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CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

HELLO! I'M ROSS AND I'M RUNNING FOR VICE PRESIDENT – MEMBERSHIP, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES! I'M IN THIRD YEAR, I'M FROM EDINBURGH AND I STUDY GEOGRAPHY AND ECONOMICS. I'VE BEEN AT THE QMU SINCE MY FIRST YEAR AND ON THE BOARD SINCE MY SECOND YEAR, FIRST AS SOCIAL CONVENOR THEN AS CSR CONVENOR THIS YEAR. THE QMU IS BY FAR THE PLACE ON CAMPUS I HAVE SPENT MOST TIME IN, FROM STUDYING TO SOCIALS TO GIGS. I CARE ABOUT THE QMU ON AN INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL, AND I KNOW I WOULD DO WELL AS VP MCS.

A VP WITH A RECORD:

I'VE BEEN HERE FOR TWO YEARS, AND WITH THAT COMES A REAL KNOWLEDGE OF HOW THE QMU WORKS. I'VE SEEN THREE BOARDS COME AND GO, AND FROM THAT I KNOW THAT REAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING IS KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL YEAR. DISCUSSING AND NEGOTIATING IDEAS WITH THE EXEC AND WITH MANAGEMENT WAS A DAILY OCCURRENCE AS SOCIAL CONVENOR, AS WELL AS PROPER DATA HANDLING. AS VP MCS I WOULD USE THIS EXPERIENCE TO BE AS APPROACHABLE, AS ORGANISED AND AS ACCOUNTABLE AS POSSIBLE.

PROPER ENGAGEMENT:

I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE GOOD COMMUNICATION MAKES WHEN CHOOSING THE QMU FOR A SOCIAL. I WORKED WITH SKATESOC TO CREATE MARIOKE, AS WELL AS STUDENT BANDS WHO PERFORMED AFTER THE BIG BAR QUIZ – I'M VERY PROUD OF THE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS I'VE MADE, AND AS VP MCS I WOULD TAKE THIS TO CROSS-CAMPUS. SUCCESS IS NOT A ZERO-SUM GAME - GLASGOW'S FOUR STUDENT BODIES DEPEND ON EACH OTHER AND MEANINGFUL COOPERATION IS HOW WE ALL SUCCEED TOGETHER.

REAL INCLUSION:

AS SOCIAL AND CSR CONVENOR I'VE FOUGHT FOR PROPER INCLUSION IN THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE UNION AS A WHOLE – NOBODY SHOULD EVER FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE HERE. I AM COMMITTED TO COMBATTING MISOGYNY, HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA WHEREVER IT APPEARS, AND HAVE WORKED WITH THE CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE ON THIS. THE QMU IS A SPACE WHERE ALL SHOULD FEEL WELCOMED, NO MATTER THEIR ORIGIN – EVERYTHING I DO AS VP MCS WILL REFLECT THIS ETHOS.

MEMBERSHIP WITH MEANING

WE SHOULD BE ADVERTISING MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS MORE HEAVILY, WITH MEMBER PRICES ADVERTISED IN THE CAFÉ AND BOTH BARS, AS WELL AS EASIER QR CODE SIGNUP AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING AND ADVERTISED OFFICE HOURS FOR MEMBERSHIP CARD PICKUP. I WILL ALSO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FOR PAST MEMBERS, AS WELL AS LAUNCHING MORE QMU MERCHANDISE.

A BETTER BUILDING

THE IMPROVEMENTS WE'VE MADE FOR JIM'S HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND AS VP MCS I WILL PUSH TO RENOVATE THE GAMES ROOM, WITH DYNAMIC, DIMMABLE LIGHTING, IMPROVED SEATING, AND MORE GAMES – LIKE FOOSBALL, OR AIR HOCKEY. THE SUCCESS OF THE WORLD FOOD WEEKS ALSO SHOWS THE APPETITE FOR EXPANDING OUR FOOD OFFERING – I WILL PUSH FOR FOOD TO BE SERVED IN THE BARS FROM FRESHERS' WEEK, ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO STAY LONGER IN THE EVENINGS.

NOT JUST FOR FRESHERS' WEEK

LAST YEAR'S FRESHERS' WEEK WAS A SUCCESS, BUT WE CAN IMPROVE IT FOR BOTH FRESHERS AND FOR HELPERS ALIKE. SCHEDULES OF IMPORTANT TEAM-BUILDING EVENTS SHOULD BE RELEASED WELL IN ADVANCE SO HELPERS CAN PLAN THEIR WEEK, AND WE SHOULD RUN MORE PRE-WEEKEND DAYTIME EVENTS TO CATER TO HOME STUDENTS WITHOUT BEING PATRONISING. WE SHOULD AIM TO SEAMLESSLY CONTINUE OUR EVENTS – LIKE ACOUSTIC LIVE MUSIC, AND MUSIC-FOCUSED CLUB NIGHTS - INTO THE SEMESTER, WHILE ALSO TRIALLING COMEDY ACTS, AS THERE IS CLEARLY AN APPETITE FOR THIS JUDGING BY THE SUCCESS OF THE MOCK THE WEEK QUIZ. LASTLY, HELPERS SHOULD BE IN THE BUILDING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, CHATTING TO FRESHERS, AS THAT'S WHAT MADE ME FEEL SO WELCOME TWO YEARS AGO.