
Alexander Fernandez-Ritchie

Executive Officer Manifesto



Hello everyone, my name is Alexander. Once again, I am running for the role of 'Executive Officer Elect' after a very productive and successful year in the role.

My work as an 'Exec' began a year ago, where I was fortunate to receive the largest vote count for a male candidate and the second largest vote count overall. However, my experience with the Abertay SA began the year before that after I was unanimously elected to the role of Clerk within the SRC leadership team. Subsequently, through my success in the role, I was employed as Clerk directly to the then elected Executive Officers, extending my remit as Clerk – beyond the realm of agenda, minutes, and motions – to the private Exec meetings.

During my time in office as an Exec, I have worked very hard on my two manifesto promises; entailing: Student Employability; and, Student Support – with an overarching theme of Innovation and Collaboration within the Student–SA–SEZ framework; of which, embodies the heart of our Student Experience.

In addition, my experience throughout the past year has also consisted of attending to and being involved in high-level dialogue and inter-departmental meetings with management and other relevant staff as Student Lead to the 'Education Enhancement' and 'Lead Voices' projects. Furthermore, I have opened communications between the promising Peer-2-Peer Mentor project (SEZ Counselling Service) and the Abertay SA Leadership Team.

Please find a brief of my 2019/20 manifesto points below. If you wish for a more detailed write-up of my Manifesto 'Plan of Action' then please email me at 1704720@uad.ac.uk, I am more than happy to communicate via email or appointment in the Abertay SA Office at a time that suits you.

1) **Student Employability:**

I will work alongside the Executive Officers to continue to establish a Student Newspaper to allow for engaged students to practice and improve their active literacy skills whilst gaining valuable, practical experience. This past year as Executive Officer, I have successfully completed the first 'Research & Consultation Stage' of the Newspaper Project and shall move onto the 'Implementation Stage' if re-elected.

2) **Student Support:**

I will continue to strengthen the communication and collaboration network between Abertay Students, the Abertay SA, and Student Support Services. Furthermore, I will continue to work on the aforementioned projects (Enhancement Theme, Lead Voices, P2P Mentoring), to achieve their respective, desired goals.

3) **Democracy Innovation:**

I will work alongside the President and Vice President of the Abertay SA to move forward from the Democracy Review project of last year to work on innovating change within the Student Association's democratic structures. My strong experience working both as a Clerk and as an Executive Officer shall help me greatly in this task as I am aware of the key constitutional and logistical issues with regards to discussing important issues and 'hearing the Student Voice'.