

Presidential By-election Manifestos Term 3 – 2020

The following Manifestos are listed alphabetically by first name.

This Terms nominees are:

- Chloe Wilmot
- Joe Fundrey
- John Parker
- Lewis Marriott
- Oliver Robinson
- Taylor Donoghue-Smith
- Timothy Lloyd-Judson
- Victoria Hatch

Chloe Wilmot:

I'm Chloe Wilmot and I am running to be your next **Student Union President**. I'm a 3rd year law student alongside being a restaurant supervisor at Holmes Mill in Clitheroe. Spending the last year working in the home of the longest bar in Britain has left me with the skills to coordinate and manage a team of people and maintain a happy and productive work environment whilst under immense pressure. During my time previously working at Hustle (God rest its soul) I have seen many of you at both your best and your worst, celebrating with you in times of joy and helping you out in times of difficulty, which is what I would like my term as president to reflect.

The work done by the union as a whole is something I feel passionately about as it is both vital to ensure student representation and hugely beneficial to students and their university experience. I believe I can act as a fresh start for the leadership of the union and create a positive, welcoming and inclusive environment for the Student's Union. I would love this opportunity to give back to the organisation and the community that has done so much for me during my time at Lancaster.

If elected my areas of priority will be:

Communication and Transparency

Problem: Students feel left in the dark and let down by a lack of communication from the university with regard to major decisions that have been made.

I pledge: to prioritise polling student opinion so that it can be conveyed before decisions that directly affect students are made and focus on transparency so that students are better placed

to understand the decision-making process and the important work that the union does for them.

I aim to achieve this by: working closely with all of the VPs and the university to ensure that students are kept up to date, increasing the amount of information included in emails from the union and make sure that student opinion is more regularly polled.

Union Reform

Problem: many students have lost faith in the union due to the recent issues surrounding the environment of the Student's Union itself and the impact that that has had upon some officers to do their best work.

I pledge: to restore faith in the union and the work that it does by providing a fresh start for the leadership of the union.

I aim to achieve this by: making it a priority to foster a positive working environment for officers and a welcoming environment in which students feel they can present their opinions and have them truly represented.

College Sport

Problem: netball and football C and D teams and recreational leagues have been removed from the budget.

I pledge: to fight to get these teams reinstated.

I aim to achieve this by: working closely with Paul McCarthy (VP Activities for 2020/21) to fight for the university to see that college and recreational sports are largely inexpensive to the union due to them being mostly self-funded and recognise that they are a vital part of the university experience to many students as well as having social, physical and mental benefits to those involved.

Welfare

Problem: many students have found it difficult to access mental health services at university or encountered issues when they have done so.

I pledge: to improve student experiences of mental health services.

I aim to achieve this by: making it a priority to work closely with Amy Merchant (VP welfare for 2020/21) to ensure that all students are aware of the mental health services provided by the university and how to access them and ensure that all applications, referrals and appointments are followed up by the mental health services team.

Education

Problem: Covid-19 has resulted in a possibility of online teaching being continued which may adversely affect some students.

I pledge: to mitigate the effects of the covid-19 pandemic upon the quality of education received by students.

I aim to achieve this by: working closely with Bee Morgan (VP Education for 2020/21) to ensure that no student, particularly those with ILSPs, international students and those who do not have a conducive work environment at home is affected by this as minimally as possible.

Especially in light of the covid-19 pandemic and the necessary changes that it will bring, I believe that student opinion matters now more than ever. I hope you will put your confidence in me to represent you as your president, #chloe4change.

Joe Fundrey

Hi!

I am Joe and I am a third year student economics and politics student. I have touched every part of the university, as the first disabled student to play for the Lancaster bombers, to leading it as president for the last year, transforming the culture of the club. I have also been on the Furness College JCR as VP Socials and Events and ran the Extrav 'Summer Lovin'.

As a member of the sports committee I have seen how the culture and structure of the SU may have negatively impacted the student experience. I believe I can use this knowledge and impose realistic change with an understanding that this will be a marathon not a sprint. Also in light of the upcoming renewal of the university grant to the Students union, I want to ensure this new funding works for everyone.

@joefundrey for all socials!

Broken democracy within OUR Students Union

This is an issue that has haunted the student union that has undermined the democratic process of student voice. Less than ½ of the trustee board are elected, with up to 5 external trustees.

