

Manifesto

Hello everyone,

My name is Caoimhe Hennigan and I am in third year Integrated Children and General Nursing. I have been the academic class representative for the past 2 years and have really enjoyed this experience which is why I would like to become more involved in the student union. This opportunity has taught me how to mediate as part of a team and lobby on behalf of my course and colleagues. I have seen first hand the huge differences students can make here in UCC and it has inspired me to want to do the same.

As Med and Health representative I want to focus on inclusion. I believe that the student body should be made aware of the decisions made by the student council. There should be a way that any student in UCC can access the information affecting and concerning them. This could possibly be done on the SU website or on social media. In this way, if a class rep is unable to attend a council meeting, they can still find out what was discussed and what was agreed upon. There needs to be better communication between the student union, council and body in order to live up to UCC's reputation as an inclusive community.

I hope to create a more communal atmosphere in Brookfield for students. For example, by making Brookfest bigger and better than last year and do more promotion for the day. This will help make it a more inclusive space and help to bridge the gap between Brookfield and hub of main campus. With all the serious work and study required by health sciences, it is important to remember that we are still UCC students and should reap the benefits as such.

I would also work with the pharmacy students in any way I can to help them resolve the issue regarding pay in their final year placement. Rather unfairly to these students, they will now have to pay masters fees and work unpaid placement for the duration of the year. I hope to advocate for their cause and lobby for the reversal of this in any way possible.

Finally with my extensive experience as a student in the healthcare setting, I fully understand the issues, difficulties and complications that can arise in both organising and during placement. Should students encounter any of these problems, I will certainly be able to empathize with their difficulties and effectively liaise with staff and placement coordinators to resolve the issue.

In summary, if elected I would focus my efforts on issues with placements, creating a more student friendly atmosphere in Brookfield and promote better communication between student council and body but this list is far from conclusive. If you have any questions, my email is 115389841@umail.ucc.ie. Best of luck to the other candidates and thank you for your consideration.

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