

Vote **Poomabai Kimis** for **Academic Affairs Officer**

The Academic Affairs Officer is a fulltime position, representing students at all levels and supporting individual students in educational matters. I want to be able to be THE LIASING LINK between students and their Union. If I am voted as Academic Affairs Officer, I want to:

- Make **education cheaper**, if not **free**. Being a student in London is not only amazing, but **EXPENSIVE**. As an international student, I understand not only the burden of UK and EU students, but also the excruciating pain of UK's high exchange rate (well, it was, before the credit crunch anyway) for international students. I want to campaign for this cause to the Secretary of Education if you want me to.
- Implement the **mentor-mentee system** for **all first year students**, throughout the year. As a first year, I received amazing support from mentor who was assigned to me via my department. I want all freshers to experience all that UCL has to offer while exploring it in their own pace. This system is also **beneficial** for all **SENIORS** who apply to be a mentor as you'll be **PAID** for your efforts in making the transition process for freshers as smooth as possible.
- Be **available** for consultation/chat/fresh ideas as much as possible. I will surely have an 'open door policy' or rather an 'open inbox policy' as you can email me anytime and I vow to reply within 24 hours. I've been told that students view the Union as intimidating sometimes as everything is strict/regulated. I don't think this is the case and I want all students to feel the same way. The Union is for you, the students.
- Increase publicity on the **Careers' Service and Advice Centre**, **spaces** utilised for quiet **reading/studying** and **support available** for students in aspects related to the **social, personal and educational**. The financial crisis has hit everyone hard, but graduates seem to be worst hit as they walk into a bleak future. Our Careers' Centre is very well equipped to support you in planning your career or simply looking for a Summer internship. I wish to make this known to all of the students. The exam period should soon be on us (darn it, did I just break your bubble?) and the libraries are going to the anarchic scene from Russell Crowe's Gladiator. More study spaces are required for us all to continue the excellence of UCL academics (even if it is not for revising, but learning everything a day before the actual exam). Furthermore, I'd like students to be supported in every way during their time at UCL, be it personal or social, if not educational.

SO, VOTE for POOMA! ☺