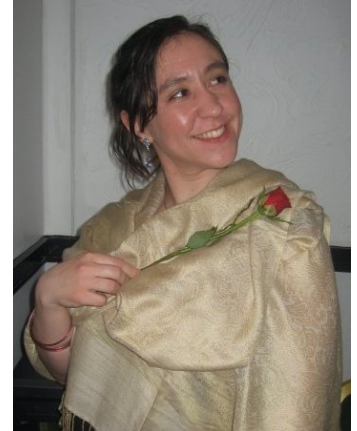


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I'm running for SU Open Seat because I feel that students don't get enough information about what goes on in the University, and I want to change that. I think we should KNOW where our money is being spent, and on what; I think we should be kept informed about the progress of improvement projects, and consulted on work that gets done. After all, we're the ones who use the facilities, and it's our Tuition Fees that pay for them. With the introduction of top-up fees, this has become even more important. So I'm running for Open Seat so that I can find out the details of the budget, and spread that information to the Student population in general.



I'd like to know:

- ❖ What my money is being spent on
- ❖ When the Library extension will be finished, and what's taking so long
- ❖ What the University plans to improve/extend/build next, and why, and if it represents value for money
- ❖ If the University is ever going to build the Swimming Pool that's always talked about
- ❖ Why the new Halls of Residence are so expensive, and where the money that comes from hiring them out over the holidays ends up, and if it's used in any way to subsidize accommodation fees for students (it should be...)

Here are a few things I'd also like to see improved around the University:

- ❖ A corner shop and Post Office facilities in the Oadby Student Village
- ❖ Informal study areas around the University, in the Library, Charles Wilson or Percy Gee - basically, sofas and coffee tables in a relaxed environment dedicated to study and not drinking
- ❖ More imaginative charity events that everyone can get involved in, such as sponsored three-legged day, Pimp My Lecturer, Giant Art Attack etc.
- ❖ A 5-A-Side World Cup - serving two purposes: to raise money for charity, and to improve involvement for International Students
- ❖ More mixing between International and Home students, for everyone's benefit - buddy schemes, language exchange programs etc.
- ❖ Bringing the SU out of the Percy Gee and into departments and Halls of Residence, so that you can have access to some of the services closer to home
- ❖ Inter-society events and competitions
- ❖ Study clubs in Halls or on campus, hopefully with volunteer helpers from second or third year, catered to particular subjects or mixed
- ❖ Social events that don't necessarily involve alcohol - Art Exhibitions, Open Mic Nights, Bowling... There's more to socialising than just drinking

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