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To whom it may concern,

Welcome! Thank you for taking the time to read my Manifesto. My own name is Michelle Mulcahy. I am a mature student and I have return to further my education, I am twenty five years of age. The post for which I am running is for a part-time Business and Law Representative. I am now in my first year of law Pathways. I feel that by listening to students and representing our diverse student body here at UCC's College of Business and Law, I can make a genuine difference.

### A bit more about me

I am a CIDESCO level 6 Beautician, with a level 5 QQI Criminology certificate and have travelled extensively. For my age, I like to think of myself as well-rounded and full of wisdom. While learning to be a beautician, I was my year's representative. This job thought me a lot of new skillsets, I was in responsible of stock upkeep, health and safety, and class attendance in addition to a range of other duties.

Since entering UCC in September, I've seized and used every opportunity that has come my way. I've joined the equestrian riding and Cancer society and I'm really enjoying both! I usually encourage people to join societies since it is a terrific opportunity to meet new people.

On the UCC Cancer Society committee, I was just selected as an Events Officer. I will be working alongside another member of the team! I am incredibly excited to learn new things, try new things, and meet new people. I am looking forward to being able to talk about and relate to people about my cancer situation, that included losing a family member to cancer.

## What being a rep means to me

Being a representative includes a lot more than just getting a beautiful jacket and some pencils. It all boils down to being a strong leader for the students and someone they can go to when they are stuck or worried about voicing their opinion. As a representative, you must be confident and capable. It is someone who is pleasant and willing to swiftly adjust to their surroundings. I do not mind standing out from the crowd. You must be courageous and tenacious when things do not go your way. I am all of these things, and I hope to use my strength to help others here at the College of Business and Law. To be an example of how to use your voice.

# What my aims are and hopeful achievements

#### Union ship

With all that is going on in the world right now, from viruses to wars, I feel we have lost our ability to unite. Instead, there is a constant impulse to fight and resist, which is necessary in some situations. In some of the degrees, I think and have observed that there is an age difference between the senior students and the younger students. At my age, I feel it is the grey region between two generations, and I believe it should be used! Regardless of their legal or business degrees, I am confident in my ability to bring individuals of all ages together. I believe we might learn a lot from one another, come to better judgments and results, and develop a greater understanding of one another.

#### Support

If elected to the student union as the business and law representative, I would like to give a lot more information to students about the student union and the support services available on campus here at University College Cork. According to many of the students, they are aware of the facilities but are unaware of what they do or provide. My initial course of action would be to look at all of the student amenities and assess everything for myself. Then, once I have all of my information, I explain and pass it on to my fellow class representatives so that they may assist students. It all comes down to word of mouth. As a result of all of this, the facilities in and around the college are more friendly and less intimidating for students. It might lead to a variety of benefits, for example, if people were more informed about the skills centre and what they do, student performance, confidence, and even the establishment of new friendships could all increase.



#### Clear communication

Clear communication is essential as a possible representative here at the college of business and law. It can give everybody a sense of accomplishment and clarity. It all starts with gaining students trust and fostering good relationships among them. You must keep everyone informed and up to date on what is going on. The end result is satisfaction, which can only be achieved when both parties are confident in their communication and organisation are met.

#### **Conclusion**

Finally, I think I have demonstrated why, based on my competence and experience, I am the greatest candidate for the next business and law representative. I am highly enthusiastic about all of my responsibilities, I will give it my best in any task that is assigned to me, and I will represent the Student Union with utmost professionalism, class, and sophistication. Finally I would like to thank you for taking time to read my manifesto.

Kind regards,	
Michelle Mulcahy	