



**Name of candidate:** Ahmad Ojra

**Position standing for:** Member of the University of Sunderland's Board of Governors

**Why are you standing?**

**What has made you decide to stand for election?**

**What skills and experience do you have that make you a good candidate?**

Action execution when needed is much more significant than action execution when desired. As a passionate person, I believe that doing what is required by students who look up for help or assistance holds primary importance and come before what you think is right for student. As a Governor for this year's election,

I will represent students at the university and being a voice to their concerns, which should be easily accessible and prioritise issues addressed by students in a timely manner. I am elected already as a Chair of Union Council, joined different type of societies and helped with founding some of them and have been involving with many volunteering events with students union at university of Sunderland and I was awarded for that. Being actively involved in social service concerns and political work from my early teens I have understood the fact that to enable easy and friendly approach by having regular interaction with students and by putting my best foot forward in answering student queries, grievances and complaints holds key as a responsible governable candidate. So I would like to start a new journey to help people and improve University of Sunderland.

### **Priority 1: Improving the overall students' satisfaction rank of University of Sunderland**

By doing some research, there are five main areas to consider to improve the overall satisfaction, such as: Satisfaction of teaching the course, assessments and feedbacks, organisation and management and the academic support. Most of these areas are related to educational issues, so as a Vice President of Education, I will work on developing these main areas to improve the overall rank of students' satisfaction.

### **Priority 2: More educational events and trips**

Education Trips and events are very important for the overall development of a student. It gives them an opportunity to learn from their own experiences and from the experience of others. Simply reading books on science, commerce, arts, medicine, management, computers, education, law, engineering, history, architecture, etc. produces only book worms. For having enlightened citizen for a better world-order, we should encourage educational tours and events in our schools and colleges and thus develop the personalities of the young boys and girls.

### **Priority 3: Better personal development support which incorporates co-curricular activity**

Students are strongly encouraged to participate in activities and learning opportunities outside the classroom. A wide range of activities (cultural, educational, social, service and athletic) should be available to University of Sunderland students.

This encourages students to become a more integrated part of the community and to tailor their individual Sunderland experience to meet their own needs, in and out of the classroom. This helps bridge all aspects of the curricular and co-curricular experience and fosters an educational community that provides opportunities for developing and experiencing leadership, citizenship, personal growth, and respect for intellectual and cultural diversity. There are many connections on campus between academic life and co-curricular activities.