

Scrutiny 2023/24- Executive officers final report

This report details our executive officer team this year (2023/24) and their progressions, as well as what they have passed onto the next officer team. Before I talk about our executive officers many achievements this year, I would like to thank them all for their dedication to improving our experience as students at the University of Leicester. Without these officers' dedication to their roles, we would not have seen progressions like the introduction of monthly gym memberships making fitness more accessible to all, the implementation of fees and income onto university campus, and the highest recorded turn out for SU elections (in terms of both voters and candidates) to name a few. Many of the initiatives inspired by officers' own experiences demonstrate how they are using their own voice for the benefit of others.

Archie Robinson (*President 2023/24*)

Archie's work this year has been outstanding. Despite the adversaries thrown in their way, like the absence of an executive officer from the team this year, Archie has continued to deliver for students whether it be through advocacy for students or hands on projects like "Operational Excellence" which is due to be continued by next year's team.

Leicscook is another project Archie has really got stuck into, and despite not receiving funding for another event, the first was a valuable outlet for so many on campus struggling with cost-effective cooking. The cost-of-living crisis has affected students nationally, and the Action plan that Archie oversees has gained support from stakeholders to ensure that students are being supported: part of this was ensuring that the hardship fund process is accessible and efficient for students. The cost-of-living crisis is an ongoing issue, and whilst Archie has done everything in his power to provide help, there is more to be done by the next president to alleviate more of the pressure on students.

The perspective Archie provides shows that he understands the needs of students. He worked hard to restructure the invasive approach used to allocate hardship funding to make it a more comfortable process for students who need support, and has broken down many similar barriers within the university. Limited staffing within the SU has slowed projects like trailing office hours during semester 2, but the increase of student staff in the main reception has allowed for efficiency in student communication with the team. One of the larger projects on Archie's hands was the governance review, which resulted in funding and valuable feedback on how to move forward to align the goals of the Students' Union with the needs of students. Archie introduced the expansion of the 'College Reps' scheme, which allows students to benefit from more student representation within their departments to promote inclusivity, effectiveness, and getting the most out of the education they pay for.

Archie consistently demonstrates how dedicated he is to the well-being and quality of education of the students he represents, and his success is a testament to his diligence as our Students Union president. He has worked tirelessly to provide and has achieved so much in his term as president. His efforts are clearly reflected in the

progress of our Students' Union and Archie's exemplary work should be used as an example for our future executive team.

This year's officers have exceeded expectations to provide for the students they represent, and I hope their work continues to inspire and motivate the people around them as they have this year. All of the Executive Officers have contributed largely to the advancement of our Students' Union: their incredibly hard work must not go unnoticed. Each officer has individually created an environment where students can flourish and receive the help they need from our SU within the university. If you have any questions about this report, please contact yb154@student.le.ac.uk