

My name is Kieran Guiry, I'm from Waterford, and I am currently in my 4th year of Engineering and DCG teaching here in UL. I would like to consider myself a sound lad, approachable and not afraid to say something how I see it.

I am running for the role of Student Academic Officer for the next academic year. What inspired me to run for this role is that we all encounter problems in our day to day college lives, all of us, no matter how big or small that problem may be. Whether that be not being able to find a parking space on campus in the morning or having an issue involving certain coursework. We all experience adversity everyday! My goal is for the voice for the UL students to be heard and to be prioritised. I will ensure to listen to all students concerns, no matter how big the issue and represent all students in this college to the best of my ability. My job is being the primary representative for the academic interest of all students and that exactly what I aim to do.

Some things I would like to achieve should I get this role of academic officer is to firstly, I would like to see the cost of repeat fees lowered. Repeats are already such a stressful time for students and this financial burden should not also be placed on top of them. Another thing I would love to see achieved would be that of 4th years who have the misfortune of having to repeat an exam have the same graduation day as their fellow peers. For some its very disheartening to go through four years of college with your peers, make so many great friends and end up graduating alone all over just one exam. This is definitely something I feel needs to be looked at

UL already welcomes their students into such a friendly, fun environment that gives students a real sense of belonging. I aim to make the students voices heard to ensure their years here are as enjoyable and as memorable as possible.