

Manifesto Document

Scrutiny Panel Member
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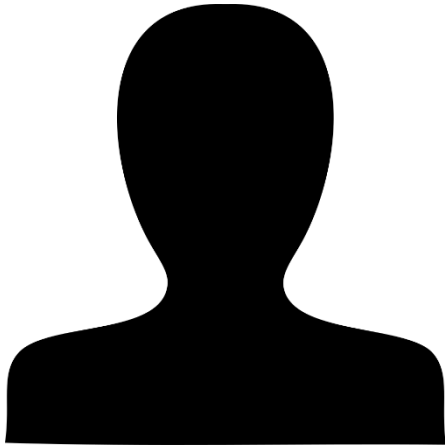
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Muhammad Ali

Main Manifesto

Why do we elect SU officers? We elect them to represent our voices, fight for our rights and make the changes we want to see in our University. The impact that the SU has on our lives should not be underestimated, so I want to make sure they do what we elected them to do.

As a member of the Scrutiny Panel, I will:

1. Ensure that the SU conducts all their business in an open and transparent manner, and clearly explains everything they do in plain, simple English.
2. Respectfully challenge every major change that the SU makes, to ensure they have considered all the consequences of their decision
3. Urge the SU to stay in touch with the needs and wants of the student body, and adapt their policies appropriately to respond to change

Ultimately, I want to provide the viewpoint of a regular student – to make sure that the SU runs how we want it to, and to keep all the officers focused on the real reason they are there. Our SU's top priority should be the welfare of its students, and trying to make our lives at university happier, more productive and as fulfilling as possible!

I hope you vote for me!

What do you think qualifies you for your chosen role?

Last October, I was elected as Course Rep for 1st Year Economics, representing over 350 students. In the space of just a term, I had accomplished all that I was elected to do, and far more. I secured cheap hoodies for all 1st Year Economics students, pushed for universal lecture capture and represented the views of my peers to the faculty. This shows that not only am I dedicated to helping my peers, I'm actually quite good at it! Furthermore, this role requires great attention to detail, and a willingness to go over tortuously worded policies with a fine-tooth comb. I believe that I am perfect for that job, as I spent my Gap Year on a work placement working for the company that

manages the NHS payroll. My main responsibility in that job was to spot mistakes and double-check everything – one mistake, and the UK's biggest and most essential employer might not have been able to pay its staff. Therefore, I believe that I am more than capable of ensuring that nothing slips by me, and that everything the SU does will be subjected to a fair and objective evaluation.



Amelia Hacon

Main Manifesto

I am re-running for the Scrutiny Panel this year so that I might continue to contribute towards keeping our SU officers accountable.

Through being on the Panel this year, I have been more involved with the SU than I realistically expected to be. We listened to concerns, called an Extraordinary Scrutiny Panel, addressed outcomes through our published statements and I am currently working with our President to make vital improvements in the accountability of elected Panel and Committee members. I have had the pleasure seeing the development of the current Officer team through the year and learned a lot along the way, so it would be a real pleasure to do it all again!

If re-elected, I can promise another year of honest scrutiny from a position of experience and a no-nonsense approach. Our Full-Time Officer team have delivered some incredible outputs this year, meaning I now have a strong understanding of what we can expect from future Officers, and I would be happy to share my knowledge with new scrutineers so that we can continue to encourage the best from those we elected.

What do you think qualifies you for your chosen role?

I believe I am qualified for this position not only because I already have a year of experience under my belt, but because I have been involved in processes beyond what was required of this role. I have stayed on top of student issues so that I can keep our interests at the forefront and I am not afraid to act when I feel it is needed, as demonstrated by our calling of the Extraordinary Scrutiny Panel last semester. I am also conducting work behind the scenes to improve our processes and provide greater transparency around the work of elected committees. What this shows is that I am passionate about the Panel and aim to leave behind a tangible and genuine contribution before I finish my degree. This is why I am asking to be re-elected, so I can continue what I have started and pursue the best outcomes for students above all. Thank you.



Robyn Walford

Main Manifesto

I will always ensure that the officers are held accountable for their actions whilst holding the best interests of students are at the heart of all I do. With this year being a struggle for all students for a multitude of reasons, I hope that by playing a key part within the union next year, I am able to ensure the changes that you vote for are implemented. Furthermore, I shall see that all members receive the high standards that they have been promised and the SU pride themselves upon. Each officer, regardless of their role will be held to the same standards as all students, no matter who you feel most represented by, deserve the best.

What do you think qualifies you for your chosen role?

I have sat on the panel for disciplinary hearings at the SU before where I was forced to make a decision and decide whether students/staff had acted in the best interest of the SU and upheld the standards and code of conduct. Dependent on the result of the hearing, we determined suitable outcomes. Moreover, within my philosophy studies, I am constantly encouraged to critically evaluate the work of others and question everything before taking my own stance. As a result I feel I would be a suitable candidate for the scrutiny panel. I have actively worked with the SU before when working as the events coordinator in halls in first year too so I am familiar of the set up and high standards they pride themselves upon.



Jack Hu

Main Manifesto

I am Jack Hu, a first-year maths student running to be a member of the Scrutiny Panel.

I have always been eager to change society for the better. Having grown up in China, I took various student leadership roles at school, where at times I openly contested the school's policies and staff behaviour, despite restricted scope of freedom of speech.

I actively challenge authority and fight for social justice. I have been involved in different social movements, including LGBT Pride and more recently, Extinction Rebellion. At the same time, I am not blinded by political ideologies and will not protest for the sake of protesting.

As a maths student, I deeply enjoy and value rigorous thinking, a quality that is crucial for Scrutineers. Moreover, I am capable of "thinking outside the box" and do not automatically accept the status quo.

If I am elected, I will hold Officers accountable and do my best to make sure the Union works for you. I will carefully and thoughtfully examine their performance, ensuring that they are fulfilling their duties and implementing what they have pledged in their manifesto, and that their policies truly represent and benefit the students. I will make rigorous, objective and honest judgements. I will give constructive feedback to suggest where they could do better, but also recognise where they have done well, to make sure their hard work is honoured and will continue. I will promote transparency and keep you informed of how your Officers are performing.

I will keep questioning and challenging, and equally importantly, I will welcome being questioned and challenged too. I want to be held to account. I will communicate with you, and get to know your opinions about your Officers and Scrutiny Panel. I will make your voice heard and properly responded to. I will help us all to hold power to account.

Please feel free to ask me questions by emailing pmywh5@nottingham.ac.uk.

Vote Jack, make your SU work for you!

What do you think qualifies you for your chosen role?

I take things seriously; I am able to listen; I can think differently; I do not make judgements lightly; I am enthusiastic for positive social change ; I actively challenge myself.