There is going to be an external review of democratic process of the students union. Despite cries from students last year, LUSU has cherry picked 3 new student trustees to join the team. I want to :

- Impose a majority student elected trustees and look at external trustee influence
- I want to expand committees to include a wider membership more representative of the student body, e.g. adding Academic Reps. As part of the democratic review, there needs to be a review of decision making structures. The Democracy and Finance committee which makes key decisions on elections and referendums currently only has JCRs on it.

COVID 19 Council

The covid 19 pandemic has impacted all our lives and we move into a new 'Norm' it is likely that social distancing (SD) and other restrictions will extend into our terms in October. This new 'norm' is going to take a committee or council to think of all the adjustments that will need to be in place to tackle this.

- Put pressure on the university Council to update students more frequently with comprehensive but simple information on how the university is going to move forward. Potentially through a tile on the iLancaster App.
- Look to address and research the impact on students from all backgrounds for example; low income and disabled students, with advice from PTOs.
- Work with the University Mental Help Services to help students maintain their mental health
- Support Bee in continuing a constructive dialogue with departments on how they are going to support all students.
- work with Amy to negotiate with landlords and the University to potentially adjust contracts to run on a termly basis so students can start in January.
- Look at the impact Covid-19 will have on international students if there are future peaks that require a lockdown.
- A plan B for how college JCRs can create a college community and spirit.
- Third Year celebrations have been cancelled and need to be replaced. I want to work with Sugar House to look into alternative celebrations that would give a good send off to the class of 2020.

Sports and society committee

There has been a long-standing problem with the lack of transparency on the contacts and structure of the societies and sports team and associated conduct that is expected by our students Union.

I would propose an expansion of the powers of the sports and society committee. The sports committee is responsible mainly for a successful Roses event, which I am gutted I didn't get to see through (Home Roses 2021!). Despite also having a society community there is currently only 3 members. Societies should be on an equal playing field for attention and support.

Under Shannon's and Paul's supervision and my guidance I would place the following responsibilities on both of the committees:

- To assist Shannon in the creation of the Students union hand book and training for new execs for all clubs and societies including student media groups, to get the most out of student union resources. My vision for this is to create a direct contact and subsequent guide for execs to follow as advice on how to complete various tasks.
- A direct line of support and signposting for welfare related problems
- To act as a 'Deanery' for student groups to provide transparency and guidance on these matters.

manifesto in full.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ip2NPDUuGHRLGjVPC5Vu3bHILq-P7C-l5Y-3rHtZ23w/edit?usp=sharing>.

John Parker

I'm John Parker running for election as your President for 2020-21. I'm from County college and study Physical Geography. I've been President of Edible Campus as well as chicken coordinator. If I'm not down at the EcoHub I'll be with Real Ale and Cider society socialising over a nice pint.

I'm not afraid to play difficult with the University; to address student's needs as some would say the University and the Trustee board try to walk over us students as if we were second class citizens. I will hold the University and Trustees accountable for their actions and how they affect student's lives and will not be silenced by any of their attempts if they try.

There are a number of major issues that face us, the students and the University as a whole. As your President my mission will be to tackle the current rent crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic by re-establishing a working relationship with ACORN further enabling us to push the University to give back student's rightfully deserved money. Another major issue facing the University is the current mental health services on offer. From my own experience, and word of mouth from other students, I know these facilities are severely lacking. Thirdly, the shockwave sent through the University of the bullying issue within the student's union needs immediate addressing.

Major issues

- **Mental health services** - From my own personal experience and word of mouth from other students I know how under-equipped these services are, focusing on CBT as the main solution to all student's problems, when in reality a wide range of solutions are needed for this facility to work.
- **Removing the bullying culture** from within the student's union, creating a friendlier environment that promotes co-workership and attracts students to work more with the student's union.
- **Lobbying for more to be done for student's rent and accommodation** in general, including re-establishing a working relationship with ACORN giving a wider voice to the students.
- **To work hard with the University** in the event that classes are online next year, making sure no student is left behind due to poor internet, lack of equipment or any other issue they may face.
- **Improve the waning trust** between the student's union and students by making the student's union more open and clear on the work it is carrying out with the University and Trustee board.
- **Holding the University and Trustee board** to account for their actions, including; making sure Sugarhouse is never for sale.

High priority issues

- **Circuit laundry** has been an issue that is constantly pushed under the rug, an alternative is needed or drastic changes are required, such as; reduced cost, increased maintenance and increased capacity.

