

## Students' Association Annual Survey 2016

### Strategic Theme: Where everyone belongs

#### Answer Options

Response  
Count

89

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#### Response Text

Getting everybody involved in something they know/love.

Make everyone feel a part of a group and feel welcome

Everyone belongs at GCU, no exclusions

everyone feels included within the university,

Equality , equal opportunities for each other, listen to everyone!

It's important to have a sense of belonging in university and to feel proud to be a part of it. []

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I feel that there should be more events held to bring students from other courses closer together and bring more postgraduate involvement since GCU has a strong Masters department.

That you feel that you are a part from something that shares the same ideas, plans, occupations

Everyone should feel like they are a part of the university and that there is always somewhere they can go and someone to turn to for help and advice.[]

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Continue the good work and improve on educating people about what the SA offers in terms of sports clubs, societies, and help & advice (i.e. nightline, financial advice, etc.).[]

Everyone should feel like part of the course and as though they belong.

Making university a place that feels like home, I am comfortable in and everyone can feel a part of the university

Definitely the right idea but I feel like where everyone can participate is better.

It is impossible to include everyone 100% of the time. But people should feel they have the opportunity

A more community feel to the university where each student can feel at home

Now for this to work you would need to get an in-group for say each course and I do not think that this is possible for everyone to feel like they belong to a group that is associated with GCU. Unless there is a drastic change in the GCU SA way of dealing with everything and the way the uni is run.

Everyone feels welcomed and looked after. No one left out.

I think this is the best theme of the 4. I think feeling like you belong at university is very important. Cali already has a nice community atmosphere.

Merge cultures to make a sociable environment for all

All inclusive environment

Where everyone knows they can go

Welcomes people from any background

including everyone from all courses and all walks of life, there is very little integration between schools

So everyone has an equal opportunity because we as people are all equal.

Course societies should do activities with other course societies e.g health and life science courses

Feeling a part of GCU

More involvement from societies.

I think most people feel they belong to their course more than the uni as a whole or even their school. I was not a direct entrant but I know a few who have said they found it difficult to integrate.
Everyone should feel involved at university it's a great place to make new friends and no one should feel left out
Somewhere people can go to or turn to any time.
Make people more aware of possibility to get involved.
Feeling a part of something and having a role/purpose
Possibly more reasons to meet more people without it being gimmicky and awkward. Social meetings seem to have worked the best but being put on the spot in front of new people is awkward.
Religious differences, disabled students, international students - how needs and differences of these people are met at university. For example is there is halal food in the cafe, are there sports clubs for disabled people, etc.
Less divide. The full time officers are very separate from students sometimes
buzzword
I joined Radio Caley from 1st to 2nd year. I enjoyed it because I felt like the people there are supportive and they help me feel proud that I belong to their group.
Inclusion
I think there could be more information about getting involved in the student association and other services in the uni.
The university as a whole needs to look to give it's customers (students) a sense of belonging and something to be proud of, this includes the Students' Association.
nonjudgmental? []
More inclusion of non-academic societies in SA events.
No one will feel lonely
This is the most important and most meaningful, to create a sense of belonging within our students association is vital and sets the stage for the other themes to be worked upon.
equality and fairness
Knowing your place in the university.[]
N/A
It'd great. Everyone will feel a sense of belongingness.
It's not a cold, soul-less environment that anyone would feel disconnected with.
I really struggled being a returning student to nursing. - 3rd year. Every class I took had different students and so it was very hard to make friends.
No real feeling that GCU provides somewhere that i belong or i'm apart of something bigger than myself
Don't know
Build a sense of teamwork
Keep everyone included
Inclusion and cross group communication.
All are welcome
Having a sense of being proud to go to GCU and you fit in there
I think this is very important, as it can be difficult to feel like you belong to something in the beginning or even later on in your studies.
My uni makes me feel at home and I am glad to spend my time here
I don't feel that everyone is made to feel like they belong in some of my experiences-specifically with The Edit which seemed to exist for the 4 or 5 different editor's egos.
I like this because they make the effort to ensure everyone feels included
seems to be a lack of acknowledgement of mature students
I think it's important that all students feel that they not only belong to their course but feel part of a bigger student network. I think more effort should be made in the form of socials where students from different schools can come together without having to feel like they need someone to go with.

