

# CANDIDATE MANIFESTO

## YOUR NAME:

Justus Timmers

## YOUR DEPARTMENT:

Geography and Economics

## THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

Elections Committee Member

## YOUR PHOTO:



## YOUR 100 WORD SUMMARY:

My name is Justus Jan Hugo Paul Timmers, aka Justus. I am from a family of 8 (+dog), born in the Netherlands, lived most of my life in Belgium, experienced a year of College in America under the Fulbright Campus Scholarship Program and now I am very glad to be at UCL. In the US I was part of several clubs, including Model UN, the Rotoract Volunteering group and the captain of an Intramural Soccer Football team. Apart from being engaged in casual sports, gaming and music listening, I like to travel. I especially enjoy viewing different places, hearing different perspectives and taking along the best ideas to spread them!

## YOUR MANIFESTO:

Considering the UCL Union has a very strong and solid history, my first priority will be to pursue and enforce my predecessors ideals, as written in the Union Constitution and Standing Orders (which I actually f\*ing read). I will give the tradition it's respect it deserves in the day-to-day running of UCLU. Further I will put in my best effort to make the UCLU society's and groups and it's electable offices as fair, transparent and accessible as possible in practice.

These are all nice words and although my main plan of focus will evolve as the year progresses – and the real obstacles are met, I have some concrete plans:

- To make the elections more **fair**, I will try to give the first year students the proportional representation they deserve. I will advocate for help sessions and Model ('game') Organizations, so newcomers won't be overwhelmed and be able to gain experience without the immediate full responsibility.
- To make elections more **transparent**, I will advocate for a weblog, where all the candidates can have their say, state their intention, show actual plans achieved and a clear comparisons could be made, informing all the voters in a glance of the eye.
- Further to make elections as **accessible**, I will advocate for a full online submission possibility of the nominations, so no person would be physically restricted for being nominated and elected.

**VOTE!**

