

Alan Sieprawski

Running for Faculties Officer.

“Solving real student problems, not just equations.”

Who am I?

My name is **Alan Sieprawski**, and like a lot of UL students, I'm figuring out how to balance lectures, commuting, part-time work, and the pressure to keep life moving. I study **Mathematics and Economics**, but I've always been drawn to people; listening, supporting, and helping them through tough moments. I grew up in council housing, and I know what it feels like to stretch **every euro**, to work twice as hard for the **same opportunities**, and to push through pressure that **isn't always visible**.

Before **UL**, I spent years working with students in secondary school and served as both Secretary and Chairperson. Those roles taught me how to lead calmly, communicate clearly, and be the person people rely on; the emotional crutch when things get heavy.

I'm running because I want UL to feel like a place where every student, whether a commuter, renter, international, mature, struggling, thriving, feels seen and supported.

My Vision: A UL That Understands Real Student Life

Students aren't just students.

We're commuters. Workers. Carers. Creatives. People under pressure.

UL's own research shows that **97% of commuter students say commuting negatively affects their academic performance**. That's not a small statistic; that's nearly everyone who travels in and out of campus every day.

This isn't a side issue. It's shaping the entire student experience.

I want to bring calm, grounded leadership to these challenges; not dramatic promises, but steady, **meaningful action**.

What I Will Work Towards

1. A More Compassionate Understanding of Student Pressure

Students are burning out. Commuters are exhausted. Rents are rising. Life is expensive.

I will:

Push for stronger support for commuters, backed by UL's own findings.

Advocate for more flexible academic policies for long-distance students.

Highlight the link between cost-of-living pressure and academic performance in every relevant committee.

2. Better Support for Class Reps & Department Reps

The Bye-Law states the Chairperson is *"responsible... for the development of Class Representatives."*

I want reps to feel **confident, connected, and supported.**

I will:

Create simple, clear guides for reps on how to escalate issues.

Hold calm, open monthly check-ins.

Build a supportive community where reps can share challenges and solutions.

3. Transparency Students Can Actually Understand

No more hidden decisions or confusing processes.

I will:

Publish short, readable updates after Council meetings and on social media where appropriate.

Break down decisions in plain English.

Make agendas and outcomes accessible to all students.

4. A More Connected, Creative Campus Community

As someone who loves music production, art, and mixology, I want UL to feel creative, welcoming, and alive.

I will:

Support more student-led events and creative spaces.

Encourage collaboration between societies, reps, and interest groups.

Make Council something students feel part of, not distant from.

5. Calm, Steady, Human Leadership

I'm not running to be a **politician**.

I'm running to be a **representative**; someone who listens, understands, and acts.

I've been the person people come to when they're overwhelmed or struggling.

I want to bring that same calm, grounded presence to **UL Student Life**.

My Commitment

If elected, **I will** show up, every week, every meeting, every issue.

I'll represent you with honesty, empathy, and consistency.

And I'll work to make UL a place where every student feels heard!