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Office Bearer Positions

MIA CAMPBELL [President]



FIRE UP

I'm Mia, a third-year Law and Science student at UTS, and I'm running for President with FIRE UP! for the 2024 UTS Students Association!

As the Welfare Officer for the UTSSA this year and as a General Councillor in 2022, I've already been witness to the extraordinary feats and achievements of the Student's Association. I understand how the UTSSA works and am ready to hit the ground running if elected. As President, I will

[ELECTED]

ADAM LEVETT [General Secretary]



FIRE UP

Hi, my name is Adam (He/Him), and next year I will be in my third year at UTS studying strategic communications, social political sciences; and creative intelligence and innovation. During my time here, I've grown an unwavering fondness for life at UTS, often spending way too much of my day on or around campus (or in the loft). Throughout the past couple of years I've also had the privilege of travelling across Australia, representing UTS as a member of the National Union of

[ELECTED]

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BRIDIE O KELLY [Assistant General Secretary]



FIRE UP

[ELECTED]

JERMAINE PETTERSON HEARD

[Indigenous Officer] FIRE UP



Hi all, I'm Jermaine Petterson-Heard and I'm running as your 2024 Indigenous Student Officer. I'm a proud Wardaman aboriginal leader with family connections to the Wagadagam people of the Mabuigai Island in the Torres Strait. I study a Bachelor of Construction Project Management and I am currently in my second year of study. This study has granted me the opportunity to work with Indigenous

[ELECTED]

MARIAM YASSINE [Womens' Officer]



FIRE UP

Hey, I'm Mariam, a second-year student at UTS and I am running for Women's Officer with FIRE UP! for the UTS Students Association (UTSSA). As a Councillor of UTSSA, I have seen the remarkable accomplishments of the FIRE UP! team this year, driving me to use my voice and determination to instigate positive change and enhance the services provided by the UTS Women's Collective. As a dedicated and passionate student, my goal is to create a safer and

[ELECTED]

ARADHYA SHREE [Welfare Officer] #2 on ballot [Postgraduate Officer] #2 on ballot [Education Officer] #3 on ballot



My name is Shree and I'm honoured to be running as a candidate. I am a MPhil (in Medical Biotechnology) student who is committed to improving the academic experience for all students. I'm a very energetic and driven person with interests like cooking, gardening and hiking. I also work as a flow cytometrist so I understand the

importance of responsibility and have had first-hand experience within the scientific field. I've had a lot of ups and downs in my academic journey so I am familiar with what support looks like and think I can consistently help demonstrate that point of view within this leadership role. Through my commitment to student empowerment, active engagement, diversity and equity, I aim to contribute to our university's mission of empowerment and innovation from a student's perspective. I have a strong work ethic and want to use it to serve as a catalyst for positive change within our university community. Thank you for considering me

AYLIN CIHAN [Welfare Officer] #1 on ballot



FIRE UP

Hi UTS, my name is Aylin Cihan, and I am running for the 2024 Welfare Officer Position with the FIRE UP! ticket for the UTS Students Association (UTSSA). As a passionate and determined student, I am motivated to create a positive change and build on the services that the UTS welfare collective has to offer. It is my goal to not only strengthen the collective but also facilitate an energising and educational environment for all students on campus.

As the previous Welfare Collective's convenor at UTS throughout all of 2022, I have the relevant experience to ensure that student's needs are heard and supported. Whether it be financial, economic or mental health related, under my leadership I will deliver services that the student-body can trust and rely on. As the current Women's Officer for 2023 at UTS I have dealt with the needs of students and introduced policies that improve student life at UTS. This includes organising and facilitating a women in media panel to connect young women with women at the top their industry to build connections opportunities. I've also been at the forefront of introducing free pads and tampons across UTS bathrooms to address period poverty and ensure the well-being of women on campus.