- Recreation and C leagues were cancelled recently and this is an injustice to the students who wish to take part in societies and sport. I will lobby the University to re-introduce these leagues due to the positive effect they have on student's health.
- Work with LGBTQ+, BAME and Women+ to ensure that all groups are fairly represented and improve their representation within the student's union and throughout the University.
- Work with all FTOs and PTOs to push the student's union to perform at it's best for student's wellbeing, education and representation.

Medium priority issues

- Streamlining bureaucracy to enable the student's union to carry out more projects, events and changes that are needed to improve student's university life and working relationship with the University.
- Work with the Education VP and the University to improve teaching standards throughout the University and push for early Wednesday finishes again for societies.
- Push the University to declare a climate emergency. Along with working with Green Lancaster to improve the University's sustainability.
- Provide a discreeter way of accessing sanitary products and condoms. Also, provide other locations to access said products.

Low priority issues

- Working with local businesses to promote the University in the city as well as developing relationships that are mutually beneficial. Including re-working of the Market Thursday's bringing them back to the size they once were before.
- Work with Stagecoach to introduce extra buses during peak times to alleviate congestion.

Lewis Marriott

I'm Lewis, your current Vice President: Campaigns & Communications and I'm running to be your next **SU President**.

Work from my current year can be found here - <https://bit.ly/3dbQAf2> (Please bear in mind, this was from March) or check out my Officer social media pages for more day-to-day highlights:

Instagram - <https://bit.ly/36qo5lh>

Twitter - <https://bit.ly/2XrO6Tq>

FTO Facebook Page - <https://bit.ly/2A8uyex>

I have the experience, knowledge and passion that would make me the best choice to be your President for the next academic year. I want to create a more transparent Students' Union, that both involves our members in decisions and celebrates their accomplishments.

My key aims as President are:

Community

- Government advice on Coronavirus is changing daily, and as such, it is difficult to predict how the 2020/21 academic year will look. However, it is likely Michaelmas

term will take place online. If elected I will work with the University, JCRs, Sports Clubs, Societies and Student Media Groups to ensure the Lancaster Community continues to thrive virtually. This is something that I have tried to do by setting up the 'Lancaster University Corona Community'

Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1064399343919446/>).

- For a virtual Welcome Week, we need to create a centralised website with information, events and resources. I will work with Part-Time Officers and relevant student groups to ensure this is accessible as possible.
- I want to put on an Omegle style Freshers Fair. So students will be randomly paired with Clubs and Societies, thus giving them the chance to try something new.
- Continue the great work of our incumbent President, George by holding the first Working Class History Month in January 2021. I will work with student groups and the library, either digitally or physically, to put on an exhibit of achievements, events and speakers.
- Wellbeing at the heart of academia. Mental Health is a topic I feel endlessly passionate about. Continuing with my 'Don't Lose Your Cool' Campaign, I want to put a greater focus on wellbeing during transition periods and exam seasons.
- Continue working with the University Counselling Service to Introduce Mental Health First Aid Training alongside the consent talks.
- End unnecessary paper hand in – Working online has shown there is no need for these. I will aim to make this University policy.
- Run a Love Lancaster Award Ceremony at the end of the academic year to ensure that our student groups are appreciated and their achievements are celebrated.

Collaboration

Lancaster has a hugely diverse student population, meaning it is impossible for one student to represent the views of all 16,000 members to the University. However, I am committed to listening to as many views as possible.

- Run a 'Dear, Vice Chancellor' campaign that aims to get student feedback and deliver that directly to the VC, to ensure he understands what issues students are facing.
- Continue to collaborate with our Part-Time Officers on campaigns to empower marginalised students.
- The SU has recently launched a Governance & Democracy Review that will shape how the SU is run for the next couple of years. It is vital that we work with students to ensure this meets the needs of our members now and in the future. I will endeavour for student consultation at every stage.

Communication

This year, I have ran three campaigns aimed at increasing communication and transparency: the fortnightly 'Ask the Officers' live broadcasts and Q&A Videos

(https://www.facebook.com/pg/LancasterSUFTOs/videos/?ref=page_internal), the weekly 'SU on Tour' pop-up union events and fortnightly 'Representation in Isolation', which highlights the different areas that the FTOs have lobbied in the interests of students, whilst in lockdown. I will continue to put transparency at the heart of everything I do.

- The President must ensure 'Good working relationships between the Officers'. Although we had a weekly team meeting, they were often poorly attended meaning that communication between the team was poor. I will facilitate 3 team meetings throughout the week and encourage collaboration amongst the team.

