

Manifesto - Academic Representation Officer:

As an Academic Representation Officer I would help to promote awareness of the Student Representative role, by encouraging Reps to attend meetings, give their views of how to improve their roles as well as ensuring students and lecturers are aware of the duties under the remit of the Student Representatives.

From my experience as a student rep this year, communicating with the students in my course and taking responsibility for the sharing of information and university resources was probably the main duties required of me as Student Rep. Could this role be further improved? These are one of the reasons that I believe I could contribute positively by becoming an Academic Representation Officer.

I also found a certain resistance in gathering the interest of the student reps to attend regular meetings and to participate more fully in their roles.

This could probably be better achieved by making the role and duties of the Student Reps more visible and especially getting the academic staff to support and promote the student reps within their courses. I felt rather unsupported in carrying out my duties this year and felt that my 'promoting' myself as a student rep and my duties would sound a bit like 'beating my own drum'. Therefore, if our lecturers could help promote and support the role of the student reps, there would most probably be a better understanding and the student reps would feel more useful and consequently much more motivated in participating and carrying out their duties.

Gemma and Gary have done an excellent job in promoting and encouraging interest and participation within the student reps role.

Another reason why I think I would be beneficial for this role is that I would be willing to get involved in the promoting of the RSU National Student Survey and other academic feedback mechanisms, to 'help generate positive institutional change.' Wonderful phrase, and one that would certainly motivate me to become a candidate for this role. The only way to promote positive change is to become involved and take a stand.

Academic Representation Officer:

- 1) Act as the lead representative of programme reps and ensure they are represented within RU and RSU decision making procedures.
- 2) Be an active member of the Academic Zone and SUC representing Programme Reps at both, presenting reports when required.
- 3) In conjunction with the President and Academic Advisor, continually develop and promote the programme rep scheme, within all different levels of study.
- 4) Raise awareness and create campaigns throughout RU on issues relating to academia.
- 5) Support RSU in promoting the National Student Survey and other academic feedback mechanisms, using their results to generate positive institutional change.