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Vice-President MCS

My name is Lachlan and I'm a 3rd year Law Student who's running for re-election, but for VP MCS this year! I spent 2020-21 as the VP Board and helped push the Union through the coronavirus pandemic alongside the help of our fantastic board. I am running again to continue the work that this year's Executive has done, which includes an amount of Constitutional and Bye-Law policy work, and hopefully see out a return of physical Freshers' Week!



In my typical manifesto style, I will list out my goals and aspirations should I get elected:

1. Continue our work on QMU's policy

Quite boring but necessary! This year we've made great work on the Constitution and fixed a number of errors. I'd like to continue the plans this year's Exec for policy and push them into the next era as we continue to safeguard the union.

2. Persist on the importance of Cross Campus

A silver-lining in this year's Exec has been our Cross Campus relationships. Our bond with the GUU and GUSA has been stronger than it's ever been, and I hope even after Covid-19 we can continue that. Friendly competitions and varsity days would be great to extend our boards to each other rather than just Exec and hopefully truly create a board Cross Campus relationship. In addition, simply catching up and getting drinks and food together is a great way to continue to allow these friendships to blossom

3. Revamp and recommence the work on the QMU website

Over the last few weeks I have begun making updates and fixes to the QMU website. Over summer I will seek out some external help from a Computing Science friend who wants to help me in my 'battle' to make the QMU website more intuitive and easier to navigate!

4. Move or recreate the society hub board (online and physical)

The board on level 3 should be moved at least into the ground floor next to café! Students don't often venture up to level 3 and it would be great to display our affiliated societies and what they have on in the main foyer.

5. Continue our relationship with student activism voices in the lead up to COP26 and beyond

Our work this year with the student voice has been fantastic. I'd like to continue Ruairaidh and Laoise's work and continue supporting these causes and establish QMU as a hub for the COP26.

6. Look at creating membership/life member newsletter in conjunction with Board/Pubs

It would be fantastic to do a bi-monthly newsletter (if we're open) to update what is happening in the QMU. We currently do emails, but I feel like an actual digital newsletter with a bit of writing from actual board members, and what they've been doing, is more engaging. It will also be nice to forward to life members and past board members and let them know what their equivalents are doing these days!

7. Promise to try offer the greatest Freshers' Week experience that we can

This one is a bit trickier, but hence why I promise to try the best I, and we, can. I hope that by September (even August) we are in a position where our bars can open, and thus build on the experience of last year's Freshers' Week, or if not do more. Hopefully background music is allowed so we can at least offer live music if not club nights.