- Hold fortnightly 1-1 meetings with each Officer alongside the CEO to discuss projects and progress.
- Make sure that all Officers are communicating what they are doing. Not just through social media but by going out and speaking to students. I want to make this part of the Officer culture; an expectation rather than an additional task.
- *Hold a monthly Live Q&A with the Vice-Chair on Trustee Board matters.*
- Online tracking of manifesto aims so you can hold the Officers accountable.

Thank you for taking the time to read my manifesto, get in touch with any questions or queries you might have!

Oliver Robinson

VOTE OLIVER ROBINSON #1 FOR PRESIDENT

My Manifesto in Brief:

- Our Education put first during as long as the COVID outbreak goes on
- Democratic and transparent SU
- Student Media Freedom to hold officers to account
- A Climate Emergency at Lancaster University
- Transparency and communication from an SU serving you
- Fight York for a 2021 Home Roses, which we will win

Hello there! I'm Oliver Robinson, Philosophy Student from Cartmel College. For the last 2 years I've had the privilege of representing you all on the City Council where I Chair the Personnel Committee. I've also been on 2 society execs, in Vice-Presidential, Campaigning and Chair positions. I've shouted from the side-lines for 3 years as both student and Councillor, fighting for **Trans Rights, Bailrigg FM, the Climate Emergency, the Protest Code, Democratisation** and more. But I've met only limited success from the outside. **It would be an honour to fight for all these things as your President.**

Find me on Facebook: fb.me/Oliver4President

Our Education Comes First

Lancaster University is at a turning point. With increasing student numbers, and a funding model predicated on unsustainable growth, **we jeopardise our proud place in the league tables** as we cram ever more students into overcrowded lecture theatres, labs and seminar rooms. The SU should be at the forefront of this fight to ensure that our degree is not devalued, and with COVID impacting future as well, I will fight to ensure that our degrees are worth the extortionate fees we pay. **We should not pay ludicrous money for an online-only degree.**

With COVID threatening to force us online for at least part of next year, **I will ensure that the University is able to provide a full student experience. Students should be at the heart of decision-making**, not exclude us entirely, leaving us in the dark. **Students face an uncertain future** – we don't know what the next year will look like, and the Uni needs to make a decision with us so we can plan our lives.

Working with VP Education and VP Welfare will be a priority throughout the year to ensure that students are supported. Students are already **struggling to do their degree already**, and this

cannot continue into next year. I will also work with the Tenants' Union ACORN to ensure that our rights as renters are not undermined so **all students have a place to call home.**

We desperately need change

Rather than having candidates run for office alone, we should expect teams of students to run on a **common policy platform.** I will institute democratic reforms that allows and encourages more **coherent electoral programmes to come forward.** When **the SU is united,** with the student body behind them, **we can achieve so much more.**

However, the **SU is a toxic environment for students and staff.** It is unwelcoming, and our officers rarely run for a second term. I will stop the **destructive cultural practises and behaviours** incubated there spill out repeatedly and harm students at this university.

Power to the People

We had our first quorate AGM in 5 years after the revelation that the SU, **at the bidding of university management,** planned to sell the Sugarhouse for **more student flats.** We **students used this opportunity** to pass motions on the **Sugarhouse, Climate Change, Democratisation and Housing.** Together, we voted by a margin of 90% to have a majority of student-elected trustees in a referendum.

Nothing has been done on any of these issues.

We have a chance now, with the recruitment of a new CEO to set terms of what a student-run SU looks like. **I will convene a constitutional convention** as demanded by you that will sweep away the antiquated and opaque governance procedures.

I will also:

- **Abolish unelected positions** on the trustee board
- **Empower JCRs** to manage their own spaces and **save college bars**
- **Establish Union Council** as an open, democratic, decision-making forum
- Ensure the **independence of the union** from Uni Management
- Reassess **whether NUS membership** delivers **value for money**

The Big Issues

If the SU becomes a functioning body, we can fight for the issues that matter. This is possible, but only if we have a politically engaged students' union that is willing to fight for their members. My ambition is not radical – it is simply that I want a functional SU.

There is so much more to say, so check out my full manifesto here: <https://bit.ly/3gK3aV1>

Remember, this election is about US, not the S.U.

Taylor Donoughue-Smith

Students face a crisis.

Confidence in LUSU is at rock bottom: Lancaster students need a union **working for them** that is **transparent, accountable** and **fighting for our interests**.

