

Manifesto for Joel Rajesh Medicine & Health Rep Candidate 2020/2021

Hi, my name is Joel Rajesh and I am a first year medical student. I am running for the position of UCCSU Med & Health Rep. I have previous experience in various leadership positions for my school's Student Council and I am currently employed as a (paid) Student Experience Ambassador for one the best performing schools in Ireland. I am currently an active member of the UCC Community First Response Team, and am currently in the process of becoming a UCC Peer Support Leader. Below is a list of my key goals if elected. The list is by no means exhaustive, but merely the key issues I am pushing for:

- More transparent, personalised feedback from lecturers for all exams and assignments. Students have said that they feel 'discouraged' from viewing marked exam answer booklets and assignments, and that the process is not straightforward. Students should be able view their marked sheets without having to meet up with lecturers or send multiple emails.
- Students have said that they feel 'isolated' while on placements. A couple of students emphasised how they had seen something while on placement that they would've liked to talk to someone about, but felt there was no clear way to bring the problem to the attention of the College of Med & Health. There must be a better system to support students on placements, and a better way for students to voice their concerns about placement sites.
- Some students have talked to me about the lack of designated student spaces, UCC computers, or UCC printers in Cork University Hospital. Some students described the existing student area in CUH as 'not well maintained'. I intend to address this issue.
- More information should be given to students about placement sites before they start placements. Also, better transport allowances for students on placements.
- Later closing times for Brookfield Canteen, or at least better self-service options after the Canteen closes up until the Library closes (also push for an 8am opening for the Library). Also; sausage, beans, and chips for Brookfield Canteen.
- More dedicated student spaces in both Brookfield and Western Gateway.
- More society/social events at Brookfield/WGB, so that Brookfield/WGB students feel less isolated from main campus. This seems to be a common complaint.
- A 'You Said, We Did' system should be implemented for all feedback given by students in relation to modules, i.e. receivers of student feedback should make it clear what they are doing and have done to resolve any problems highlighted in feedback forms. Also, feedback should be collected from students during each module and at the end of each module.
- Encourage more lecturers to record their lectures using Panopto.
- And any other day to day issues which may arise.

If you have any questions or have an issue you would like to see resolved, please email SUElections@joelrajesh.com or call 0852626041. I would be more than happy to meet up and discuss any concerns you may have.

Thank you taking your time to read this and I encourage you to give me your #1 vote,
Joel Rajesh