

VOTE CHARLES BARRY FOR BLOCK OF 15



ABOUT ME

- 2nd year Economics student at Newcastle University.
- Recently elected as Chair of Students' Council for 2012/2013.
- First elected to Students' Council December 2010.
- My main focus has been structural reform: deregulating our burdensome elections procedure and simplifying Council meetings.
- I was elected to the University Senate at the end of my 1st year.

I've used my position to oppose our University introducing higher fees for students on placements and cutting bursary funding for the students most in need.

A TRUE STUDENT VOICE AT THE HEART OF NUS

The Block of 15 is intended to promote diversity at the top table of the NUS. Many candidates often lay claim to the mantle of being true student representatives, despite not having been in study for as much as 2 years.

As a 2nd year student, electing me will cut out the middle man and automatically increase the diversity of the NEC. I will be an actual student for the whole of my term on the NEC if elected. Having an actual student at the governing body of NUS will serve well as a complement to the voices of Sabbatical Officers and NUS Executives.

MY VISION FOR THE NEC

CLOSE DODGY LOOPHOLES AND FIX FAILING POLICIES

The reality is students will not be able to change the funding system until the next general election. We need therefore to close the most dangerous failures in the government's policy so that we can mitigate the damage to 2012, 2013, 2014 entry students.

If elected I will:

1. Press for graduate medical students to get a student loan that covers ALL of their fees
2. Lobby HEFCE to stop cheating EU international students' of funding by failing to recognise international qualifications as AAB+
3. Campaign to eliminate the hidden risks of market failure for students. If the government thinks students should be consumers, it should give us the consumer protection we deserve.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR NUS

Many people raise the issue that the NUS is a distant and unapproachable body. It's definitely a concern when even your Sabbatical Officers don't know what the NEC does!

If elected, I will:

1. Bridge the existing divide by increasing outreach to Universities in my responsibility, through holding regular visits and working one-to-one with Student Council Chairs.
2. Provide a human contact for the Universities in my remit by discussing topics well in advance with Student Councils, rather than just email Sabbatical Officers. It's essential that the NEC is more than just a collection of minutes on the NUS website.

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