidelines below.

Bear in mind that you could end up working with some people that you are standing against, now or in the future, so be polite and considerate of other candidates.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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\(^1\) www.glasgowstudent.net/about/publications/constitution
4. QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about the Elections please speak to the SRC President, the Returning Officer or alternatively, raise them at the Candidates’ Meeting on Thursday 28th February at 1 p.m. in the Williams Room.

5. ELIGIBILITY

i. Only a fully registered student of the University of Glasgow, (as defined in paragraph 2 of the SRC’s Constitution), may stand for election to the Council.

ii. No member can stand for more than one position on the Council at the same election.

iii. No member can hold more than one position on the Council at the same time.

iv. No member is eligible for election to a Sabbatical seat which they have already occupied or where they have been a Sabbatical Officer or paid elected Union Officer at the University for two years.

v. All members are eligible to stand for a post in the Welfare and Equal Opportunities or General Student constituencies. Members should only stand for a post with which they can identify.

vi. No member is eligible for a seat in the College Convener constituency unless they are a student in the College to which the seat relates.

vii. No member is eligible for a seat in the School Representative constituency unless they are a student in the School to which the seat relates.

viii. Only Postgraduate students are eligible to stand for Postgraduate Representative positions. Only Postgraduate Research students are eligible to stand for Postgraduate Research Convener.
6. NOMINATIONS

The procedure for nominations will be made by Executive Standing Order subject to the following basic requirements.

i. Nominations will be made on a prescribed form by candidates who must show their student ID card to the Returning Officer or authorised depute. The prescribed form must be signed by the candidate and the Returning Officer, or authorised depute, before it can be accepted. The candidate will then be issued with a receipt.

ii. Nomination forms must be submitted by 4 p.m. on FRIDAY, 22nd February at the latest. Submission of nominations will remain open for ten consecutive days from 9.00 a.m. on the first day to 4.00 p.m. on the tenth day. The Returning Officer will declare any nominations received after this time invalid.

iii. Nominations for the following seats will be signed by the following number of members who will append their matriculation numbers to the nomination form:

- Sabbatical Officers; 30 members
- Undergraduate College Convenors and Welfare and Equal Opportunity Officers: 15 members
- Postgraduate Convenors: 6 members
- All other seats: 6 members.

iv. Each member must be eligible to vote for the seat for which he or she is making a nomination. The decision of the Returning Officer regarding the validity of a nomination is final.

The procedure for election publicity will be made by Executive Standing Order subject to the following basic requirements.

v. Candidates must, before close of nominations, submit an electronic copy of their manifesto and a clear photograph of themselves to elections@src.qla.ac.uk. Manifestos must be no more than:

- 500 words in any sabbatical constituency
- 200 words in all other constituencies

Candidate photos must be submitted in either JPEG, PNG format and should include only the candidate with no other individuals.

vi. It shall be the duty of each candidate to ensure that the submitted manifesto does not contain any offensive or factually inaccurate material and does not exceed the prescribed length. Should this occur the Returning Officer may, at his or her discretion, request the candidate to amend the manifesto accordingly or direct that it be displayed subject to the deletion of any infringing materials.

MANIFESTOS AND PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED NO LATER THAN:
4P.M. FRIDAY, 22nd February 2019.
7. HUSTINGS

i. Hustings meetings give candidates the opportunity to address voters and are a key part of the election process.

ii. There are separate meetings for non-sabbatical candidates and sabbatical candidates. Any fully registered student at the University of Glasgow can attend the meetings and ask questions of the candidates.

iii. Candidates for non-sabbatical positions should prepare a speech of up to 2 minutes and sabbatical candidates should prepare a speech of up to 3 minutes. Candidates may use this speech as an opportunity to expand on their manifesto and express why people should vote for them.

iv. All candidates for each position are encouraged to attend and participate in the hustings. Following the delivery of speeches this the chair (SRC President) will open the floor to questions from the audience.

v. If a candidate cannot attend their hustings meeting they may submit a video by email to the SRC President by noon on the day of the hustings meeting. This video must adhere to the time limits specified above.

8. CANVASSING

i. It is not permitted for candidates to permanently affix campaign material; all campaign material must be able to be taken down at the close of polls. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Please do not affix any campaign materials to handrails. Campaign material which contradicts this paragraph are likely to be removed. The SRC bears no liability for them.

ii. Candidates are not allowed to be canvassed for or financed by persons other than registered students of University of Glasgow, who have not opted out of SRC representation for this academic year under Schedule 1.

Canvassing is not permitted in the Gilbert Scott Building, Fraser Building, McIntyre Building, the University Library and in areas deemed Polling Stations (University computer clusters)

iii. The use of University administered notice boards and digital signage is prohibited.

iv. Canvassing using ‘mobile polling stations’ via technology owned by the candidate or any person canvassing on their behalf is not permitted. This includes smartphones, laptops and other web enabled devices.

v. With the exception of bought photocopying services, candidates are not permitted to use SRC facilities, including intellectual property, for the furtherance of their campaign.

vi. The use of loudhailers/megaphones on Gilmorehill campus is prohibited by order of the University Court.

