



Amanda Smith for Clinical President

Vote for me for Clinical President 2009-2010 to ensure:

Union

- Representation at executive level, at council and all other relevant union committees. Attendance at meetings to make sure our views always taken in to account.
- Facilitation of the new RUMS exec structure – ensuring every member is fully aware of their job descriptions and responsibilities and supporting them whenever they need it. Increasing the presence of RUMS exec and making it more accountable to the students it is supposed to represent
- A continued fight for recreational space for medical students – Save Huntley Street campaign, Thomas Lewis room, common rooms on sites etc.
- An increase in the campaigning force of RUMS – identifying issues that affect us, such as the loss of accommodation for FY1s, and ensuring that we vocalise the opinions of the student body to relevant parties, fighting for fair education and employment systems for students and doctors. We are a significant student body and should use that to our advantage in ensuring an optimal environment to study and practice in.

Ongoing issues affecting students include proposed changes to UCLU Constitution, proposed changes to the RUMS constitution and exec structure, the future of Huntley Street, event organisation, the future of RUMS sports and societies and campaigns.

Medical School

- Representation on all relevant boards – ranging from facilities to curriculum, module management to joint consultative committees. After a year sitting on a number of committees there are a range of areas to be built on including:
 - 2-way feedback on issues affecting students that are raised at meetings
 - Better management of module reps to ensure they know how to use their position to best benefit students
 - Transparency with the student population over issues discussed – regular updates via the bulletin with regards to areas of importance to students
- Constant communication with relevant members of staff within the medical school to ensure any issues affecting us are acknowledged by all parties before they become real problems
- Work with the medical school to facilitate upcoming changes in the welfare system, ensuring that our needs are met every step of the way

Ongoing issues affecting students include library opening hours, methods of assessment, changes in module teaching (rotations, new vertical spines, ENT teaching, ophthalmology teaching etc), quality of teaching, welfare, anti-harassment and bullying policies, teaching space and facilities and feedback structures.

In my year as a Clinical Vice-President I have worked to ensure that every possible opportunity I have had to represent medical students views during decision-making processes has been utilised. I have sat on a number of committees on both in the Union and within the medical school and want to build on the experience to improve representation and feedback. I am active in the union on a number of levels, both committees and generally, fighting to ensure fair discussion of issues that affect us and not dropping issues until I feel they have been fairly resolved. I have also been a committee member of ULU LINKS for 2 years, stepping up to run the society for the last few months and learning a lot about management of time, people and projects.

I want the chance to help RUMS exec stay one step ahead for the next academic year, letting no issue have a detrimental effect on your studies, leaving no problem or question unanswered and helping us grow as a society with increased transparency and 2-way communication.

Vote for an end to futile feedback with no response or results – vote to see the changes you need.