While these policies include the few changes I've made at UTS so far I am confident that as the next Welfare Officer for 2024 I will be able to create further opportunities for all students on campus. I will be unwavering in my pursuit to increase the awareness and accessibility of the services, initiatives and facilities that are available to students as those who need help most have difficulty in requesting. Overall, through my efforts I will actively develop initiatives that make students feel heard and create an environment where they feel comfortable in reaching out for help.

I hope to build a resilient and unified Welfare Collective that enacts positive change for students. UTS should be a place where individuals from all walks of life can collectively enjoy the benefits of University while knowing their needs – whether financial, academic, legal or otherwise – are supported and looked after by people who are willing to do everything they can to provide them with the best possible resources.

VOTE [1] AYLIN CIHAN for WELFARE OFFICER

VOTE [1] FIRE UP for SRC!

VOTE [1] FIRE UP for NUS!

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ALISA HAMILTON [Education Officer] #1 on ballot

FIRE UP



My name is Alisa Hamilton, and I am running to be your next Education Officer. I'm at the end of my first year studying Bachelor of Law/Bachelor of International Studies. I am passionate about ensuring everyone receives a high-quality university education as well as a flexible academic environment for students is unmatched. From the time I enrolled, I was campaigning and protesting against the 7.1% indexation on HECS debt, because education should not push anybody into lifetime debt. I deeply value the hardworking tutors and other academics currently on unfair casual contracts that make their pay inconsistent at various universities. Supporting

academics is one of the best ways to give students the education they deserve. Through solidarity with staff, such as the support of the NTEU strikes, we can ensure better conditions for both academics and students alike.

But it doesn't end there. I want to help make education more flexible for students. By listening to students, you get better results. I'd like to see students always having the choice between online and in-person classes, not just as a transition from lockdown. Students also should not be locked into one or the other because there is no choice. I also support the implementation of a universal 7-day simple extension, to allow students of all faculties a chance to extend a deadline in the case that they are unable to complete an assignment on time due to unfortunate circumstances.

It is also important to continue the presence of campaigns on campus such as #RacismNotWelcome and others. Our university environment should be a safe and welcoming space for any student, regardless of gender, race, identity or religion.

As I touched on earlier, I have a background in campaign management. For instance, I am currently working on the 'Yes to a Voice to Parliament' campaign. With experience in both administration and campaigning, as your Education Officer, I will do my best to both liaise with internal structures and campaign externally to ensure quality education at UTS is being fought for and improved as effectively as possible. I know how to fight for a cause, and your education is as great a cause as any to stand up for.

VOTE [1] ALISA HAMILTON for EDUCATION OFFICER

VOTE [1] FIRE UP for SRC!

VOTE [1] FIRE UP for NUS!

PAMELA CHUKWUEMEKA [Education Officer]

#2 on ballot [International Students Officer] #1 on ballot



I am excited to stand as a candidate for the position of International Student Officer at UTS. I am dedicated to enhancing and enriching your academic and cultural journey throughout your time at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). My mission is centered around ensuring that every student's voice is not just heard, but fully represented in the corridors of influence. Your needs, aspirations, and concerns are my topmost priority, and I am committed to advocating relentlessly on your behalf. To that end, my motivation to serve in this position is driven by these three key agenda -

1. Empowering your influence as an International Student - My unwavering dedication lies in placing your diverse perspectives and individual needs at the very forefront of pivotal university decisions. Your experiences are not just valuable but pivotal in shaping the trajectory of our academic community. It is my steadfast commitment to relentlessly advocate for a student-centric approach, ensuring that every decision made is in line with your best interests and resonates with your collective voice. In this role, I pledge to be a strong and tireless advocate for each international student, amplifying your unique voice to resonate across the academic corridors. Your voice is the echo of our collective aspirations, and it deserves to be reverberated through every academic endeavor, policy, and initiative.

