

Hi, my name is Maeve Rutledge, and I am currently a fourth-year student Applied Languages and Politics student. I am originally from Cork but for the last four years I have lived in Castletroy. I am a friendly, motivated approachable person and have been part of numerous clubs and societies throughout the years. Over the years I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in UL, and I would love nothing more than to help improve the UL Student Life experience for other UL students next year. In first year I was first inspired to run for the President role and since then I have always talked about it to anyone who would listen. For this reason, I am running for the UL Student Life President 2022/2023.

I have many achievable and realistic goals I want to bring in as President.

Students –

Support Student Side Hustle:

In UL we have so many students with successful and growing side businesses. Once every semester I want to hold a student market and specific events in the courtyard specifically to promote student businesses. This market would run in continuation with the weekly market for local businesses.

Have Your Say!

Before big weeks or events, I want to hold student polls to allow the voice of the student body to be heard and give everyone a say on what they want to see in terms of entertainment in UL. These student polls will ensure as many tastes and opinions as possible are considered before creating the line up for big events and weeks such as Fresher's week or RAG week.

Student Health and Welfare

I will work in conjunction with the welfare officer to promote student health and welfare on campus. I want to work with welfare candidate Amy Keane to bring down the cost of the

student health centre to match other Irish Universities like Mary I and UCC. (10 EURO, FREE).

Accommodation

I will continue to lobby for more affordable student accommodation and more accommodation in order to support students with their rented accommodation for the academic year.

Student Safety

More simple student safety procedures in on campus bars, for example reintroduction of 'Ask Angela'. Introduction of anti-spiking cup covers at a reduced price for sale in the Student Union.

Counselling service

I will lobby for shorter wait times for the UL counselling service as during the student forum which took place in the last few weeks the long wait time was brought to my attention, and I will work with welfare candidate Amy Keane to improve the counselling services in UL.

Academics

I want to bring in a renewed list of active tutors and a renewed tutor system, this was brought up at the student forum which I attended in the last few weeks. This system will allow students to contact and access a tutor with ease.

I will lobby to lower the cost of repeat fees to decrease the burden placed on students during already stressful exam periods.

As you can see my goals are realistic and achievable. I believe that these simple changes can make a big difference to student life, and I hope you will consider them when voting for your next UL Student Life President.

VOTE MAEVE FOR STUDENT LIFE PRESIDENT 2022!!

Issued by Ciara Doherty, campaign manager for Maeve Rutledge.