Hi there! I’m **Fleur** and I want to be **your** new **VP Welfare and Community.**

As your **Equality and Diversity Officer for 18/19**, I’ve experienced working with both VP Welfare and VP Student Communities, and within multiple student zones. This is why I believe I would make your ***ideal*** **VP Welfare and Community.**

*I will endeavour to:*

**MENTAL HEALTH**

* Create a leaflet for students about the mental health resources available in Southampton, **how to access these**, and information about waiting times
* Clearer information about how to utilise enabling services, apply for special considerations, etc
* Establish a mental health support system specifically for postgraduates by creating a working group with the postgraduate committee and University
* Pair “You Are More Than” events with SUSU initiatives to help students throughout the *entire* academic year- not just exam periods (including more support to students on placement)
* Improving resources for sexual assault survivors on campus

I was diagnosed with Bipolar-II in my first year, with no idea what support was available to me. This shouldn’t be the norm- students should be provided with information on how to get help before things get bad, not forced to search for it once they’ve hit rock bottom.

**EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY**

* Ensure all social media content provided by SUSU affiliated societies are accessible for people with disabilities
* Ensure sustainable initiatives are not introduced at the cost of disabled students
* Improve visibility of commemoration periods, such as Trans Awareness Week and Black History Month
* Training sessions for society committees about the importance of inclusive language
* All toilets on all campuses to provide sanitary bins regardless of gender
* Push the University to provide more gender-neutral toilets

**COMMUNITY**

* More support for student parents, regardless of age, e.g. making SUSU events more child friendly
* Work with VP-Activities and International Officer to improve engagement for international students in clubs and societies
* More SUSU events to be available for **all** students (medics, nurses, etc)
* Fight for longer opening hours in SUSU spaces during “vacation period” (which **it isn’t** for postgraduates, students on placement, etc)
* Work on different sites (WSA, SGH) every week, ensuring I am approachable to **all** students- not just those on Highfield

I don’t agree with the term ‘hard-to-reach-students’- The Union just needs to improve at being more inclusive to all student groups.

**HOUSING & SAFETY**

* Introduce “How Do I Get Home?” pack - a resource for students providing walking and public transportation routes around Southampton and Winchester
* Increase support for housing, particularly for international students, students returning from year abroads or year in placements
* Introduce safeguarding system for students on nights’ out

**SUSTAINABILITY**

* Pressure the University to make sustainable changes (turn the lights off at night!?!)
* Create partnerships with eco-friendly, sustainable, local businesses
* Introduce an initiative encouraging students to donate unwanted household appliances (toasters, kettles, microwaves, etc)

**Let’s make a change we can be proud of.**

**Keep up with my campaign at** [fb.me/Fleur4WelfareCommunity](https://fb.me/Fleur4WelfareCommunity)

Any questions?

Ask me on Twitter @infleurtile and remember to

**Vote Fleur #1 for VP Welfare and Community! #IPreferFleur**