



# Pick **Pip** for CAO

Dear members of the UCSA,

I hereby announce my candidacy for the position of Committee Affairs Officer (CAO) for the upcoming UCSA board of 2018-2019.

## Who am I?

I am a second year UCU student, who has since day one absolutely loved her time on this campus. Born in the Netherlands but raised in Australia, I am a long way from home, with both my parents living in Sydney. Growing up in Sydney, I was always involved in sports and the creative arts, as for me the thing that made me happy and gave me energy

was being around people and being active. This hasn't changed since coming to UCU, as since my second semester I have been involved in campus life. This was both through being in committees such as the Humanitarian Committee and Focus Co, as well as through events organized by other committees.

But why am I running for the UCSA board? I would love to take this opportunity to be involved in the communication between the different committees and people on campus. This would give me the opportunity to share my positive experience of UCU, and get more people involved in campus life!

## What ideas can I bring to the new board?

My aim as a CAO candidate is to initiate more **Creative Collaborations** with the UCSA board, the committees and campus as in general. The different committees on campus show a lot of creativity in the types of events they organise and the way they organise them, the only part that is sometimes still missing is the collaboration aspect. Below are the ways I plan on changing this.

### **1. Collaboration with Dining hall**

#### 1. Events in dining hall

I would like to start encouraging more committees to host events in dining hall, as a way to reintroduce it as a social hub on campus. Events such as debates, Focus Co exhibition and film night (during dinner) are some examples of how committees could use Dining Hall as a location.

#### 2. Billboards in dining hall:

In order to help encourage events, I want to make Dining Hall a nicer environment for the students; by letting the committees decorate the walls. The idea centres around giving committees a billboard that they can have to decorate with their committee name, an image of the board, images of previous events (as well as short captions about what they were) and a calendar of the semester. With this idea I hope to personalize dining hall more and make it a more attractive place for people to go and meet up with friends. This is especially for first



years, as when I first came to UCU dining hall was a very easy way to make new friends and meet new people.

## **2. Collaboration with the UCSA**

### **1. Past UCSA boards**

The Collaboration between new UCSA boards and the previous boards is vital for continuing the successes and achievements old boards have made. One way I plan to do this is by continuing initiatives such as the collaboration budget that allows for new initiatives of committee collaborations to be funded. Another way is by reintroducing the weekend activities that previous boards started, since the silence on the weekends can be difficult for international students on this campus. These weekends could be divided amongst the board (hence every board member organizes one per semester), and could entail activities similar to the trip to the Soester Dunes organized by Hermes, or a day trip to The Hague!

### **2. CAO meetings with different committees**

In collaboration with the other CAO's, I would also like to introduce a meeting every semester with committee chairs or representatives. Since smaller meetings are generally more successful and allow for more input, I would split the committees into 7 groups (the same way they are organized on the website) having a meeting with for example the 'Media' sector which includes Boomerang, Focus Co, I/O- Co, UCU radio, UCStudios and Scope. With team meetings like these I believe different committees will know more about each other and the plans similar branches of committees will have in the upcoming semester.

## **3. Collaboration with ucu.community**

### **1. The website**

The website is a new resource that could help the wellbeing and the communication on campus if implemented correctly. My primary focus would be to keep the website updated both by the UCSA and by different committees so that it can be used as a source of information by the student body. Alongside this, I would work closely with the committee PR Managers in order to show them how to best post their events on the website and make it cohesive across all committees. As well as stressing the importance of the calendar to committees, I would want to include Google documents that allow for better transfer of communication between committees, both for room bookings and for shared equipment.

Check out my campaign for the upcoming week for more information on the points I've made above! If you have any questions or queries feel free to ask me in person or send me a Facebook message (Pip Jones)