

Nominee

| Name | Job Title | Department/Section |
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| Christopher Spice | Technical Services Manager | Office of the Faculty of Science and Health |

Nominee Personal Statement

I am standing for election to Council as a Professional Services member because I want to contribute to the long-term sustainability of the University and help ensure it continues to provide an outstanding place to study and work for the future.

In my role as Technical Services Manager (Technician Commitment), seconded from Technical Manager in the School of Sport, Rehabilitation and Exercise Sciences, I work at the intersection of students, academics, technical and professional services. This gives me a practical understanding of how strategic decisions translate into day-to-day delivery, and particularly of the importance of providing students with meaningful, hands-on experiences that develop the skills they need for the workplace. I believe this distinctive, practice-based experience should remain central to our offer.

Over the past six years since joining the University, I have contributed to strategic planning around infrastructure investment, delivering complex estates and equipment projects to enhance research, teaching, and the student experience. More recently, I have led work on the Technician Commitment, identifying and progressing institution-level changes to strengthen technical career pathways and better utilise the breadth of skills across our workforce.

I bring a balanced, evidence-informed approach to decision-making. While I value data and financial discipline, I also believe decisions must consider wider impact and long-term value, including what makes the University distinctive beyond short-term metrics.

If elected, I would focus on enhancing the student experience, ensuring we maintain a sustainable and well-balanced workforce, and supporting innovative approaches to change that reflect the University's "Essex Spirit" of curiosity and boldness.

Universities have been incredibly important in my own life, and I want to help ensure that opportunity continues for others.