The use of unsolicited email correspondence via non-personal mailing lists (e.g. college/school/University email lists) by or on behalf of the candidate are not permitted. The use of other University administered IT platforms e.g. Moodle, My Class Reps etc is
also not permitted by or on behalf of the candidate. This includes the use of University administered social media accounts.

vii. Only fully registered students of the University of Glasgow may contribute at the official hustings meetings organised by the SRC

ix. Only candidates standing for Postgraduate positions are permitted to canvass in the Gilchrist Postgraduate club

x. The Returning Officer will arbitrate on any matters arising from canvassing.

9. SPENDING LIMITS

These limits are not targets or guidelines for what candidates should spend but are an upper limit of what is permitted. Please note you cannot reclaim these costs and candidates should feel no pressure to spend to the limit as campaign spend and electoral success do not correlate. Candidates are encouraged to think creatively about how they are engaging with students during the campaign period.

Only members may make an allegation of overspend by a candidate. Any allegation must be made in writing to the Deputy Returning Officer (elections@src.gla.ac.uk). No allegations received 48 hours after the announcement of results will be investigated or considered.

The Returning Officer shall decide whether to investigate any allegations of overspend and retains the right to invalidate the nomination of the offending candidate, or disqualify a successful candidate subject to their discretion.

SABBATICAL POSITIONS

Candidates must submit receipts for any spending on their campaign before 4pm on the 2nd working day after the close of polling. This is to verify that you have not exceeded the spending limit.

Candidates must not spend more than £200.

NON SABBATICAL POSITIONS

Candidates must keep receipts, for any spending on their campaign made within the campaign period should any allegations of overspend arise. These receipts should be kept for 10 working days after the close of polling in case an allegation of overspending is made.

Candidates must not spend more than £50
10. INFRINGEMENTS

Any malpractice leading to an infringement of these or other rules governing an election should be reported to the Deputy Returning Officer or SRC President, who will immediately inform the Returning Officer. The Returning Officer retains the right to invalidate the nomination of the offending candidate, or disqualify a successful candidate subject to their discretion.

11. POLLING

i. All elections will be held by secret ballot which will normally be online and will be decided by the following single transferable voting system:

- Online ballot papers will be marked in order of preference
- Voters will have the option to spoil their ballot paper by clicking on the appropriate box
- In the Spring elections, all sabbatical positions and uncontested positions will allow students to vote to “Re-Open Nominations”
- The number of votes required to secure election shall be:

\[
\text{Total No. of Votes Cast} - (\text{Total No. NTS}) +1 \\
\text{Number of Vacancies} +1 \\
\text{This figure will be referred to as the quota.}
\]

NTS = Non-Transferable and spoilt votes.

- If an eliminated candidate receives more than the quota, all that candidate’s votes will be split according to the next available voting preference.
- If no candidate in any count fulfils the quota the votes cast for the bottom candidate in the count will be divided according to the next available candidate. If more than one candidate ties for bottom place in the count, the candidate with fewest first preferences will be eliminated. If this occurs in the first round, it will be decided by drawing lots.
- In the event of a late withdrawal of a candidate, any votes for that candidate are passed over during the count and the remaining preferences on the voter’s ballot are redistributed. If no further preferences have been made the vote will be deemed spoilt.

12. RECYCLING DURING ELECTIONS

Campaigning can create a lot of waste and mess across campus. As a candidate you are responsible for ensuring that all of your campaign materials are removed from campus before the results are announced. Please encourage your voters and fellow campaign team to recycle any used materials.

13. RESULTS

i. The results of the election will be supervised by the Returning Officer.
ii. The declaration of results shall take place in Room 201, McIntyre Building after the election ends at around 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 7th March 2019.

iii. Candidates who are present at the declaration shall be informed of the result of the election by the Returning Officer beforehand if they choose.

iv. All questions relative to the validity of an election must be submitted to the Returning Officer within 48 hours of announcement of the result. Decisions on any such questions shall be made by the Returning Officer, who may consult with the Secretary of the University Court. If any election is declared invalid, a by-election will be held.

¹www.glasgowstudent.net/about/publications/constitution
The SRC aims to ensure that students from all parts of the University community are represented and have the opportunity to put themselves forward for election. In order to do this, we are collecting demographic information using Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) categories. You may feel that some questions concern very personal and private information. You may choose not to answer them if you wish. Please note, though, that the questionnaire is **anonymous** and any data will only be reported in statistical form, so that no student can be identified. We appreciate your co-operation in filling in this questionnaire.