2. Secure Affordable Education: Ensuring that education is both secure and affordable is a fundamental commitment that I hold dear especially as an international student. I firmly believe that education should never be a source of financial strain, but rather a gateway to personal growth and societal progress. To realize this vision, I will passionately advocate for comprehensive financial assistance and robust scholarship programs for international students. These initiatives are not mere perks but essential tools to alleviate the financial burdens that often accompany quality education for international students at UTS. My mission is to create a pathway where financial constraints do not stand in the way of academic pursuits.

a. Comprehensive Financial Assistance: I will work diligently to expand the availability and accessibility of financial aid options. This includes exploring opportunities for grants, low-interest loans, and other financial support mechanisms tailored to international students' needs.

b. Scholarship Opportunities: Scholarships are not just accolades; they are life-changing opportunities. I am committed to championing more scholarship programs that recognize merit, diversity, and need-based criteria. These programs will open doors for international students to access education without the burden of overwhelming debt.

c. Advocacy for Reduced Tuition: I will actively engage with the university administration and relevant stakeholders to advocate for reasonable and fair tuition fees. Education should be an investment in one's future, not a financial burden that stifles aspirations.

3. Facilitate Transparent Communication - Transparent communication is the cornerstone of a thriving academic community. It's not simply about the exchange of information; it's about fostering an environment where every student feels informed, involved, and valued. My commitment is to build bridges of open and honest communication that stand on a foundation of trust and inclusivity.

a. Accessible Platforms for Dialogue: I will champion the creation of accessible platforms where your voices can be heard. These platforms will not only disseminate information but also invite your thoughts, concerns, and feedback. Whether it's regular town halls, online forums, or

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suggestion boxes, your input will be actively sought and welcomed.

b. Regular Updates and Announcements: Keeping you informed about pertinent matters, updates, and decisions is vital. I will work to ensure that you receive timely and relevant information through various channels – be it emails, newsletters, or official bulletins. Transparency in information sharing will be a priority.

c. Responsive and Approachable Representation: As your representative, my door will always be open. I am here to listen, understand, and act on your concerns. Your feedback will guide my actions, and together we will find solutions to challenges that you may face during your academic journey.

My candidacy for the role of International Student Officer is rooted in a deep-seated commitment to fostering a united and empowered student community. I firmly believe that our diversity is our strength, and our shared journey at UTS is an opportunity to create a legacy of inclusivity, understanding, and collective growth. I am excited to be your advocate, your ally, and your voice in this transformative journey. With your support, we can embrace our differences, celebrate our shared experiences, and forge an academic community that stands as a testament to the incredible potential of unity. Together, let us make every voice heard, every concern addressed, and every dream achievable. Your vote is not just a choice; it's a declaration that we are in this together, committed to making UTS an outstanding home for each and every international student.

RAGHAV MOTANI [International Students Officer]



#2 on ballot | FIRE UP

I am Raghav Motani, and I am running for the position of International Collective Officer. I am currently studying a Master of Marketing, and have previously served as the International Collective Convener. I had the privilege of connecting with international students, listening to their concerns, and understanding the challenges they face while

studying at UTS and living in Australia.

Throughout my tenure as the International Collective Convener, I have witnessed our international student community's difficulties. These challenges comprise a wide range of issues, including securing internships, navigating through the changing visa requirements, ensuring a smooth enrolment process, and finding a sense of belonging by meeting new students around campus.

I believe it's crucial for the International Collective Officer to not only advocate for change on paper and be actively involved in implementing these changes in person. As someone deeply involved in the international student community, I am committed to bringing the communication gap between international students and the administration closer, where the issues can be addressed through a one-to-one session or events. I will also support a campaign for concession cards for international students.

My vision for the role of International Collective Officer is to create a supportive and inclusive environment for international students. I aim to collaborate with different departments to have internship opportunities and provide more comprehensive support in securing these invaluable opportunities and learnings.

Furthermore, I will work towards improving the overall international student experience by organising more events and activities that facilitate interactions among students from diverse backgrounds. Building a sense of community is vital to making UTS feel like home for all international students.

I humbly ask for your support and vote to stand with our voice. Together, we can bring improvements that will benefit every international student at UTS. Let's not just talk about change; let's make it happen, one step at a time.

VOTE [1] RAGHAV MOTANI for INTERNATIONAL STUDENT'S OFFICER

VOTE [1] FIRE UP for SRC!

