

University Sub-Committee Elections

Candidates

University Council

2 Vacancies, 2 Candidates



Name: Rebecca Bridger

Role: Union President

Manifesto:

As the current union president, being elected by over 6,000 students I feel I am perfectly qualified for this position.

It is my role to enhance the relationship and and liaise with the university, university council allows me to do this a lot more effectively. I feel I am perfectly placed to be able to represent student's views and university council is a forum for me to do this.

Name: Lucy Padolsey

Role: Vice President: Finance & Commercial Services

Manifesto:

I am currently the Vice President: Finance and Commercial services here at Loughborough student union however above all holding a position that was voted in by over 6,000 students and here to represent all students here at Loughborough. I am very much living in the epi-centre of the student environment and so feel that I have a good grasp on what students want and what students elected me to represent.

University council is where many changes can be implemented and many of the meetings that I already currently sit on throughout the year come together and a decision is reached. I feel that through the wealth of experience that I have from my executive post and learning through various committees throughout my university degree and meetings to union council I am best placed for this role.

I really feel that i am right for the position and I would like to be considered as the majority of my job really does slot well into the position that VP: Finance and Commercial Services have played in the past on university council. Please vote for me to represent your thoughts on university council.



University Senate 2 Vacancies, 3 Candidates



Name: Rebecca Bridger

Role: Union President

Manifesto:

- I am the Current Union President and it is my duty to represent students academically. Senate is how I do this. By voting for me for this role it would be allowing me to complete the obligations in my role which I do day in and day out. I was elected by over 6,000 students to forefill this obligation.
- I have currently already done the intense training required for senate and attended the away day to discuss their strategy for the upcoming years
- I am keen to increase awareness of Widening Participation and outreaching to students with a diverse background. Senate is my opportunity to do this.
- By not being allowed to sit on this committee it would not allow you to accurately and fairly represent students, which is a massive part of my current role

Name: Jayde Savage

Role: Vice President: Finance & Commercial Services

Manifesto:

- As part of my role as VP: Education it is essential that I sit on this meeting. I have been elected to represent students academically and part of my role is to engage with members from Senate.
- I have already attended the Senate/Council away day which has led to numerous individual meetings to be set between myself and other staff members about how we can improve some specific problems.
- I would not have time to handover all my knowledge and contact information to a 'new member of Senate'.
- Finally Senate is the highest educational related meeting at the University. It is vital that I sit on this to ensure that students are represented effectively and also feedback can be passed on to the correct individuals afterwards.



Name: James Carroll

Role: Student

Manifesto:



Hello,
My name is James Carroll, or Rambo as some of you may know me as, and I am running to be your representative on University Senate.

In my time at Loughborough I have served on a variety of committees including:

- Exec
- Socfed Committee
- Rag Committee
- Media Committee
- Department Chairs Committee
- Faculty Representative

These positions give me a wide range of experiences, which place me in a great position to speak

on behalf of students and seek the best possible outcomes for them at every stage. As well as these committees, I have also previously sat on University Senate for a full year and, as the only candidate who has done so; I will be able to contribute experience and knowledge to your representative group. Doing so will ensure that the Student Voice is heard clearly, and that the University listen and respond.

If you believe that my experience and knowledge will best serve the Student body then please, vote James Rambo Carroll as your Senate Representative!

Voicing your opinions in a room full of students is very different to doing so in a room for of Senior Staff of the University. How well will you be able to cope with the different style, whilst effectively articulating the student voice? (150 – 200 words)

It is in this regard that my experience on both Senate and Learning and Teaching Committee will shine through. I was a member of Senate during the move from departments to schools and was very vocal throughout the Senate meetings resulting in thanks and praise by the Vice Chancellor, Provost and Chief Operating Officer.

My comments were well received because, whilst firm, I was also respectful of the members of Senate and addressed them in the correct style, one fitting a meeting of such Senior University Staff. I have found that adopting the appropriate style and having the courage of my convictions have enabled me to discuss contentious issues with staff, often persuading them to change their positions.

Since my time on Senate I have developed further confidence in speaking with University Staff and articulating the views of others, and so I feel I will be able to adapt to this different style of meeting quickly and easily so that I may best serve the Student Body.

Why have you picked this committee above all others? (150 – 200 words)

I am starting my 5th Year in Loughborough, having so far completed an Undergraduate Degree and a Masters Degree both in Economics and now studying for a PhD. I therefore have personal experience as each level of student within this University. This experience gives me an incredible insight into how the changes to the University, which are discussed at Senate, will affect almost all parts of our student body.

I am passionate about continually improving Loughborough University so that we may all benefit from a better place to study, more effective feedback on our work, an ever improving student experience, and most of all, an increasing prestigious institution; making our degrees and time here all the more worthwhile.

As a member of University Senate I will be able to demonstrate this passion to Staff and through applying my previous experience as a Senate member and a student at every level will be able to continually improve Loughborough, for everyone.