### 1. Gender *(please tick)*
- □ Female
- □ Male
- □ Other

### 2. Gender identity
Is your gender identity the same as the gender assigned to you at birth?
- □ Yes
- □ No
- □ Prefer not to say

### 3. Age
- □ 16 - 25
- □ 26 - 40
- □ 41 - 55
- □ 56+

### 4. Marital Status
- □ Married
- □ In a Civil Partnership
- □ Not married or in a civil partnership
- □ Prefer not to say

### 5. Do you study:
- □ Full time
- □ Part time

### 6. Are you:
- □ A UK student
- □ An EU student
- □ An international (non-EU) student

### 7. Ethnicity *(please tick the box which best describes your ethnic origin)*
- □ White – Scottish
- □ Other White background
- □ Gypsy or Traveller
- □ Black or Black British – Caribbean
- □ Black or Black British - African
- □ Other Black background
- □ Arab
- □ Asian or Asian British-Indian
- □ Asian or Asian British-Pakistani
- □ Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi
- □ Chinese
- □ Other Asian background
- □ Mixed – White and Black Caribbean
- □ Mixed – White and Black African
- □ Mixed – White and Asian
- □ Other Mixed background
- □ Other Ethnic Background
- □ Prefer not to say
8. Disability
(A disability is defined as any physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person’s ability to carry out normal day to day activities).
Do you consider yourself to have a disability?  □ Yes  □ No  □ Prefer not to say

If yes, please tick which category you think best describes your disability

| □ Dyslexia                                      | □ Mental health disability                      |
| □ Blind or partially sighted                   | □ An unseen disability (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, asthma) |
| □ Deaf or hearing impairment                   | □ Multiple disabilities                          |
| □ Wheelchair User/other mobility difficulties  | □ Specific Learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia)    |
| □ Personal care support                        | □ Social/Communication impairment (e.g. Asperger’s syndrome/other ASD) |
| □ Long-standing illness or health condition (e.g. cancer, HIV, chronic heart disease) | □ Other disability (Please specify) |

9. Religion or Belief
| □ No religion                                  | □ Jewish                                       |
| □ Buddhist                                     | □ Muslim                                       |
| □ Christian – Church of Scotland               | □ Sikh                                         |
| □ Christian – Roman Catholic                   | □ Spiritual                                    |
| □ Christian – other                            | □ Other                                        |
| □ Hindu                                        | □ Prefer not to say                             |

10. Sexual Orientation
| □ Bisexual                                      | □ Heterosexual                                 |
| □ Gay man                                      | □ Other                                        |
| □ Gay woman/lesbian                            | □ Prefer not to say                            |

11. Do you care for dependants?
| □ No                                           | 12. UK students only: Please supply the postcode from your HOME (i.e. non-term-time) address:  
| □ Yes – children                               | _________________________                   |
| □ Yes – relatives/friends                      |                                             |
| □ Yes – both children and relatives/friends    |                                             |
| □ Prefer not to say                            |                                             |

Thank you. Please print this form on separate paper from your nomination form. When you hand in your nomination documents, this form will be taken out and dealt with separately, and confidentially. Please do not put your name or any other identifier on this form.

www.glasgowstudent.net/elections
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL, IN BLOCK CAPITALS, AND RETURNED TO THE SRC OFFICES BY CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS AT 4PM, FRIDAY 22\textsuperscript{nd} FEBRUARY 2019. PLEASE READ THE ELECTION REGULATIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.

Position: ____________________________________________________________

Details of candidate

Pronoun you wish for us to use in any publicity (e.g. he/she/they/other) __________________________

First name(s) (in full): ________________________________________________

Preferred first name* (optional): _______________________________________

*If entered, this name will be used on the ballot papers, website and social media posts during the elections

Surname: ____________________________________________________________ College: ______________________

Student No: ____________________________ Undergraduate/Postgraduate (delete as appropriate)

Telephone: ___________________________ Mobile No: ______________________________

E-mail address: ______________________________________________________
We, the undersigned, nominate the above named student for the aforementioned position. We each individually agree to allow Glasgow University Students’ Representative Council to make all necessary enquiries to check that the personal information we have each given is true, in order to confirm the validity of this nomination.

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**DATA PROTECTION**

The SRC keeps all personal information secure. It uses the information provided for the purposes of administrating and publicising elections, including placing information on the SRC website. We may also share contact details with students, and organisations providing services to students.

You can read the SRC Privacy Notice at [https://www.glasgowstudent.net/about/privacy-notice/](https://www.glasgowstudent.net/about/privacy-notice/)

Please tick the box to confirm that you have read and agreed to these terms. ☐

**This section must be completed in the presence of the Deputy Returning Officer or their Deputy.**

I, ________________________________________________ (full name), hereby accept my nomination and confirm that I have read the Constitution of the Council and agree to abide by the rules governing the election. If I am elected, I promise to carry out the duties of the office in accordance with the Constitution. I agree to allow Glasgow University Students’ Representative Council to make all necessary enquiries to check that the personal information provided about me is true, in order to confirm the validity of my nomination.

Signed: ___________________________________________ Date: __________________________