

# **Meet the Candidates**

## **By-Election 2025**

**Voting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**  
**09:00 – 17:00**

**Voting available at [www.uswsu.com](http://www.uswsu.com)**



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# Leadership Race 2025 Results

**1600**

**Total Voters**

**9153**

**Total Votes Cast**

## Full Time Officers

Irfan Rahman  
Rhodri Morris-Stiff  
Rahat Mubassir  
Imam Hossain

## Student Council

Aaron Ali  
Khadijatul Kaba  
Nafees Haque  
Jessica Jones  
Debbie Alcock  
Freyja Raske  
Julian Syiemlieh  
Sadie Epty

## Part Time Officers

Will Butland  
Meraz Mahfuj  
Sanjib Sakib  
Shayla Virgo  
Raisa Rayhan  
Razifa Zoya  
Helen Norman  
Abi



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Welcome to the By Election – Meet The Candidates Booklet! This booklet has been designed so that it is easier for you to see what candidates main priorities are if you decide to elect them.

All of the candidates appear in alphabetical order. RON has a default profile on the next page but will be a candidate in all positions in the election.

So, who is RON?

RON is a candidate in all positions and can be voted to be elected if you feel none of the candidates are suitable for the role they are seeking to be. If RON is elected, the election process shall start again for that position.

Not all candidates have submitted a profile for us to promote so only their name shall appear on the candidate page per role.

If you have any questions please get in touch with us at **SUStudentVoice@southwales.ac.uk**

To Note: Some candidate responses may have been generated by AI



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# Re-Open Nominations (RON)

Candidate for all positions

*If you think they aren't suitable for the role,  
vote for me!*



**RON**

RON is a candidate in all positions of this election and can be voted to be elected if you feel none of the candidates are suitable for the role they are seeking to be.

If RON has the most votes and is elected, the election process shall start again for that position. Candidates who have previously stood for this role will not be eligible to stand again in the following election.



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# LGBTQ+ Trans Officer Candidates



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# Edison Hipkin

## LGBTQ+ Trans Officer Candidate



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

Having served in this role during the 2024/25 academic year I feel confident in continuing to fulfil the roles and responsibilities expected of it.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**



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# Student Voice Representative Candidates

Faculty of Business and Creative  
Industries (FBCI)



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# Pratishma Kandel

## Student Voice

## Representative (FBCI)

## Candidate



*Not just a voice – your advocate*

### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

Throughout my time at university, I've gained valuable experience supporting and assisting students through my roles as a Student Ambassador and Student Navigator. These roles, along with my personal journey, have deepened my understanding of the challenges students face and highlighted the importance of clear, open communication. Recognising the influential role of a Student Voice Representative (SVR), I am standing for election to effectively represent student needs. I believe being a student representative means more than voicing concerns, it's about turning those concerns into tangible actions that lead to meaningful change.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected as Student Voice Representative for the FBCI faculty, I aim to actively represent student's voices at the faculty level and work collaboratively with university staff to improve the overall student experience. I want to ensure every student feels heard and supported, especially in academic matters. I will also promote the role of the Students' Union and raise awareness of how it can support students. Additionally, I hope to contribute to and lead campaigns that address key academic concerns, creating a more inclusive, transparent, and empowering environment for all FBCI students.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is resilience. Throughout my life, I have faced numerous challenges but have always managed to bounce back from setbacks. I have learnt to adapt to change and maintain my well-being during difficult times. This quality has been key to my personal and professional growth, allowing me to thrive.

My biggest weakness is not always saying yes to opportunities. I sometimes hesitate when presented with new opportunities, often out of fear of failing. However, I am actively working on overcoming this fear and embracing opportunities with more confidence, knowing they can lead to growth and new experiences.



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# Raj Ray

## Student Voice Representative (FBCI) Candidate



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I'm running for FBCI SVR because I'm passionate about making sure every student in our faculty feels heard and supported. I want to be a voice for those who may not always speak up, and ensure their concerns are taken seriously. Our university experience should be shaped by us, and I'm here to help make that happen.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I'll focus on improving communication between students and staff, raising awareness of student support services, and creating more feedback opportunities. I'll work to make your concerns count and ensure positive changes are made based on what you share with me.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is being approachable—I genuinely enjoy listening and helping others. My biggest weakness is that I can be overly self-critical, but I use it to push myself to improve and do better for those I represent.



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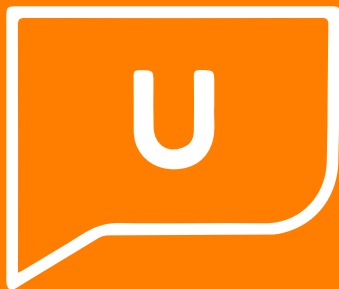
# Black Students' Officer Candidates



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