



Manifesto of James Zhang
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Hello everyone, my name is James, I am a 3rd year medicine student doing Management Studies Tripos for my intercalation year. I am running for undergraduate representative for the Council of School of Technology.

I understand that this Council of Technology is a very diverse group, having students from Engineering, Computer Science, Chemical engineering and the Judge Business School. I believe my experiences of gathering and coordinating my peers' views across all the biological sciences modules has given me insight into this process.

In my first 2 years, through my roles as both undergrad rep of medicine and also biological sciences, I appreciate the importance of well-established channels of communication between students and the faculty, and the impact we can have on our own course for years to come. I have plenty of experience collating feedback, relaying the facts of important upcoming decisions, and pushing for change in the teaching committee meetings.

If you place your trust in me, I will systematically get to know every module, in each year, of each course. I plan to set up direct feedback channels and online forums so you can express your views and upvote ones you feel passionate about. I will also publish reports each term to summarise all the meetings' points and response to our feedback.

Some specific issues I hope to further clarify and begin to address:

For Engineers, to make the labs more relevant and interesting, and to coordinate their timings better with the corresponding lectures. Also, to address the reports, to make the feedback clearer and more suited to aid learning. Furthermore, I wish to tackle the supervisions by the department to ensure they are of consistent high quality across the year. For both Computer science and Engineering, I hope to begin discussions with the course organisers for greater module choice for students earlier on in our course, so that our individual tastes can be accommodated further. For CompSci, I hope to begin having discussions to implement lecture recording trials to aid student learning. I am the Management Studies representative this year, and earlier in the term I have facilitated lecture recordings for many of our modules.

I appreciate the possible opposition to any type of change, however I do believe that the journey to summit Everest begins with a single step, and our combined efforts will not be in vain, we will hopefully achieve changes both within the year, as well as pave the way for students years from now to benefit from our work.

Overall, I appreciate the diversity of courses this role represents, and the work required to facilitate real change, however I do believe my experiences in similar roles, combined with my passion for working with my peers to convey our thoughts to course organisers, mean that if given the chance, I will work tirelessly with you guys to ensure we all have the best experience of our course we can.

University can be a stressful time, knowing that we are in control of our destiny is an empowering and comforting feeling.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Yours Sincerely,

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