VOTE [1] FIRE UP for NUS!

MARIA CHAUDHRY [Postgraduate Officer]

#1 on ballot

I am a PhD scholar at School of Computer Science – (Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology) UTS, Australia. I am currently pursuing my research in “Providing Sustainable Solutions for Fresh-Produce Logistics”. I hold both BS and MS degrees in Computer Engineering Discipline. I have around 10 years of experience in Academia & Research and 3 years of experience in Research & Development (R&D). I have supervised and managed certain global research community chapters, teams, and groups of students (ACM, IEEE) as Faculty Sponsor / Lead Mentor, in a couple of the top-notch universities of ASIA and GULF. My administrative and teaching experience is comprised of the educational institutes which are a hub to multi-cultural and linguistically diverse students, including various degree programs. I also uphold managerial and organizational experience in several academic administration related activities, including but not limited to: managing student committees and activities under ACM Student Chapters, leading organizing and delivering workshops / Industry talks in certain conferences / seminars, lead management for certain in-house automation support committees and undergraduate project office, lecturing and mentoring as visiting faculty, building alumni and industry relationships under concerned offices. I therefore consider myself as a suitable candidate to understand student problems and perspectives at postgraduate level. I firmly believe that if I would be given a chance, I can further bring out the best for myself and my fellow students, advocating their voice at all the appropriate forums under the umbrella of UTS, above and beyond.

LAURA CURRIE [Postgraduate Officer]

#3 on ballot | FIRE UP



My name is Laura Currie, I am approaching my second year of PhD in Biomedical Science here at UTS, having done all my studies since 2017 at this university. I was elected as Postgraduate Officer of UTS Student Association in 2022 and this year has been challenging with establishing the presence of our collective, alongside planning for future endeavours for postgraduate students.

I have been liaising with postgraduate students, collaborating with HDR Committee, and HDR Students Board about what we could do more for the postgraduate community. I would love to extend my position as I do have long-term plans that cannot be completed this

year, but I aim to put into action in 2024.

I am motivated to dig deeper into the struggles and concerns of postgraduate students and support them in anyway I know best, and to ensure students have as best of a university experience as possible. I will look into stipend extensions, more scholarship opportunities for domestic and international students, as well as showcasing talents of our research students in a newsletter I am planning on establishing in early 2024.

I would also love to see and encourage more involvement of postgraduates in the collective, and build a community and safe environment for students to discuss their concerns. I believe in 2024 I am able to meet more of my goals as this year involved of mostly networking with collectives and postgraduate students, other committees and the Association.

VOTE [1] LAURA CURRIE for POSTGRADUATE STUDENT'S OFFICER

VOTE [1] FIRE UP for SRC!

VOTE [1] FIRE UP for NUS!

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NUS Election

STUDENT FIRST #1 on ballot

ADRIAN LOZANCIC



Hey, I'm Adrian Lozancic – a third year law student and I'm running as a candidate with Students First. I'm interested in civil liberties, right to repair and the challenges that we face as technology evolves! As a first-year student, I spoke before the productivity commission in support of your right to repair your tech – and some of my recommendations made it into their final report to the federal government. Over the past two years on council I have advocated for reforms to our student council, and transparency on campus as a student councillor. But there's so much to be done, and we need to do it together! Alongside Ali and the students first team, I am extremely hopeful that we will bring a bunch of new ideas to council and improve your university experience. For change and reform – vote students first!

ALI SOBH



Hi! My name is Ali, and I am a third-year law student and I am running as a candidate with Students First. I am thoroughly interested in social justice, and making a positive social impact with our community. A key example is through my role as a rugby league referee with Parramatta District Rugby League Referees Association where I regular coach and officiate games on a regular basis. I am looking forward to bringing about new ideas alongside Adrian and the Students First team, in order to improve our university experience. Vote Students First!

