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UEAMUN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Candidates for President

Cara Leavey

This academic year has been fantastic for UEAMUN, and I am excited by the challenges that lie ahead in the prospective year. This is now coming into my third year with Model UN, and I can't wait to carry on my MUN journey. There's been some particular personal highlights from this year; our welcome social was one of the biggest yet, we had a brilliant trip I helped to organise to London International Model UN, and I think we've really begun to grow as a society. I hope to keep this momentum going, and I have a lot of ideas on how best to do this, especially drawing on some of the areas we were weaker in this year.

At the beginning of the academic year, I hope to run a crash course on Model UN for all complete beginners alongside the normal weekly debate. This way we can help encourage people in skills they feel they're weaker in, and to teach newcomers about the rules and procedures so they feel more comfortable getting involved in debate. We can still hold active and lively debates for our more seasoned members, and give those who are unsure a good boost into the exciting world of Model UN. Our workshops this year were really beneficial for many members, and I want to keep this going. Not only do I want newcomers to feel more comfortable in getting involved, but I really want to create a greater sense of community with UEAMUN, and so I hope to start getting better socials running, and more socials that people want to come to. Saying this, I would also like to make Model UN more accessible: one key piece of feedback from this year is that many people would like meetings to be held at an earlier time, so with enough consultation I would like to rearrange our meetings to a time that suits more members.

Finally, let's get ourselves to more conferences in the next year, both nationally and internationally. The problem at the moment with conferences is that they might not be very accessible for everyone to participate in, whether that's time or distance, so I hope to build a better relationship with the Union and various schools to secure more funding for our trips. By having a good mix of national and international, we can get more people coming to more conferences. I would like to start looking into applications for London International MUN, Cambridge MUN, Essex MUN, EuroMUN (in Maastricht), amongst a few others so we have a wide variety. There have also been discussions of UEAMUN hosting their own conference, and this is another possibility we could look into. With high quality training, and well planned trips, I hope that the year ahead is fruitful and brings us lots of awards!

Experience - 2 years MUN Experience + Additional Debating Society Experience. Represented us and organised our delegation (Head Delegate) to LiMUN this year. Current Social Secretary of UEAMUN. Studies Politics.

Muqaddam Malik

MUN has been a monumental influence in my life considering I have been an avid participator in the program for roughly eight years. In this time I have attended 12 conferences as part of varied committees and held a range of roles from delegate to chair and even as Deputy Secretary General. My dedication to this program is clearly illustrated above and this is the kind of experience I would like to bring to the table if provided with the opportunity to run the UEAMUN Society.

In the past year, the UEAMUN Society impressed me as one of the most underrated societies as it has been an amazing experience to say the least attending conferences in London, Bonn, Rome and soon in Paris. It has provided me with a platform to travel, meet new people, improve as a politics/diplomacy enthusiast and most importantly debate and argue with people from all across the globe. This experience is one I would like every member of the society to have and to enjoy and revel in the amazing opportunity that is Model United Nations.

Some areas which I felt needed improvement and where I would like to stimulate said improvements are as follows: The society needs to be more present on social media and media in general, as the work being done by the members is nothing short of inspiring and they deserve to be publicly acknowledged such as the multiple award winners from the LIMUN conference; I believe they should have been recognized to celebrate the achievements of the society as well as advertise to show its potential. Another area that is key is to carry on the work of Michal and Sikander in applying for grants to subsidize the trips to various conferences, as members should be given the opportunity to attend conferences at the cheapest possible cost. One area that I personally want to improve on is the MUN social as they were too few and far apart whereas the society would thrive if the members had a better forum to interact with outside the sessions and conferences. Lastly, I would strive to make the weekly meetings much more diverse and interactive based on procedure and content as on various occasions during the course of the past year we had dry debates or non-stimulating topics which sometimes cause members to turn away from the weekly meetings; I would attempt to solve this by switching up the procedures used from GA to Crisis to Resolution-centered Debate and maybe even Specialized Negotiations to allow for constant learning and growth as delegates as well as having polls to allow members to decide on possible topics for debate.

To conclude, I would ask you all to vote for me to deliver another amazing year of MUNing. For those of you who know me, you have seen my relentless efforts to strive for excellence and that is what I would bring to the committee. Hope to work with you all next year. Thanks in advance!

Experience - 8 years MUN Experience. 12 Conferences Total - 8 as delegate, 2 as chair, and 2 as secretariat. This included all four of our society delegations. Served as Deputy Secretary General Twice, one of which was of East African MUN (2014). Studies Politics, Philosophy and Economics.

Candidates for Vice President

Kathi Wodenitscharow

The reason why I would be the best choice to be elected as Vice President for the UEA Model UN is the ability for my fellow peers to rely on me to get things done and I always give more than 100% once I commit to something. I decided to commit to MUN because of the change this society made in me and how it has been the biggest contributor at University for me to become the skillful and disciplined person I am today. The philosophy behind "Raise your placard, Raise your voice" has made my research skills become more detailed and efficient, public speaking has become a chance to speak my mind with confidence and team building as a leader and fellow peer is an essential skill that I've learned to master. My aim is for people to understand that debating is only a small part of what Model UN is really about. I want to support the President to make our society more active and highly recognised at the University and make students understand that MUN is the best society to incorporate the motto "work hard, play hard", allowing people to network on a global and professional scale and learn about the different countries and cultures whilst creating long life friendship. One feeling that every fellow MUN participant can agree on to catch after a conference is that each and everyone feels like the sky is the limit. This is my aim with the President to make everyone feel that the world is their canvas. Becoming VP will push me to operate beyond my limits and continue to develop my skills socially and professionally from which the UEA model UN society can benefit.

