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The reason I think I would be a good Sabbatical Officer and why students should consider voting for me is because I am very much a people person with great organizational skills. I work very well with people and get along with most. For many years I worked as an outsider artist before coming to study at the Cass. I have owned and operated many small businesses specializing in retail, manufacturing and production so I am very aware of the highs and lows of business. Even though I knew a lot about art before starting this course, I have learned much more at the Cass and have developed a strong desire to give back. I have been a Star and a Mentor, which was very rewarding and I have enjoyed both roles immensely. Working alongside other students and sharing ideas had not only helped them conceptualized their ideas, but mine too. I enjoy staging and organizing events like exhibitions, group outings, retail popups, mini stalls. These are some of the ideas I would like to develop and I think, it would be beneficial to the students to test and give them an idea of the market that they are entering into. I currently volunteer at my local community center working with women helping out with social networking and creating links to common interests.

I am very passionate about the arts and believe it is extremely important, not only for individual development as a learning tool in making, but for social interaction, diversity and cultural exchange. I am also politically aware of the ongoing threats by the government to make cuts and remove the arts from various institutions even though an independent economic analysis found that the sector currently makes up 0.4 per cent of GDP. I do not think enough people appreciate how much art can contribute to a positive change. However, personally, I believe that at least part of artistic practice has a social responsibility towards its audience and, in that sense; yes art has a great platform, relatable to numerous social issues and can contribute to a positive change in society.

I believe with my experience and knowledge, I can bring something new and rewarding to the post as Sabbatical Officer. I believe that interaction is important therefore, students will always be assured of my presence. I think this is vital to be there for students at every level, so we can understand the issues we are facing on a daily basis and create solutions. I will also coordinate group chats to listen and support their views. I will encourage attendance by coordinating creative and fun crits amongst the students. I will make sure that all students are able to be a part of life drawing because it was always very popular, but not very well organized. I stand strong in my conviction and if I am voted Sabbatical officer for the Cass, I will be their voice, their ears and promise to be the bridge of communication.