Equal opportunities for everyone.
Courses are very welcoming and everyone gets involved and gets to know each Other well
Feel part of the university
Important, especially with exchange students and people living away from home.
I belong to my family
I do not know anyone outside my class, therefore more "meet and greets" would be useful
I think it would be interesting to link with other courses. sometimes you feel a bit isolated when you feel you only belong to your course. Not your school or the university as a whole
An all inclusive university where it doesn't matter what a student's background or culture is. Everyone is treated with the same respect and offered the same academic opportunities.
It's great knowing that you belong somewhere and that you are surrounded by like-minded individuals.
More inclusiveness for direct entrants
Felt more comfortable meeting people are radio Caley than on my course
Safe space for everyone
Increase number of welcoming events
GCU
It would be good if everyone felt like they belonged to GCU rather than only belonging to their own individual courses or societies. It currently feels like everyone is separated into little groups.
That you won't feel left out
A welcoming environment
I feel the university is still very mainstream and although there is an LGBT society I don't feel a sense of belonging or support in that area.
yeah
Participation for everyone without discrimination
Making everyone feel included
Makin everyone feel welcomed is important
Everyone has a fair chance to feel involved, maybe encourage more folk to be a society volunteer through lecture talks in person
not everyone belongs to uni, however, every student should belong to the SA
Allowed to feel myself, and empowered to put my edge on my ability as a student and member of society.
A place where everyone is safe, accepted and able to be themselves. It would be good to encourage students to come into the Association and make use of all the facilities and get involved with the activities that interest them. I think a small percentage of the student population could be classed as really active with the association so other students should be targeted.

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Strategic Theme: Where everyone can work together

Answer Options	Response Count
	85
<i>answered question</i>	<b>85</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>826</b>

Society events
Do more teamwork building exercises
Everyone can come together and work together equally
where everyone feels as though they contribute towards the development of the university by actively participating within university events
Identifying and using the skills and qualities of individuals and groups to better outcome
It's difficult to implement this, as on my course and with others I feel we are often closed off into our own departments.[]
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Working together with other students on bigger initiatives, such as fundraising, discussions or meetups would be beneficial.
That even the differences between each student, everyone can partner up together and create something that we can share our experience as a result
Giving everyone the opportunity, and empowering people, to meet and cooperate with other members of the university, whether that be staff or students.[]
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I think it would be great if there were more school-specific social and/or informational events. Not only would this improve the social networks of those who attend, but could also be a starting point for interprofessional working?
Everyone should be able to work together to make the course the best it can be.
Working together to achieve the best we can in friendships, university and work
I like the theme itself I think very good but not sure if it fits with my idea of partnership.
Collaboration is key to a better university experience
Agree. Simple parteniring up can go a long way anywhere.
Harmony
I think this is important because when people work together we can get better results. For example, management teams in society working together to make the society the best it can be.
Student studying places
Working together for the common goal
Friendly environment that welcomes people, making them feel comfortable and allows people to get to know each other and work together after similar to above, encouraging cooperation
We can work together and cooperate and express our own thoughts and opinions and feel comfortable about it.
Trying to involve more people in societies and clubs
A friendly campus, being respectful and helpful to others
The chance to meet new people doing activities
It often feels like there is a gap in the lines of communication of key issues so it would be helpful if there was improvement so that everyone can work together.
The different academic schools should be able to communicate and work with each other to understand what they do and how they work
Working as part of a team - learn new skills from one another.
Create positive environment for groupwork/collaborations.
Teamwork, relationships, positivity
Everyones opinions matter, but I think that not everyone can work well together.
Cooperation between different level students.