Experience - Represented us at 3 conferences this year - WestMUN, LiMUN and WorldMUN. Politics, Philosophy & Economics Student

Candidates for Secretary

Amanie Mathurin

I am a very organized and highly motivated individual who is dedicated to accomplishing all tasks in the most timely and efficient manner possible. If elected, I will strive to increase interest and participation by ensuring that the society has an active and engaging presence on campus and on social media. Where possible, I will also seek to establish closer ties with societies of similar interests such as DevSoc, Debating Union and Politics society in order to facilitate regular workshops through combined resources.

Experience - First year of MUN experience + Additional Debating experience. Represented us in LiMUN this year and won an award in her debut conference.

Beckie Jones

I've only been a member of UEAMUN for just under a year but even so, I think I would make an excellent society secretary. I've adored doing MUN since I was 14 years old and would love to get more involved with the society. I've had jobs in the past that have required me to run social media accounts for a business so would be well prepared for that part of the role. I'm also currently studying pharmacy here at UEA, a degree that requires a lot of team work and room booking and organisation of meetings, so over the past year I've had plenty of practice at that as well. One of the things I pride myself on the most is my ability to organise people and help get the most out of them. I believe this society could do so much more, work with other societies to have different type meetings to the regular weekly debates, getting more involved in things that benefit the society, the university and beyond. I've basically just written a load of political drivel in this. To cut a long story short, I'm ready to do this job, I want to make the society more expansive, please vote for me and thank you for reading this.

Experience - multiple year and conference experience. Represented us in WestMUN this year and won an award.

Candidates for Social Sec

Publicity, Socials, Equality and Diversity

Isobel Wright

I believe that I am an extremely social person, easy to approach and a good communicator. I have worked in retail since I was 16 and so I feel I can interact with a large range of different characters. I enjoy organising events in social settings and after attending World Model United Nations in Rome I feel that I understand the nature of the group. I felt very comfortable within the group due to the personalities in the group and I wish to extend this next year by ensuring that the people that attended this year also return next year. Because of the exciting trip to Rome, as social sec, I wish to expand the social side of the society as well as it being academic, something which others may not expect from a society which is professional and serious. I would organise frequent socials, aside from the meetings so that people have a chance to interact in a different setting and make contacts and connections. In addition, during the conferences I would make sure that I plan the logistics for the nightlife whilst we are away e.g. tickets and transport.

Experience - First year of MUN Experience. Represented us in WorldMUN this year.

Sina Øversveen

I am a current 2nd year (will be third year!) doing International Development and I want to get more involved with the MUN society at UEA because it is a great society with lots of opportunities. The social side of societies is very important and I think it is important to make sure all members of the society feels included and think it is fun, so I will do my very best to support new and old members. I am not a very experienced MUNer myself, but I think some of the most important part of MUN is to challenge yourself and learn new things, which the society is great for! As I only joined MUN for the first time myself this year, I think I will be useful to the society as I know what it is like when you are new and don't feel very confident. I have some pre-uni experience with organisation work and think this experience can be very useful when being on the committee for UEA MUN. I think it is important that a society like this is promoted well and have great activities that people want to join, and I want to take part in making the society great by doing my best as a social secretary!

Experience - First year of MUN Experience. Represented us in LiMUN this year.

Candidates for Union Rep

Elected Union Council Position and Health & Safety

Amanie Mathurin

I am a very organized and highly motivated individual who is dedicated to accomplishing all tasks in the most timely and efficient manner possible. If elected, I will strive to increase interest and participation by ensuring that the society has an active and engaging presence on campus and on social media. Where possible, I will also seek to establish closer ties with societies of similar interests such as DevSoc, Debating Union and Politics society in order to facilitate regular workshops through combined resources.

Defines the Interests of the Society: Issues pertaining to the leadership roles/ structures in societies as well as health & safety, finance and availability of resources.

Experience - First year of MUN experience. Represented us in LiMUN this year and won an award in her debut conference.

Jack Spoor

All issues would have to be decided on a case by case basis as and when they occur, with full input from the members of our society. I have experience on both MUN committee and also Union Council, so know how things work and where and when to ask questions to get a response. I will make sure that the views of the society are not ignored and that I represent the position of the society rather than myself.

Define the Interests of the Society: To hold Union officers to account for all actions that influence the society. For example, issues surrounding freedom to debate, or grants for travel to conferences. MUN must ensure that the union is responsible and efficient when it comes to looking after the society's accounts or handling bureaucracy.

Experience - 2 Years experience. 2 conferences - MUNTr and LiMUN. Current Secretary of UEAMUN. Politics Student