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I'm running because:

Hi, my name is Jack, and I'm running to be your NUS delegate this year. I have three years worth of campaigning experience; having played a key organising role in both the award winning Anti-Fees and Cuts group and Save UEA Music. I have represented UEA students at several conferences, including the recent 'National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts' conference. I am therefore not only acutely aware of the concerns and needs of the student movement, but feel I have demonstrated the passion, understanding and experience required to argue for genuine change on behalf of our students. The NUS National Conference is also an opportunity to apply pressure to the NUS leadership, and to uphold the democratic principles of the student movement. This year has seen the NUS leadership abuse several principles that are so important to our cause. If elected I promise to stand firm by our union's beliefs in democracy and argue for a strong, campaigning national union. That is why I need your votes on Thursday and Friday.

FREE EDUCATION

At the latest national demonstration in November, the theme was decided undemocratically to be "Educate. Employ. Empower." It sounded more like a recruitment company slogan than a banner to march under and the poor turnout at that protest speaks volumes. It was not a rallying cry many students can relate or respond to. I believe the NUS should be pressuring the government for free education in order to win concessions. We should be aiming for the stars, not have our sights set on the gutter.

ANTI-CUTS

The attack on Higher Education is not the only way government policy is hitting students and their families hard. We must continue to unite against austerity cuts to the NHS and the welfare state if we are to have hope of a secure and dignified life after we finish our studies. In order to ensure that, we must send delegates willing to pressure the NUS to keep fighting public spending cuts.

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGNING

As a body committed to campaigning for change, it is essential the NUS observes democratic principles. When decision-making power rests in the hands of a few individuals, it leads to a Union that is disconnected from the students it supposedly represents. Throughout this year, the leadership have demonstrated a flagrant disregard for the essential values of accountability and collective campaigning. If we are to make progress on the big issues the NUS has to deal with in this pivotal time, then the delegates we elect from UUEAS must push to hold the leadership to account.

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