buzzword
I feel like international and domestic students don't work together enough
Again, when I was in RC, I felt like I've known other students from different courses and it's good to know we can work together and enjoy university.
Team Work
I think the students association does good work but students are made aware of it enough
A lot of students and lecturers work together well on my course and provide a good support.
friendly environment
We leave no one Behind
This isn't really all that attractive, it should be a given for any "union" and therefore seems unnecessary as a theme.
course activities
Diversity within the university.
N/A
Great. Nothing to add.
Good communication and cooperation, everyone is pulling their weight.
I feel that the uni does provide a good environment to work with people that i wouldn't normally meet.
Don't know
Teamwork
More team building opportunities
Allowing societies, medias, sports groups etc to work together and supporting that.
Encourages team work. Can depend on others around you.
Team work and being able to work together to make better courses and provide feedback
It is very important to work together, so I think this is a good plan.
GCU offers amazing facilities for studying and 'working together', it encourages support and collaboration
Less segregation between student groups would be nice.
Gcu gives plenty of opportunities for us all to work together and I think this is a very important thing to ensure is done
having input in to how university and union is run
To me this means that students help and support each other to achieve their end goal. My school officer has been very helpful in giving me advice when I first started my course. There is always someone to email for help which I think is great!
This gives the opportunity to learn and push forward into bettering our campus/uni/course as a whole variety of people who all belong there.
Events such as nurses hand washing record day
Team work
Essential, especially with so many Healthcare related degrees, where teamwork is an integral element.
In nice and friendly environment
I like this idea but in terms of groupwork in assessments i feel not everyone works together
I think the environments available for working together are very effective already
Providing facilities and services that allows for students to work together easily in campus.
As I said, its nice to be surrounded by like-minded individuals who you can bounce ideas off of about different things to do with your course and you can help each other, this is very important to everyone's development.
There is a divide between sports and societies and a feeling of resentment towards the sports teams. There is a divide between students who are not involved in any sports or societies and those who are. There needs to be more general university causes not run by any particular group that everyone can get behind.
Unsure
Every experience I've had working in presentations with new people has been good
Different groups/backgrounds coming together
See other comments
GCU
Perhaps more group study areas
People are happy to help you
Spaces to work together
yeah

Unity, accepting different ideas
areas where people feel comfortable working as a group
This would allow for people to come together and discuss various ideas and ensure the morale of the group
Agree, highlight the importance of being a society member
working together is the aim but not yet achieved to a satisfactory level
Involvement by multiple parties that work together and get the support to overcome and differences to become a unit.
The 24 hour computer lab is great for university work. All the societies are great examples of people working together.

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Strategic Theme: Where everyone can grow	Strategic Theme: Where everyone can	
Answer Options	Answer Options	Response Count
		80
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Working in cooperation with each other
Develop peoples needs to suit their own
GCU offers opportunities to grow not just on an educational level, but grow themselves and who they are
when the university hold many events for students to participate in and learn from
Developing skills and qualities . Tackling challenges and helping each other
This has been a busy year with the building and many facilities are yet to be completed. However, I forsee that once construction is completed we're going to have a wonderful learning environment that will inspire us to grow and achieve our goals.
Everyone can learn from others and in this way we can communicate and listen to each other and find out new ways of thinking or approaching methods
Again, allowing everyone to have an equal opportunities and empowering and encouraging them to take advantage of such opportunities.
Everyone should grow as the complete their course and should develop into more mature, responsible adults, knowing where they fit.
New opportunities, learning, becoming more independent and growing as a person both academically and socially
I like the theme of empowering itself I think very good but not sure if it fits with my idea of personal growth.
It is up to the individual to engage in their own learning. University is supposed to deliver info and create an environment for growth not hold your hand and do the learning for you
Isn't this why we come to uni in the first place??? however in order to make this idea flourish, some concrete plans should be made as to how this will be accomplished.
Everyone gets equal opportunities and support to use them.
This is important so that we learn from everything we do/are part of at university.
Advise on excelling in academia
Help develop yourselves as a person through societies and sports
Provides opportunities to learn more about yourself and the world
encouraging learning and social participation
We can grow in terms of working as a team, growing knowledge and growing happiness.
I know many people don't join sports clubs because of the cost, therefore it's harder to grow as an athlete and as a team member
Helping others and bringing positivity and encouragement
The opportunity to know how to communicate more with the students association.
I think the association is doing well with this theme by providing the student leaders programme and should offer more things similar in nature.
Everyone can grow and develop at university some people may just need some help and support which the university are extremely good with just now
Become a better person?
Provide more activities (career/personal development...)that controbute positively to the development of students
Feeling comfortable in your own skin, embracing change and differences between people
I think more issues should be brought forward or spoken for within the university. I think that feminist issues should be spoken about a lot more.
Personal development opportunities that can be offered by GCU.
buzzword
It is good to know that there are many different societies and clubs that students can be involve in and grow with their passions while studying.
Different Variety of education levels
I think attending events within the uni provide a good opportunity for everyone to improve and grow.
allowing everyone a fair chance

