

**Laura Round for Secretary
UCSA Board '09-'10**

Dear UCSA Members,

My name is Laura Round and I would hereby like to announce my candidacy for the position of Secretary in the next UCSA Board. For a long time already I have known that I want to run for this position, which is why I would like to take this opportunity to elaborate on my candidacy.



I am a big fan of campus life and all the activities that are organised. In my opinion, they are of vital importance for all UC students and the positive atmosphere on campus. One of the main reasons why I would like to be in the board is that it would give me the opportunity to play an important role in organising campus life and to make it even more enjoyable and active. As secretary, I believe that I could make the most valuable contribution. Not only do I enjoy administrative work, I also believe that my character is suitable for the task. I view myself as a social, loyal, outgoing and goofy person, yet at the same time responsible, open-minded and committed. I feel that I will be able to continue the good work that the current board has already set forward. The task of the secretary is to take care of all the Boards' non-financial administration, it is therefore important that the secretary possesses organising and communication skills. Moreover, it is important for the secretary to be able to work well in a team, to be flexible and to be involved. As you can see, I possess the above mentioned skills and characteristics. Furthermore, I strongly feel that I am also very approachable and therefore representative for campus. This contributes to my goal of being a good connection between the board and the students. Most importantly, I am confident that I will do well and that I would be an asset for the UCSA team.

Two other important tasks for the secretary are to maintain relations with College Hall and to uphold external relations. As a sociable person I like interacting and meeting new people a lot. Therefore I am sure that I will very much enjoy maintaining and strengthening external relations and that I will do well. A big advantage for me concerning the College Hall affairs, is that I have quite some previous experience in this area. At High school I was chair of the Student Union and in that position I was in contact on regular basis with all levels of staff members and I learned how to get things done. Thanks to this position I have experienced a good track record in negotiating, which I hope to integrate into my role as secretary.

As mentioned before, I love campus life, even though this might sound a bit cheesy. Especially the bar is one of my favourite places, and as a Chief in BarCo I spend quite some time there. Having to give up my position as Chief is regrettable, but replacing it by being a member of the Board would definitely be worth it. Besides being member of several committees I am also in the Beach Party Team. Being involved in the organisation of events is something I very much enjoy.

Regarding the general tasks of the secretary I am confident that I will perform well. More importantly however, I feel that I can be of significant importance for the team by bringing valuable input and extra spirit. Besides the general tasks I would like to be extra involved with committees, just like our current secretary. Organising the graduation team, which has been the task of the secretary for the last two years,

also appeals to me. This years Board has done a great job, yet there a couple of issues that could be improved. The General Assembly is designed to be the platform for students. However, I feel that these GA's do not provide enough room for discussions. I would like to see these GA's more structured, efficient and fruitful. A suggestion would be to extend the deadline for students to send in agenda points. Another problem that lives on campus is that committees and events are facing issues with attracting active students. These are challenges which I would like to discuss within the board, hopefully with input from other students, so that we can come up with a proper solution for these problems. This year, due to the Lustrum many attention was paid to external relations. These relations must be maintained and strengthened next year. I would also like to upgrade the number of visits with College Hall, to ensure that both sides stay fully updated.

I hope that I have shown you that I am very motivated, social, responsible, approachable, organized, hardworking and dedicated to do my tasks well. I certainly feel up for the task. I am confident that I am the one for the job! I hope you are too!

Hope to see you on the 2nd of April!

Laura Round
(Always a' Round for you!)