Coronavirus has damaged our University; finances will be under serious pressure. **Next year will be a challenge for everyone at Lancaster.** It has never been more important to have a Union **working** for students, **representing** students and **enhancing** your student experience. We need a President who will stand up to the University when it matters.

I'm Taylor, a third year English Literature and Politics student. I was the **music editor of SCAN** and the **General Secretary** of a political society. I've worked alongside the LGBT+ Officer of the Liberal Democrats Society to bring the [Ask for Clive policy](#) to the University to foster **more inclusive spaces for LGBT+ people across our college bars and in the Sugarhouse.** I'm dedicated and committed to making life better for students.

I will lead LUSU in **your interests**:

→ I will bring **democratic reform** to our Union.

→ I will bring **accountability** to our Union.

→ I will bring **transparency** to our Union.

→ And I will **end** the **toxic culture** in our Union.

I will give your Union back to you.

My Pledges To You

Trustee Board

I will ensure that the **review into the operation of the Trustee Board** is completed before the Constitutional Convention and that **proposals made are brought to students** for consultation and then put to a referendum.

Scrutiny and Accountability

I will work with the VP Union Development to **replace Scrutiny Officers and the ineffective Student Juries** with a new **Student Representative Council (SRC)**. The SRC will include, but will not be limited to:

- Societies
- Sports
- Faculty Reps
- Student Media
- Liberation groups
- Sustainability and Environmental Groups
- JCR Representatives

The SRC will **scrutinise policy changes, propose amendments, ask questions** of Full Time and Part Time Officers, helping to **build bridges** across the student community. The meetings will be open to students to attend and watch but will also be **livestreamed**.

A better deal for Sports and Societies

I will establish **Societies and Sports Forums** from the elected SRC Officers. Their FTOs will attend and **discuss important issues and concerns**. SRC members will use their forums to provide a **platform for societies**, hold FTOs to **account**, and to help build better lines of **communication**. This will help the SRC Officers **build the agenda** and questions for the SRC meetings.

Student Media Editorial Independence

As music editor of [SCAN](#), I understand the **importance of student media**, and sadly how constrained SCAN's ability is to scrutinise LUSU. Working alongside the VP Societies and Media, I will **empower** student media to **bring LUSU to account**.

Better Training for PTOs and FTOs

Training must be **fit for purpose**; I will ensure that Officers always have easy access to the **right training**. It is vital that all of our elected officers are put in the **best position to succeed** when they come into office.

Rents

Rents at the university have been **increasing for years**. With complications arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, **recession will hit all students hard**. I will campaign to make rents **affordable** on campus and consult with student/tenants' groups such as [ACORN](#) on how we can achieve **affordable rents** for students.

National Union of Students (NUS) membership

I will look to **review** our membership of NUS and whether our current relationship is working for Lancaster, consulting with students on the way forward.

Environment and Sustainability

As a Union, we will lobby the University to **divest from all fossil fuel companies** and commit to **carbon-neutrality** by 2030, as agreed by students at the 2019 AGM.

Communication

I will provide **weekly updates** to students on the work I've done, my **aims** for the week and any **progress** made towards policy. On top of this, I will ensure **minutes for Executive Committee meetings** are released **promptly** and that students **will always know what decisions** are being made and **why** they are being made.

LUSU should be a safe workplace for everyone

We need someone to fix LUSU's tarnished record. I'll **work collaboratively** with my fellow officers to create a **positive, inclusive environment** where **everyone is supported**.

We have a *real chance* to achieve meaningful change for our Union.

We can deliver democratic reform, transparency and accountability.

Create a Students' Union that works for you. Vote Taylor #1 for LUSU President to Fix Our Union.

Timothy Lloyd-Judson

PRESIDENT Timothy Lloyd-Judson

This union has been sick. This union needs healing. This union needs medicine. In fact, I'd go so far as to say that what this union really needs, right now, is a Belgian.

Hello there, I'm Timothy Lloyd-Judson, a third year Film student running to be the next Don of the Students' Union. Some of you may know me as LA1TV's presenter who shines a light on the real important issues/talks to drunk people for SugarTV. Or you may recognize me from that one LUFPS showcase last year. If that's the case then I'm truly sorry, what a mess that was, am I right? I swear it was way better back in 2018 though. Go check out Wayward Station if you haven't already.

Does anyone even actually read these manifestos? If you do, then here are some points amigo:

Management

As president, I'd work closely with the other FTO's and support their campaigns to make sure everything runs as smoothly as possible. While I think setting out grand projects is not realistically accomplishable, I will aim to change the image of the union, get everyone pulling in the same direction and make sure to represent as many students as possible.