-- Sensible and Pragmatic || STUDENTS FIRST || New Ideas. Real Solutions--

The National Union of Students should be the body that represents the interests of Australian students and fights for change. But rabid factionalism, infighting and allegations of misconduct plague this body. Harming strong activism, halting change and stopping real action. Students First will work with students from other universities to reform our NUS - end hyper-factionalism, improve transparency and strive for real change.

Vote [1] Students First for NUS, for a strong voice for reform. Here's our policy.

--Real Change--

A. SUPPORTING OPPORTUNITY - JOBS AND GROWTH

The National Union of Students should advocate for fair and effective relationships between universities and employers. We must promote the emergence of new job opportunities, internships and scholarships to help students. The NUS must defend and protect students taking part in these programs and should advocate for reform to prevent abuse.

B. ACTION ON CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

The National Union must lobby the government for pragmatic environmental action. NUS should lobby the government for strong emissions targets - to reduce pollution and save our environment. NUS should support initiatives to reduce waste - through new recycling programs and ensuring students can repair their expensive devices through right to repair legislation, as opposed to throwing them out.

C. MAKE OUR UNIVERSITIES SAFE FOR ALL

Our National Union of Students must continue to advocate for strong reform to protect all students from assault and harassment. You deserve to be safe on campus.

D. PRAGMATIC SOLUTIONS. NOT HATE.

Federal and state politicians have attacked our education - in favour of their vested interests. However, we need to hold all parties, individuals and bodies to account - regardless of political affiliation. The National Union of Students should not be focused on outrage, hate or protesting for the sake of protesting. NUS should be focused on pragmatic solutions that deliver real results for students. We want a NUS with a vision, not just complaints.

E. FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Our vision of a reformed National Union of Students resists attempts by state and federal governments to restrict speech, silence activists and ban books or content. Leave political agendas out of campuses! NUS should respect peaceful dialogue between students, regardless of political views.

--Represent Students. Not Factions--

A. END STRONGHOLDS. REAL DEMOCRACY. NEW IDEAS.

Political entities and factions should not have total control over positions on NUS - yet do, and in some areas have for decades. If there's no competition, there's limited accountability and no push for change. Let's restore democracy on NUS with a new voice.

B. INCREASED DIVERSITY OF VOICES AND OPINIONS

Students First representatives have a diverse range of voices, opinions and views - exactly what the National Union of Students needs to advocate for students with diverse views on campus. An NUS run by members of the political party in government, might be weak in its ability to criticise that government and act in the best interests of students.

C. MAKE IT TRANSPARENT. EXPEL CROOKED STUDENT POLITICIANS!

Financial expenditure on the NUS should be disclosed publicly on a regular, monthly basis so that student politicians can be held accountable and punished during their terms - not slapped on the wrist after. If elected representatives on NUS are found to have engaged in conflict of interest, they should be expelled from the body immediately.

D. END DODGY DEALS. STOP "POWERBROKERS".

Factional powerbrokers exert too much influence on NUS, and influence the appointment of representatives to important office bearers positions. Vote Students First and test the establishment's hold in power. Let's hold them accountable.

E. HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE.

Student representatives on NUS should act with decency and integrity. Students First will hold them to account as toxicity, bullying and rorts are unacceptable.

!!!AND!!! IF THEY DON'T CHANGE. CUT TIES. SAVE UP TO \$50K.

If reforms cannot be achieved and if the National Union of Students does not see much needed reform - we will put the students of UTS first and advocate for the disaffiliation of the UTSSA and SRC from the body. In the past we have spent up to \$50,000 on affiliation fees. If the body cannot do what it's supposed to, that money can be better spent elsewhere. On services that matter to you!

--Federal Policy That We Encourage NUS To Support--

The National Union of Student is capable of influencing government policy. This is the policy we encourage NUS to support at a national level.

