

HI EVERYONE! I AM CAMPAIGNING TO BE YOUR STUDENTS' UNION VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/21. I STUDIED SPORT PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS ON THE CYNCOED CAMPUS BETWEEN 2016–2019. DURING MY TIME AS A STUDENT I HAVE BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN SU LIFE, INCLUDING BEING A PART OF THE NETBALL CLUB, CO-CHAIRING THE 'HIGHER EDUCATION YOUNG AMBASSADORS' SOCIETY AND BEING A PART OF THE SCHOOL REP TEAM FOR TWO YEARS. I BELIEVE THAT I CAN MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE TO STUDENT LIFE IN ORDER TO MAKE IT SIMPLER, MORE ENJOYABLE AND AN ALL-ROUND BETTER EXPERIENCE.

GROW AND DEVELOP THE 'CAMPUS CANINES' PROJECT

THIS PROJECT IS VERY CLOSE TO HEART AND OVER THE PAST YEAR I'VE SEEN THE HUGE IMPACT IT CAN HAVE ON STAFF AND STUDENTS ALIKE. THIS INCLUDES RECRUITING STAFF AND STUDENT VOLUNTEERS TO BRING THEIR DOGS ONTO CAMPUS ALL IN AID OF PROMOTING POSITIVE WELLBEING AND REDUCING STRESS AND ANXIETY. I WANT TO MAKE THIS A MONTHLY OCCURRENCE, WITH SET DATES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO LINK WITH CHARITIES AND ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS SOUTH WALES POLICE, GUIDE DOGS UK, DOGS TRUST AND GREYHOUND RESCUE, IN ORDER TO INCREASE OUR ENGAGEMENT LEVELS WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.

WORK TO REMOVE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON LECTURES FOR THOSE WHO COMPETE IN BUCS

AS AN INSTITUTION, WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON OUR SPORTING PROWESS. HOWEVER, SOME STUDENTS ARE EXPERIENCING BARRIERS WHEN INTENDING TO TAKE PART IN BUCS MATCHES ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS. REGARDLESS OF ABILITY LEVEL, CAMPUS OR COURSE, ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE GIVEN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORT. I WILL WORK TO REMOVE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON LECTURES AND PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES FOR THOSE STUDENTS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THIS. MANY STUDENTS ENROL AT CARDIFF MET WITH THE IDEA THAT THEY CAN BOTH STUDY AND COMPETE, AND THIS SHOULD BE THE CASE, REGARDLESS OF THE COURSE THEY CHOOSE TO STUDY.

INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF COOKING FACILITIES E.G. MICROWAVES AND KITCHENS

ACROSS UNIVERSITY, CATERING OUTLETS CAN BE EXPENSIVE AND UNAFFORDABLE WHEN LOOKING TO BUY FOOD EVERY DAY. THEREFORE, WE SHOULD BE PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE TO HAVING A HOT MEAL, ESPECIALLY WHEN STUDENTS ARE IN LECTURES FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME. I WILL WORK TO PROVIDE STATIONS IN EVERY SCHOOL WHERE STUDENTS CAN HEAT FOOD AND RINSE THEIR FOOD CONTAINERS. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO STAY ON CAMPUS INSTEAD OF TRAVELLING HOME IN ORDER TO SAVE MONEY AND GET SOME HOT FOOD. THERE ARE A LOT OF PRESSURES THAT COME WITH BEING A STUDENT BUT BEING ABLE TO FUEL YOURSELF ON CAMPUS SHOULDN'T BE ONE OF THEM.

INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SOCIAL SPACES

I UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE SOME TIME WHERE STUDENTS CAN TAKE A BREAK, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES CLOSE TO DEADLINES OR EVEN WHEN COURSES HAVE LONG BREAKS DURING THE DAYS. THIS COULD INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF STORAGE SPACE WHERE COMMUTING STUDENTS CAN KEEP THEIR BELONGINGS, ESPECIALLY IF THERE IS EQUIPMENT/KIT THEY ONLY NEED FOR A CERTAIN PART OF THE DAY. THIS COULD ALSO BE AN AREA FOR COMFIER CHAIRS OR BEANBAGS AND MORE PLUG SOCKETS SO DEVICES CAN BE CHARGED UP AND READY TO GO FOR YOUR NEXT LECTURES. THIS WILL BENEFIT ALL STUDENTS, AS IT KEEPS STUDY AREAS LESS CRAMPED WITH SOCIAL GROUPS AND PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO DE-STRESS, PROMOTING POSITIVE WELLBEING.

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