

HOWARD CHAE FOR BME OFFICER

WHY ME? I have represented BME students on the committees of the BME Campaign and Magdalene JCR, stood up for students on the Faculty Board of History and the Execs of both CUSU and GU, and was part of the campaign that successfully secured the BME sabb officer position. I have also organised student support for the UCU strikes, supported cross-college Living Wage campaigning, and facilitated cross-faculty decolonise the curriculum efforts. I want to work collaboratively with students to ensure an SU that's engaged with the BME student body, prioritises anti-racism, and provides BME students with the support they need to campaign together for the changes they want to see.

AS YOUR BME OFFICER, I WILL...

BUILD COMMUNITY

- Push for an inclusive living and learning environment: multifaith prayer rooms in all lecture sites, adjusted catering provisions to accommodate dietary guidelines and Ramadan fasting requirements, and improved faith-provisions for examinations and assessments
- Host regular forums of BME officers to provide targeted support and coordinate cross-college campaigning on issues affecting BME students

PRIORITISE ANTI-RACISM

- Campaign for a comprehensive uni-wide policy to handle racial harassment complaints across colleges and faculties
- Tackle racism in supervisor-student relations and ensure that there is adequate support for BME students in faculties and departments
- Press for anti-racism training for student-facing staff: tutors, directors of studies, porters, supervisors, lecturers, etc.
- Pressure the University to take clear positions on Prevent and the Hostile Environment that prioritise students' wellbeing and rights
- Build on existing networks to support, connect, and coordinate anti-racist organising efforts, e.g. faculty-based decolonise the curriculum working groups, the Sociology Department's "End Everyday Racism" project, and college-level and university-wide slavery inquiry working groups

SUPPORT STUDENTS

- Push for improved mental health support for BME students by supporting the UCS BME Counselling Service and encouraging colleges to provide tailored support services
- Collaborate with BME officers to help BME freshers transition to university life by running anti-racism workshops for freshers and linking BME freshers up with societies and clubs

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