

Dear student body of the University of Plymouth

I am honoured to have been Union Council Chair for two years, and have witnessed the proceedings of two very different Councils; while last year's was very much policy driven, this year has been driving initiatives and events, and very effectively.

I am very proud of the Union Council and their work this year. They have embraced a new model of council operation and have flourished in their various duties. The various challenges of this year have been faced with a quiet but fierce desire to serve the students. While no policies have yet been brought forward, the initiatives remain strong, and council is harmonious in its working.

A model of new sub committees was instantiated this year, and I would like to welcome all students to attend these should they be interested:

- Academic
- Environment and Sustainability
- Wellbeing and Student Experience
- Inclusion and Diversity

Notable initiatives are the Welfare Wednesdays, which a fair few council members took part in, and I know was a great help to many students. A Diversity Festival has also been planned to showcase the immense range of culture within the student body, courtesy of Fawzy. Among others, psych walks (organised by the School of Psychology), accessibility to lectures and the procedures concerning drink spiking have been championed.

I look forward to the rest of the year, and I am sad I shall not be able to have another year as Union Council Chair, as it has been the highlight of my university life. I will end this report with a welcome to all students to attend council as observers, to view proceedings and see what the Council does first hand.

Your obedient servant,

Union Council Chair, Robert Nutkins