

Representation is more than just holding a position, it's about ensuring that every student's voice is heard, valued, and acted upon. My name is Alexander de Barra, and I am passionate about making this a reality at UL.

I have had the privilege of serving you as your UL Experience Chairperson (2024/2025) and Cooperative Education Councillor (2023/2024), roles that have given me valuable insight into student representation, policymaking, and advocacy. Throughout my time here, I have been actively involved in student governance, working to ensure that student voices are heard and acted upon. My passion for representation, advocacy, and positive change drives me to put myself forward once again, this time as your **Student Council Chairperson**.

Having been engaged with student life, I have seen firsthand the challenges and opportunities that exist within our university. I believe in the power of collaboration, transparency, and action, and I am eager to build upon the work of previous councils to continue delivering meaningful progress for all students.

### **What are my aims?**

- **Strengthening Student Representation:** I will work closely with representatives across all levels: from Class Reps, Department Reps, and Faculty Reps, to ensure that every student has a voice in the decisions that affect them.
- **Fostering Effective and Respectful Council Meetings:** I will ensure that every Council meeting is a space where all members can engage openly and respectfully, fostering productive discussions that lead to real action.
- **Bridging Communication Gaps:** I aim to create clearer and more direct channels of communication between students, the Students' Union, and the university administration. Your concerns and ideas should be acknowledged and acted upon in a timely and effective manner.
- **Supporting and Empowering Representatives:** Class and Department Reps are the backbone of student governance, and I am committed to providing them with the resources and support they need to advocate effectively for their peers.
- **Enhancing Transparency and Accountability:** I will ensure that Council decisions, meeting minutes, and key discussions are easily accessible, keeping students informed about what their representatives are working on.

- **Building a More Inclusive and Collaborative Council:** I will champion a Council that actively seeks out diverse perspectives, ensuring that underrepresented voices are included in decision-making.

### **Why Your Vote Matters**

By electing me as **Student Council Chairperson**, you are choosing a leader who will prioritise fairness, respect, and transparency in all Council proceedings. I am committed to ensuring that every student's voice is amplified, and that meaningful change continues to take place.

Together, we have the power to create a Student Council that truly represents, supports, and delivers for every student at UL. If you believe in a fair, transparent, and impactful Council, I would be honoured to have your vote.

**Thank you for taking the time to read my manifesto, I look forward to the opportunity to represent you!**

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