

Taylor Sounes – The FEARLESS advocate for YOU!

Manifesto (Taylor's Version)

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Hi! My name's Taylor and I'm running to be the next Undergraduate Education Officer at UEA. I'm a third-year Politics and Economics student, have been a course rep every year and this year I've been ECO School Convenor. I will be a fearless advocate for you on whatever is important to YOU. The SU officers work for YOU and so our priorities should be what yours are. With me as your officer, they will be.

Here's what I want to do for you:

1. Lobby the university to reinvest resources back into the hub so EVERYONE is better supported

The university has cut resources in the hub and been unclear on the role the Student Information Zone plays. This has meant delays with getting extenuating circumstances, module changes and of course timetables. This puts unnecessary stress on all of us and it must be better. I want to work with the university to improve this VITAL system that we all rely on.

2. Change university-wide group work policies to make sure your final degree is based on YOUR work, not others by introducing a module weighting cap

I know all too well that group work can be incredibly stressful and while it's an important part, module grades shouldn't be solely based on group work. I'll work to introduce a cap on the weighting that group work can have within modules – something we've already done in ECO.

3. Work to ensure the University and Schools are clear on what blended learning means to everyone and then listen to and adopt YOUR feedback

Blended learning is here to stay so we need to make sure it's working in our best interests. As your officer, I'll work with the university to make sure module structures are communicated BEFORE the choice is made so you know whether you're signing up for online or in-person lectures. I'll also improve our Course Reps and Convenors systems to make YOUR VOICES heard, not just mine.

4. Continue to improve accessibility for trans and all LGBT+ students

As a trans person, I know just how important the visibility of correct pronouns is. More can be done on this, including pronoun visibility on live lectures in Blackboard, as well as encouraging everyone to have pronouns on their email signatures to destigmatize those for whom it is so important. I will work on all of these things and more if elected as your officer

5. Transparency starts with the SU and your officers so we need to start setting the example

Officers and our SU do some great work but a lot of the time, it's not clear to students what this work is. As your officer, I will be open and honest about all the work I am doing for you and ensure that the wider SU is doing the same.

Vote Taylor for Undergrad! She's the one for you!