We encourage everyone to achieve what they can
A nice choice, growth and development is really important.
support for development
Building ourselves with each other.
Great. Uni experience definitely makes you grow as a person, physically, mentally and emotionally.
People can easily get new information and experiences without having to worry about obstacles like money or bureaucracy.
I've grown more as an independent person than as a team player.
Build on each other's knowledge
Encouragement to take part
More training that is credited
Will help you progress and encourage you to develop
Where everyone can become who they want to be
It is important in university to encourage personal growth in students, so I think this is also a well chosen plan.
I have developed various useful skills during my study at GCU, which I would not have been able to gain anywhere else
Gcu gives plenty opportunities to give each person a chance to grow, especially through things like Erasmus
give opportunities to be involved
Ensuring there is effective representation throughout gcu for different groups such as mature or part time students. I feel gcu achieves this.
Give more opportunities like the student leaders programme to further develop students outside of their academic course.
Throughout uni
Opportunity to grow as a person
Nice to know that we are not just growing academically while at GCU, but personally too. I have felt this myself, and am very grateful.
Everywhere
This is important as i have already grew as a person since attending university due to subjects, friends, societies and socialising eg. Kokomo/bamboo
I think this is very important, one of my lecturers especially helps us grow as professionals every year by bringing in people from industry to help us. I've felt this helps us grow as students and future professionals. involving students with this kind of thing helps us grow as people significantly
Providing the necessities to ensure students can study and achieve the best marks they can, while also allow for social growth as well.
By working together we can all grow together to become greater in our chosen fields and in our future careers, and also as individuals.
Continuing to provide employability skills through the student leaders programme
I have learned some interesting new things at uni
Provides development opportunities eg student leaders
See other comments
Events where students can learn from each other.
Develop as a human and learn new things
Lots of opportunities
Opportunities for development
creating the right environment and objects to surround innovative learning and creative thinking
It's important to develop and I believe this is a great theme
Again maybe highlight in person progression to a society volunteer is possible for everyone
again, desired but not necessarily achieved
Opportunity to develop which is absolutely available to me and I have nothing to add to it.
This is great as its a place for students to grow in both a social contact and an academic one.

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### Strategic Theme: Where you can try new ideas

Answer Options	Response Count
	77
<i>answered question</i>	<b>77</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>834</b>

More opportunities for students
Opportunities to try new ideas, take ideas forward to people who can help make them happen
when the university actively supports students who want to set up new societies
Unsure
This is another important area, as putting ideas into practice are a great opportunity to develop new skills. I feel that whilst there are an abundance of societies in which to do this, stronger levels of communication and invitation to postgraduates would help us out too. At times we feel apart from the main body of undergraduate students, and would like to feel more included.
The opportunity to develop personal ideas and be listened by an audience that can help you gain that particular aim
Having the ability to experience new activities, sports, ways of life, etc.[]
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The global cafe is a good way to fulfil this strategy. trying a similar concept but different activity, such as dance, art, or history would be fun.
Courses should encourage students to try new ideas and be innovative about how the course is delivered.
Being creative and using your imagination
I like the theme very much but innovation to me feels very exclusive, I would have chosen creative as everyone can be creative but not everyone can innovate because that more like inventing and building etc.
All facilities should be open to students so they have the opportunity... This should include all labs all the time!
Clubs and societies need to interact more with each other in order to make this theme become more accessible. Say a speed-dating themed system of getting to know each other in the clubs and society's committees would be a start in the beginning of the year right before the freshers might be an idea...?
Self explanatory i suppose. You feel like something could be done better or differently and have the opportunity to try it.
This is important in regards to trying out new societies/sports clubs where you may realise interests you never had and meet new people.
Promote extra curricular and social activities
Set up new societies or sports clubs
Provides opportunities to try things you shouldn't consider before in order to evolve as a person
encouraging involvement in new clubs and societies
Where you can express your own thoughts and ideas but also listen to other people's ideas.
Broader selection of societies/sports clubs
Places to expand new ideas and get advice and help from peers
more knowledge on how to start your own society or create events
If I had a new idea I wouldn't even know who to talk to about it so that could be an area of improvement.
The societies and clubs allow people to branch out and try new things which I think is an amazing thing its let's people get out of their comfort zones and find out who they really are
Try new things and become a better person.
Provide more support, suitable environment and technology to enable students "trying nee ideas"