What will be the main issues you will want to raise within your role on this committee? What would be the perfect solution to this issue, and what would you give up to compromise with the University? (150 – 200 words)

Having looked back over the past year of Senate Agenda it is clear that one of the major concerns of the University reflects one of my own greatest worries; the financial situation in which Loughborough University, along with the whole Higher Education Sector, now finds itself.

For the new students who will arrive in 2012 the University will be charging £9000 tuition fees. They will argue that the increase in fees will only cover what has been removed by Government funding and so no more can be provided to students. The VP:Education of both last year and this year, have done exceptional work to gain a commitment from the University to ensure more for the students in terms of course materials. My focus would be larger scale and tackling the issue of priority that seems evident amongst staff, where their research is more important than teaching.

I will fight for a perfect solution where, now our students will bear the majority of the cost of their own education, they are treated just like customers in a shop; given what they ordered, when they order it. However, I do appreciate that the University must look to the bigger picture and staff

Learning & Teaching Committee

2 Vacancies, 3 Candidates



Name: Jayde Savage
Role: Vice President: Education
Manifesto:

- As part of my role as VP: Education it is essential that I sit on this meeting. I have been elected by over 6,000 students to represent them academically and part of my role is to engage with the ADT's who all sit on Learning and Teaching. This committee is imperative to my role.
- I work extensively close with the Chair Morag Bell meaning that if I was unable to sit on LTC I would find it incredibly hard to carry out my role as Vice President: Education due to lack of vital information. In addition to this it would be difficult to find out the information at LTC causing unnecessary time wasting.
- I have already sat on 2 Learning and Teaching Committee meetings and I make valuable contributions throughout as I have the relevant experience.

Name: Tim Price
Role: Post Graduate Development Officer
Manifesto: None submitted



Name: James Carroll
Role: Student

Manifesto:

My name is James Carroll, or Rambo as some of you may know me as, and I am running to be your representative on University Learning and Teaching Committee.

In my time at Loughborough I have served on a variety of committees including:

- Exec
- Socfed Committee
- Rag Committee
- Media Committee
- Department Chairs Committee

- Faculty Representative

These positions give me a wide range of experiences, which place me in a great position to speak on behalf of students and seek the best possible outcomes for them at every stage. As well as these committees, I have also previously sat on University Senate and Learning and Teaching Committee for a full year and, as the only candidate who has done so; I will be able to contribute experience and knowledge to your representative group. Doing so will ensure that the Student Voice is heard clearly, and that the University listen and respond.

If you believe that my experience and knowledge will best serve the Student body then please, vote James Rambo Carroll as your Learning and Teaching Committee Representative!

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Why have you picked this committee above all others? (150 – 200 words)

I am starting my 5th Year in Loughborough, having so far completed an Undergraduate Degree and a Masters Degree both in Economics and now studying for a PhD.

I therefore have personal experience as each level of student within this University.

This experience gives me an incredible insight into how the education changes at the different levels of award. I am passionate about continually improving Loughborough University's Teaching and Learning.

I feel it is the best way to ensure students leave Loughborough with a positive memory, and are able to progress successful along their chosen career path. Not only does it improve their time when they leave, it also improves their Experience whilst they are still here; students who enjoy their course will get better results, and that is always good!

This passion for improvement combined with experience of both the Committee and all levels of education make me, I believe, an ideal candidate to represent students. If you agree, then please vote James Rambo Carroll as your Learning and Teaching Committee Representative.

What will be the main issues you will want to raise within your role on this committee? What would be the perfect solution to this issue, and what would you give up to compromise with the University? (150 – 200 words)

My main area of concern would be that of Staff Student Liaison Committees and how they are operated within Schools and this would be an area on which I would be

particularly vocal. As fees increase to £9000 it is imperative that the structures we have for feedback and constructive criticism of our courses are vital. If run properly these committees can be incredibly progressive; during my time as Department Chair it was noted that Economics modules in the 3rd year were worth half as much as other departments and as such we had to do twice as many. After in-depth discussions on the pro's and con's with the Staff we came to a mutually beneficial situation and students are still benefitting today.

I would fight to create this level of engagement and willingness to act in every School and in an ideal world, every School would listen directly to all of the students and continually improve their lecturing, feedback and course structure. However, there will be increasing pressure on Staff as the funding cuts are implemented and as such I would concede that this level of engagement may not be possible; in it's place I would settle for no

Student Experience Committee

3 Vacancies, 4 Candidates



Name: Rebecca Bridger
Role: Union President

Manifesto:

- I am the Current Union President and it is my duty to represent students from all across campus and to allow students to engage from whatever background they are from. The Student Experience Committee is how I affect the student experience and welfare. By voting for me for this role it would aid my job and allow me to develop this further. I was elected by over 6,000 students to forefill this obligation.
- I have currently already attended multiple meetings for the student experience committee and been properly introduced to all members of the committee.
- I am keen to increase awareness of Widening Participation and outreaching to students with a diverse background. The Student Experience is my opportunity to help develop this
- By not being allowed to sit on this committee it would not allow you to accurately and fairly represent students, which is a massive part of my current role

Name: Jayde Savage
Role: Vice President: Education

Manifesto:

My name is Jayde Savage and I am running for a student seat on Student experience Committee. I am currently the Vice President; Education here at Loughborough student union however above all holding a position that was voted in by over 3,000 students and here to represent all students here at Loughborough. I am very much living in the epi-centre of the student environment and so feel that I have a good grasp on what students want and in turn the Student experience.