Transparency and Accountability

Those are two keywords people like to put in there to get elected, right? In all seriousness though, having been part of the LA1TV exec, I can use that experience and relations as a guide to be more interactive and transparent with the student body and provide interviews and updates. I want to improve the way we look at the Students' Union as a whole and perceive it. It's important to come together and focus on the needs of students, now more than ever as we enter the uncertainty of the post-pandemic student experience. I also want to add that I would be taking students suggestions throughout the year and not just sticking to this manifesto. I want to represent you and hear about the kind of stuff you want to see.

Inclusivity

Inclusion is not an illusion! The name might fool you, but I'm originally from Belgium. Never had a Belgian in the Union before. So as an international student, I am determined to bring a new angle to the board and shine a light on the international experience and how to best represent this part of the student community.

Student experience

As you know, the university is not just about your degree, it's about all the various activities and societies available throughout the year! Having been an exec member of LA1TV for three years now, I can confirm how important extracurricular activities are to student life. Creating content requires so much work and organization in terms of getting productions started, dealing with security, filming and editing. All this, of course, in your spare time, while also studying for a degree! Student media needs some more love and more keen members, so I'd work closely with LA1TV to give them the second renaissance. Of course, I would aim to make sure that all societies and activities feel welcome and represented by the union.

The Spar Staircase

I wasn't joking around when we made that "LA1TV investigates" video a few months back. The staircase was an important pillar of our community and it pains me to think future generations will never know what they missed. If I get elected, I will do everything in my power to get that staircase reinstalled and save every student two minutes they would have spent walking. It adds up, people!!!

Sugarhouse

Remember when they tried selling the Sugarhouse? Didn't work out well did it. Goes without saying that I consider Sugar a vital part of the university experience and an important asset to the union that needs to be maintained for future generations. Naturally I would never think of sacrificing that.

So that's about it for now. Most of these manifestos are two pages long, I saved you some time already, imagine how much more I can save if you elect me!

Victoria Hatch

#Hatching_a_new_SU

Rebuilding our Students' Union in a COVID-19 world.

Thanks for taking the time to read my manifesto. The most important thing in this election is that students engage and make use of their vote.

I have been proud to serve as your VP of Activities this year. When I was asked to step up and become Interim President in April, it quickly became clear that the Students' Union has lots of work to do.

It is a pivotal moment for the SU. Already challenging operational circumstances have been exasperated by COVID-19. To make it through the other side, the SU needs stable leadership and a clear agenda for reform.

So my manifesto is this: I will see the SU through the crisis we currently face. I won't duck the hard decisions. I can't promise you'll agree with every decision we have to make, but I will be guided at every turn by what's best for our students.

There are five areas where I will focus:

1. Transparency and communication

More now than ever, the SU needs a strong student voice, yet our students are currently scattered across the country and across the world. We've already run virtual academic forums, and I will expand this across the board to encourage our officers to run focus groups so that everyone can get involved.

We will also uphold transparency: in what we decide and in what we spend. In my time at the SU, I have been transparent on my spending, and I will ensure all our officers do the same.

2. Student services

The SU faces some substantial financial and operational challenges this year ahead due to COVID-19. As a result, there are unavoidable tough decisions to be made on the services we can provide.

When we consider these issues, I commit to putting the core values of the Students' Union at the forefront, running full consultation to ensure all students' views are considered, and inviting independent scrutiny of all decisions taken.

3. Recreational sport

COVID-19 poses unique barriers to the sport we know and love. We don't yet know what sport will look like next year, but it's likely that BUCS will have capacity restrictions.

Therefore, the SU will work to provide alternative, flexible and COVID-safe sporting activities, and work with the university to utilise the green spaces we have on campus.

4. Sustainability

In our climate emergency, I am proud of the work we've started in the SU to embed sustainability in everything we do. I have worked for Green Lancaster for the past two years, helped write the Lancaster University Climate Emergency petition, and ran sessions at multiple conferences for delivering sustainability at university institutions.

I will continue to be the biggest advocate for slashing the university's carbon footprint - and continue to help the university better consider its impact on the environment. I will also work with the university to promote the opportunity to teach sustainability in every degree, to every student.

5. Community building

Community will be the key to our COVID recovery, as we all come back to campus and resume our university life.

Everything we do in the SU is for our student community, but we can go further. I will introduce a new 10% time policy, encouraging all our officers to take half a day each week to volunteer in the local community.