

U0837_2: Nominations Form

Role Category* Student Member of Council

Preferred name* Andrew Akin Kolapo

Candidate Question 1: What attracted you to stand for this role I want to make a difference, I know that it might sound the same, but I believe that it will offer me an opportunity to actively contribute to improving the student experience and advocating for student needs and concerns however big or small. I am drawn to this role as a member of the student council as I did a similar role back in college with a good track record of getting things done for students.

Candidate Question 2: What are the top two issues that you would want to address as part of the 2024-26 Student Leadership Team? "Isolation and Technical Challenges: Prioritizing Support for Distance Learners – through more one-2-one check-ins
As a mature student and social hospitality professional, I understand firsthand the challenges faced by distance learning students. Isolation can be a significant issue, especially for students who may have additional responsibilities outside of their studies. Feeling disconnected from peers and lacking the support network available in traditional classroom settings can impact motivation and mental well-being. Additionally, technical challenges such as access to reliable internet, software compatibility, and troubleshooting can hinder the learning experience and cause frustration. Recognizing these issues, I am committed to advocating for increased support services tailored to the unique needs of each distance learners. Whether through facilitating virtual study groups, providing technical one-2-one assistance, or fostering a sense of community through online forums and events, I am dedicated to ensuring that distance learning students feel valued, supported, and empowered to succeed in their educational journey.

Thank you for you support,
Andrew Akin Kolapo