Confidence to utilise areas which can build on or improve current skills, in order to take risks and be successful
Offer up more opportunities and help for different groups or ideas. I'm not sure.
Not really sure how to comment this one.
I like that Any one can create a new society, it allows groups for everyone and more people will participate because their interest is covered
buzzword
It is also exciting for a student that they can try new ideas or join new teams/societies that they might enjoy while in university
New technology
From seeing information around campus I have seen a lot of posters for trying new things and on my course there a lot of suggestions about trying new academic ideas.
more options/ information about join clubs etc
Room for development - everyone had a say
Something we don't do at all at GCU, in order to achieve this we need to eliminated the "culture of risk" we have at GCUSA.
Working together and getting other opinions.
Yep.... Makes everyone feel as if their ideas are welcome...they will be able to be open about their ideas.
You'll get help and the right tools or spaces for your project if you have a good, well developed idea in mind.
I feel the uni is very limited here and could definitely introduce students to more new ideas and forward thinking.
No idea
Innovation
Being supported by staff to challenge yourself and create learning environments.
Encourage innovation and creativeness
You can try new clubs or ideas without being judged
It is always important to try new ideas, I am glad the university has decided to identify this as something it wants to encourage and invest in.
GCU offers great opportunities for innovating and encourages new ideas in various fields, from academic study to social clubs and societies
Gcu let you try new ideas through the course and also in the student association
Comments boxes and feedback surveys are great at achieving this aim.
Gives students the freedom to experience new things which is key for growth, working together and belonging.
Unsure
Don't be scare to try new things
Where else would you have such an opportunity? Students are learning, always having new ideas and so we need a platform to share them on.
At home
I feel like my course is quite restricitng to trying new ideas
I think this university is very positive and open about trying anything you can and their are a lot of opportunities available to get involved with something new. This is a great thing to improve upon more
This one has a me a bit stumped in terms of what I think about it. But it sounds interesting and I am all for encouraging students to try new ideas!
It's nice knowing you can bounce different and new ideas off people without the fear of being judged.
Unsure
Not really sure what this means
Not sure
GCU
It would be good to have an oppportunity to try out different societies.
Not afraid to voice your opinion
Unsure
Innovation, taking risks in a safe environment
creating an openness to everyones ideas no matter if they are small, big or crazy

Everyone has a mind full of crazy ideas, and it's great to get to know them
new ideas have been supported in the past (more or less)
Open to new ideas in the school and new ways of working, which is listened to.
People should use the students association to try new things and not be afraid to innovate or make suggestions.

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Other comments? (ie should we be considering other strategic areas, should we be building the themes around our strapline?)

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	32
<i>answered question</i>	<b>32</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>879</b>

The themes should be developed and more fully realised. Where I used to study, at Glasgow University, the presence of the Students Unions were very strong and helped contribute towards their causes. If the Student's Associations were to make their presence heard, with the help of student media and politics, GCU has the potential for major representation in the future.
I think the ideas presented are great, and work well for students.
The Sports programs at GCU are a joke and need more support
there seems to only be one society open day and it would be beneficial to have one at the start of each semester instead of each year (although this may happen but I'm not aware of it)
The strategic areas have been very well thought out an very effective. [] []
The whole purpose is that no one should be excluded and that everyone has an opportunity to grow and express themselves and also make a personal difference to he university.
Themes should be built around the strapline but an area of focus could be organisation and communication which can sometimes be lacking.
The bistro is so over priced and the staff have always been rude, getting more students working there will be a great step for working better with students and will make the SA much friendlier
It's a university. Education, support, and fun.
More representation for women who do not agree with the Caledonian Women's group and their representatives.
Full agree!
Strapline theme is great!!!!
Look at where we started versus where we are now
I think support is a really important aspect in university but I think encouraging belonging and growth is a good way to start developing this at GCU.
more music events
I feel happy with all strategies so far.
These themes are a good base to build ideas upon.
I feel the themes you have encompass well, and are easy to remember and present to the GCU community
I'd get a student from the design courses of the university to make a bigger campaign of these goals. I think it could look far more inspiring than it does currently
I feel like there could be more support into the postgraduate studies. The student association already provides so much services and help to undergrads, but it feels like not so much for postgrad students.
Just continue making this more known to students as I know there are many people on campus who might not know about this.
Make students more aware of these - I hadn't heard of them before

Something similar to game jam - have a problem and have teams work together to solve it over a set period of time. Teams random. Problem random. These types of ideas could work all themes.

Perhaps more courses on offer such as first aid

Personally I feel there isn't enough support for students who are struggling or isolated. If there is support its not very well advertised or encouraged.

It is great and I think it is really worth while you getting students to give their input.