I have strong relationships with members of the committee and my experience as a student and now VP; Education makes me a very strong candidate for this position. The NSS is a huge part of the student experience this year and it is something I have been working on all year therefore it is essential that I sit on Student experience Committee to give an educational prospective.





Name: David Cox
Role: Student
Manifesto: Action Chair

I would like to be on the Student Experience committee as I feel I have a good overall knowledge of what students want from their Loughborough Experience, and also understand what can be realistically be expected of students, and realise when someone or a group has gone above and beyond.

As Action Chair I feel I also know when someone has done something with their student experience which has also benefit other people, in particular the local community. Students engagement with their home for the next few years is pivotal in them really gaining the most out of their student experience.



Name: David Haines
Role: Student
Manifesto:

From everything the Union offers to the various student services from the University, the advertising that Loughborough gets from the Times award each year, and subsequent experiences that make its students Loughborough for life Loughborough currently offers the best student experience in the country, however, with tuition fees rising to £9000 next year, the potential demographic of Loughborough's intake, and more importantly, their mindset, could be catastrophic.

Halls are an expensive place to live, and with a great deal of the support infrastructure for student involvement with the Unions sections coming from these places. It is likely that if a greater number of students move to town in their second year, or are unable to commit as much time to volunteering, that key documents such as regulation 19 are reviewed to, the cost of halls of residence considered in line with the benefits the overall benefits the student experience offers the University in terms of not only national advertising, but also due to the greater levels of employability these supplementary activities, ranging from rag to socfed, give to its students.

Voicing your opinions in a room full of students is very different to doing so in a room for of Senior Staff of the University. How well will you be able to cope with the different style, whilst effectively articulating the student voice? (150 – 200 words)

I have always been involved in student politics, and from the age of 14 had the joy of giving presentations to local council on what effect their investment into youth involvement and events were having and what could be improved. Having spent the last year having regular meetings with the Holts warden, who has at one point or another sat on a number of the Universities boards, as well as having had a meeting with Nigel Thomas recently on changing the Holts election system to allow for all members of committee to be voted in one go at the start of the year, and remain in that position until freshers the following year, I am used to bringing up and arguing for unfamiliar approaches to a problem with senior staff that relates directly to the student experience.

Why have you picked this committee above all others? (150 – 200 words)

I have had an amazing year. Having joined the University last year I have had the privilege of being a hall rag rep and subsequently hall chair, participated in council as well as sitting on all 6 of its sub-committees, joined far to many societies and a couple of au clubs, woken up on many a Wednesday and been led to contemplate just why stupid Tuesday was so stupid, and am now chair of my department and on the SOCFED committee.

I believe this broad range of experiences allows for a diverse amount of input into how the student experience could be better developed, and having a huge concern about the effect higher tuition could have, want to give back and ensure the same experience can be enjoyed for years to come.

What will be the main issues you will want to raise within your role on this committee? What would be the perfect solution to this issue, and what would you give up to compromise with the University? (150 – 200 words)

As said before, one of the main issues is the rise in tuition fees and the effect it has on students.

Paying more, a student should expect more, and having not taken any form of protest against the University at the rise in fees it is surprising to see that the Union has had to cut its budget this year instead of having been given a greater grant from the University.

A complete rethink of how the student experience is delivered, from hall of the year right to the allocation of rooms in the various halls on campus, and additional services such a greater encouraging student enterprise within societies and new ways of improving education, in order to ensure that the Loughborough experience remains to be the best in the country.

Careers Centre Advisory Board

3 Vacancies, 2 Candidates



Name: Jayde Savage

Role: Vice President: Education

Manifesto:

As Jayde Savage, a big part of my role is helping out Students Careers - Including the promotion of Alumni Career Contacts. Sitting on this board I aim to help guide the Careers centre in the right direction, helping both current student and Alumni into industry.

Name: David Tingle

Role: Alumni Development Officer

Manifesto:

As Alumni Development Officer a big part of my role is helping out Students Careers - Including the promotion of Alumni Career Contacts. Sitting on this board I aim to help guide the Careers centre in the right direction, helping both current student and Alumni into industry.



Alumni Board 2 Vacancies, 2 Candidates



Name: Rebecca Bridger

Role: Union President

Manifesto:

Part of my role is working with DARO and helping the Alumni Development officer create further relationships with the Loughborough Alumni association and this board will aid me to do this.

Name: David Tingle

Role: Alumni Development Officer

Manifesto:

As Alumni Development Officer a big part of my role is working with DARO and the Alumni Association. Sitting on this board I aim to help guide the Alumni Association in the right direction, also ensuring that the Students Union have input into the running of it.

