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WHAT HAVE I ACHIEVED THIS YEAR?

This year, I've taken part in many events and worked on both faculty-level and university-wide campaigns. I've always been available to support students and help with their concerns.

One of my main areas of focus has been fixing issues with timetables. I worked closely with course reps and staff to solve many of the problems—though some still remain, and I'm continuing to push for improvements. I also led the **Fees Fairness Campaign** to change the way international students pay their tuition—from the current 60-40 payment split to a more flexible 60-20-20 model. I ran a petition and got over 700 student signatures. The university didn't accept the change yet, but I'll keep working on it with student support. I helped increase student participation in SU events and was part of the team that organised the **October Rep Elections**, which saw more students get involved. I also encouraged university staff to support the elections and student reps.

At the national level, I worked with the **NUS (National Union of Students)** and took part in meetings and a visit to our local MPs. As part of the **No Guarantors Campaign**, two important changes (amendments) were successfully passed.

WHAT WILL I ACHIEVE IN TRI3?

In Trimester 3, I plan to:

- Continue pushing the **Fees Fairness Campaign** and try to get university approval for the new 60-20-20 model.

- Keep working with reps and staff to fix any remaining timetable issues.
- Lead a sub-campaign under **One Voice**, focused on improving how quickly the university replies to student emails. I've asked all faculties to respond faster, and some are already working on it.
- Support the SU's work on strategy and branding.

COMPLETED CAMPAIGNS

Helped increase industrial visits based on student needs.

Supported the **October Rep Elections**, leading to more student involvement.

Worked on the **No Guarantors Campaign** with NUS, which led to two successful changes in policy.

ONGOING CAMPAIGNS

- **Fees Fairness Campaign** – working to change the international student fee payment plan.
- **One Voice Campaign** – leading the part focused on faster communication from the university.
- Still helping to improve timetables by collecting feedback and working with reps.

OTHER RELEVANT WORK

- Actively involved in shaping the SU's strategy, branding, and new democracy model.
- Helped launch the new democracy structure.
- Worked closely with students and university teams to improve communication and student support.
- Took part in planning and delivering many successful SU events.
- Helped increase student engagement through events like **Global Week** and **ARU's Got Talent**, which celebrated student diversity and creativity.
- Organised the **Student Breakfast Club** for the Faculty of Science and Engineering—a relaxed event where students could chat with tutors and SU members over breakfast. It created a friendly space for open conversation and received great feedback from students.