

Hello, I'm Siri Hampapur, a third year Film, Media and Cultural Studies student and I would love to be elected as your next Students' Union president.

My main aims as president would be to see a greater level of **fairness, representation, change** and **transparency** in the Students' Union and with the University.

Students today face an increasing number of challenges in their time at University, and yet many of the institutions are failing us. For example, the Union's Scrutiny Panel have not met this year - and we've seen the abolition of University Court. Our retention rate is one of the worst in the country. I believe that, as president, I can improve the quality of the student experience.

Fairness

- The cost of living is increasing yet quality of living seems to be decreasing. It's not fair that:
 - Rent prices on campus have hiked.
 - Parking fees on campus have hiked.
 - Bus prices have hiked.
- None of these things are fair and should be lobbied against.
 - I will be vocal about these issues to University Management and make them aware of how it is affecting the student body.
 - I will put pressure on them to make a change for the benefit of the students.

Representation

- As a woman of colour, I understand the issues that liberation groups face. I will be vocal on students' behalf to tell those in authority how it really is.
 - I will be present at liberation events and work closely with VP Welfare and Community and the Part Time Officers to improve representation of the liberation groups.
- Postgraduate students have been underrepresented within the union.
 - I would endeavour to understand the postgrad experience through consultation.
 - I would push for greater inclusion of postgrad students within the Union and University community - for example, many postgrads would prefer to stay in their undergraduate college and I would lobby for this option.
- I will ensure that we are speaking up for students and holding truth the power by re-establishing boundaries between University management and the Full Time Officers.
- I will make myself available to talk to students about their concerns.
 - I will take in what they say and report it back to those in power so a true change can be made.

Change

- Better mental health facilities.
 - If mental health is 24 hours, our services should be too. I will lobby for a full, 24 hour day each week dedicated to providing mental health drop-in sessions, in addition to the services already available throughout the week. I would like services to be available over the phone or in person.
- Better quality services with Living.
 - More thorough landlord vetting to ensure landlords will be able to cater to students' housing needs.
 - Proper housing checks before move-in days to ensure that rooms are fully equipped.
- We all love a good night out in Sugar (you might have seen me on SugarTV). The Sugarhouse, as our SU club, should be the model of a good night out - no sexual harassment, violence, or abuse in any form.
 - Working with Sugar to provide better training for staff and bouncers on how to handle reports of harassment.
 - Pushing for zero tolerance and immediate consequences to those perpetrating acts of harassment or abuse.
- Continue to lobby the library to improve facilities.
 - Boiling water taps, so students can avoid buying expensive hot drinks.

Transparency

- Transparency should not be just saying what is happening but rather explaining what you are doing, and why, in a way that everyone can engage with.
 - Union jargon can be alienating but it should not be a barrier preventing students from accessing information they need.
 - I would be very clear about what I am doing and what my intentions are.
- Students look to the union for opinions and advice; therefore I believe it is important for the union to actually take a stance on important issues facing students.
 - I will make my own opinion public, and consult with students to ensure the union is taking a stance on issues.
 - I will make sure that an active stance is taken and reasons for the stance are provided.
- I would like to see a change in Union culture.
 - The Union should not seem intimidating or cliquey, as this acts as a barrier for students.
 - I will introduce a more approachable culture for students from any background to engage with.

Contact me for further information on my campaign #LetsGetSirious!

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