

MANIFESTO

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Running for Women's Officer (SABB)

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I am running for the post of Women's Officer, as someone highly interested in the issues which women face in both teaching and studying at UCL. I do many different things in college, I'm part of the boat club and love a good debate. I think this makes me aware of many spheres in which women's issues can be improved.

My priority policies which I would enact in the role are:

1. More crèche places for children of UCL staff, mature students and postgrads

This is a major issue. The current UCL nursery has places for only 62 children, which means there is always a waiting list. The current prices are very high: £57.09 per day for a child under 2 and £49.17 for children aged 3-5. I propose increasing the number of places available and lowering the cost of them, enabling women to easily work or study at UCL, whilst having their child close by. I also propose in the meantime that costs are cut by asking for a grant for childcare for students and staff from the university.

Let's make it easier for talented women to come to UCL.

2. Campaigns against casual sexism at UCL

In this day and age it is absolutely unacceptable. I think that using words like 'woman' as an insult or referring to a woman's age or looks as though that is at all relevant is something which we could be working much harder to eliminate on campus. Have you ever heard women casually called a 'bitch' or 'slut'? Or overheard a conversation discussing a woman in a professional role, which quickly turned to slating her hair? Yes, unfortunately, so have I. I propose offering a 'name and shame' column of these awful overheards to student media and listing them in UCLU meetings in order to get everyone at UCL to wake up to the endemic problem women in society face.

3. Better recognition of sexual harassment

It is a sadly true fact that there still exists today a level of sexual harassment from people in positions of power to those below them in universities. I aim to increase exposition of incidents of this nature and create a better service of investigation, developing a fuller network of help available to victims, as well as exposing culprits so they can be properly punished. I would establish a new committee of counsellors to talk to women and advise them on how to progress in claims against authority figures and campaign to increase awareness of how easy it is to get help.