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# MANIFESTO

Hi! My name is **Capri Mancini** and I am running to be your next **SRC Member without Portfolio!**

In the following document, I outline my plans for the next year, if elected as SRC Member without Portfolio. The role involves working with and liaising between all members of the SRC – offering assistance for any tasks, projects, or ideas which SRC members have.



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I will set out my **policies and plans** in the following areas:

1. Communication and collaboration with SRC Officers
2. Increased clarity and accessibility between the Student's Association, the University, and students
3. Promoting transparency between the University and students
4. Increasing social media presence for student events and updates
5. Working to ensure equal access for technologies for individuals with disabilities and those who are not in St Andrews

## **My EXPERIENCE:**

During my two years at St Andrews, I have been extremely involved in the Students' Association, the Athletic Union, and other affiliated societies. I serve as **Secretary of the Societies Committee** where I take extensive, clear and concise meeting minutes. As part of this role, I participate in the work of the **Executive Committee** and further administrative work – things which require effective communication between myself and the rest of committee, as well as other societies, in responding to emails and helping to organise Societies Sport, for example. I serve on the **Athletics/Cross Country Committee** within the AU as **Women's Captain**, leading trainings and working to ensure motivation despite the current circumstances, encouraging a team perspective. I also have experience as **International Coordinator** for my hall (**McIntosh**) in my first year, working to organise events and ensure that international students felt represented and welcomed in St Andrews. Additionally, I serve as **Events Coordinator** on the **Christian Union's Committee**, a position which requires hard work and personability, as well as the ability to meet deadlines and interact with a wide breadth of individuals and have served on the **International Café Subcommittee** of the CU, as well. I believe these positions have prepared me well to step into a position such as that of SRC Member without Portfolio and

I hope to be able to take the work ethic and passion for student life and wellbeing I have gained in these roles into a position such as SRC Member without Portfolio, if elected.

My involvement with the Societies Committee has made me aware of all the behind-the-scenes work that goes on to allow the Students Association to work, as well as Councils. I understand the **importance of students' awareness of what is going on in the Students Association and Councils**, but am aware that this information is often inaccessible or daunting, particularly to those that are not acutely engaged in the Union and Councils. As SRC Member without Portfolio, I would seek to change this and **increase the transparency** of the Union and Councils, and **make it widely available** across various social media platforms in ways that clearly and concisely get the message across.

## **1. Communication and Collaboration with SRC Officers**

One of the main duties of SRC Member without Portfolio is to liaise with SRC Officers. In this role, I would seek to:

- a. Have **weekly check-ins with each of the SRC Officers** to see where they are needing assistance
- b. Create a **group-chat with SRC Officers** so that if any are in need of assistance with a task, they understand I am only a quick message away
- c. Remain in **regular email contact** with **all members of the SRC**
- d. Hold **weekly office hours** for SRC Officers to drop in if they need to chat anything over
  - i. Ensure that SRC Officers are reminded of this office hour

## **2. Increased clarity and accessibility between the Student's Association, the University, and students**

An important part of the position SRC Member without Portfolio is to attend both SRC and SSC meetings and to assure that this information is disseminated to the wider student population. To ensure that this is done, I would:

- a. Use **social media to keep students up to date** on the happenings of the SRC and Councils
  - i. Including, but not limited to:
    - i. Facebook
    - ii. Instagram
    - iii. Twitter
    - iv. YouTube
- b. Post **'Get to Know Your SRC Officers'** on social media, so that students know who is representing them

- i. Features could include 'Day in the Lives', broader introductions and fun facts, as well as role descriptions and contact details so students are able to get in touch with SRC Officers when needed
- c. Share SRC Officers' weekly office hours through social media and emails so students are able to get in touch as needed
- d. Work with the SABBs to include information about SRC and Councils in their weekly emails to students

### 3. Promote transparency between the University and students

SRC is exactly what it stands for: Students Representative Council, and students should feel as though they are well-represented and heard. If serving on SRC, I would:

- a. Clearly communicate via social media platforms any updates to Council policies or policies that affect students and the Union in any way
- b. Relay new information which involves students and any updates which the SRC makes on behalf of the student population
- c. Live tweet SRC and SSC meetings as they happen to allow for students to gain information as it is being shared, so every student has access
- d. Post updates about SRC meetings as well as Joint Council meetings so students and societies, as well as subcommittees are aware when events are taking place
  - a. This allows for students to bring queries and concerns to Officers so that they might be addressed in meetings

### 4. Increasing social media presence for student events and updates

Social media is key to position of the SRC Member without Portfolio. Past members have done a fantastic job with widening social media access, but I would seek to do this even further to provide clarity and accessibility beyond people who are typically involved and interested in the Union. To do this, I would:

- a. Expand the SRC's social media presence
- b. Share Council meetings and provide summaries as to what occurred in the meetings themselves
  - a. Establish a 'Meetings Condensed' after SRC and Joint Councils meetings
- c. Promote the events of SRC Officers and the outreach that SRC Officers have in events beyond SRC
- d. Use various social media platforms beyond Facebook to update students on Union events and SRC work
- e. Promoting the work of the SRC Officers and their contact details so students are able to easily get in touch with their representative officers when they need to

## 5. Work to ensure there is equal access for technology for individuals with disabilities and those who are not in St Andrews

As SRC Member without Portfolio, I would additionally serve as a voting member on SSC (Student Services Council). The current pandemic has proven that technology is extremely important to manage changing circumstances, but it is not equally accessible and available to all. I would seek to change this by:

- a. Pushing for the purchase of **technology equipment** that would **allow individuals with disabilities and individuals unable to be in St Andrews to engage with their studies and student life to the best of their ability**, not feeling as though they are being inhibited by a lack of technology or are missing out on anything vital to student life

Voting is from **4 March to 5 March!**

Thank you so much for reading and **vote Capri for SRC Member without Portfolio!**

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