



ABIGAIL CLOSE

(SHE/HER)

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HI! MY NAME IS ABIGAIL CLOSE, CURRENTLY A THIRD YEAR ECONOMICS STUDENT AT THE ASBS. I AM INTRODUCING MY MANIFESTO TO RUN FOR THE POSITION OF CURRENT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (CSR). MY DECISION TO RUN FOR THE QMU BOARD HAS COME AFTER I PARTICIPATED IN FRESHERS HELPING THIS YEAR. DURING MY TIME THERE I GOT A CHANCE TO MEET THE LOVELY AND WELCOMING BOARD MEMBERS THAT ENABLED ME TO GET MORE INSIGHTS INTO WHAT QMU STANDS FOR. THROUGH RUNNING FOR THIS POSITION, I SEEK TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A STRONGER BRIDGE BETWEEN THE STUDENTS AND THE UNION.

I THINK THAT I WOULD BE PERFECT FOR THIS ROLE AS I AM A FRIENDLY PERSON WHO WOULD WANT TO LISTEN TO STUDENTS AND THEIR OPINIONS ON WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF AT THE QMU. I WOULD LIKE TO HELP GIVE THE STUDENTS A STRONGER VOICE IN UNION DECISIONS.

I WOULD LIKE TO BUILD ON THE INCLUSIVE FOUNDATION THAT THE UNION IS FORMED ON AND GET MORE FUNDING TO HELP DISABLED STUDENTS. I THINK THAT MAKING THE UNION AND ITS EVENTS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED STUDENTS WOULD MAKE THE UNION MORE INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING. STEPS CAN ALSO BE TAKEN AT ADDRESSING INVISIBLE DISABILITIES LIKE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SENSORY ISSUES.

RUNNING FOR THIS POSITION ALSO APPEALED TO ME AS THE UNION WAS FOUNDED AS A WOMEN'S UNION. I WOULD ALSO LIKE IT TO BE A SAFE SPACE FOR PEOPLE OF OTHER GENDERS. IT WOULD BE GOOD TO TAKE STEPS TOWARDS ADDRESSING GENDER ISSUES AND LOOKING AFTER WOMEN'S SAFETY ON EVENT NIGHTS. FINALLY, I WILL PUT IN MY VERY BEST TO MAKE SURE THAT THE UNION IS THE BEST EXPERIENCE FOR EVERY STUDENT, I THINK A STEP TOWARDS THIS COULD BE BY AFFILIATING MORE STUDENT CLUBS AND SOCIETIES WITH THE UNION.