1. Staff to student ratios.
2. A ban of proctoring exam spyware, with alternative take home exams. Proctored exams don't work and impose unnecessary stress on students.
3. Significant investments in technology and engineering - government scholarships, improved internship and job initiatives for STEM.
4. Strong and sensible climate change reform.
5. Stronger transparency of university activities to make sure your money is going where it's supposed to!
6. Real scrutiny for campus management, to hold them accountable and force them to act in your best interests.
7. A greater say from students on who should run universities. Less partisan appointments on management, more elected representatives.
8. Protections for student unionism activism - so you can voice your concern without ramifications.
9. Protections for freedom of expression, student unionism and activism on campus.
10. Greater government subsidies to reduce the cost of accommodation and on-campus living for students.
11. Improved treatment of university staff and continual support for the NTEU's campaigns. Your staff to be treated with the dignity and respect they deserve. Happy Staff = Good Education.
12. A stronger federal integrity commission so the government spends money on initiatives that matter to you, not their donors. The existing National Anti-Corruption Commission is a paper tiger.
13. Tough punishments for university officials that are found to be corrupt.
14. Increase in funding to universities and research/development.
15. Tax reductions and increased incentives for startups by university students, to help them get started.
16. A ban on the appointment of ex-government ministers to university chancellery (chancellor, deputy chancellor, president) or executive positions for 5 years. Ensure merit-based appointments NOT friend-based appointments.

--How to Vote for Students First --

Vote [1] Students First for NUS

Vote [1] Students First for SRC

FIRE UP FOR NUS! #2 on ballot

WILL SIMMONS



BRIDIE O'KELLY



LAURA ALESSANDRA-CURRIE



DAEWAH THEIN



SABRINE YASSINE



NOAH HECTOR



MIA CAMPBELL



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Our FIRE UP FOR NUS! ticket for the 2024 UTSSA elections is comprised of experienced student advocates from different faculties, backgrounds, ethnicities and religious backgrounds!

The National Union Of Students will be utilised by the FIRE UP FOR NUS! ticket to further the campaigns that students have asked us to prioritise, as these issues directly affect students at UTS.

We will directly be advocating through the NUS to:

Introduce paid placements for university degrees;

Tackle the Cost Of Living Crisis;

- End period poverty;
- Increase the accessibility for our physical campuses and university online;
- Pressure the Albanese Labor government and the University to urgently intervene to prevent and respond to sexual assault and sexual violence on campus.
- Continue to prioritise the Change The Age campaign so that the government lowers the age of independence for Centrelink payments to 21;
- We will also call on the Federal Labor Government to Freeze Student Debt Indexation;
- Move towards a minimum of 50% SSAF for Student Organisations.

VOTE [1] MIA CAMPBELL for PRESIDENT

VOTE [1] ADAM LEVETT for GENERAL SECRETARY

VOTE [1] BRIDIE O'KELLY for ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

VOTE [1] AYLIN CIHAN for WELFARE OFFICER

VOTE [1] ALISA HAMILTON for EDUCATION OFFICER

VOTE [1] MARIAM YASSINE for WOMEN'S OFFICER

VOTE [1] LAURA ALESSANDRA CURRIE for POSTGRAD OFFICER

VOTE [1] RAGHAV MOTANI for INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICER

VOTE [1] JERMAINE PETTERSON-HEARD for INDIGENOUS OFFICER

Vote [1] FIRE UP for SRC!

Vote [1] FIRE UP for NUS!

LEFT ACTION #3 on ballot

DIRK HOARE

ALISA HAMILTON

JOSEPH NAFFAH

ADAM LEVETT

SRC Election

FIRE UP! #1 on ballot *

FIRE UP for SRC! is a diverse team of passionate students who want to make the UTS Students' Association (UTSSA) a welcoming hub for every student. We're here to support you with essential services like peer tutoring, student advocacy, and free food. Our policies are all about breaking down the hurdles that students often face in university life. Our team brings a mix of experience and fresh ideas. We've achieved some great things for UTS students, including:

- Successfully lobbying UTS to divest from fossil fuels!

- The successful implementation of the Student Partnership Agreement empowering student contributions to reach the highest level of university decision making.

- Advocating (and achieving!) free sanitary products in bathrooms across campus

- Helping to shape new policies for SA/SH prevention and response

- Fighting for lesser wait times for e-requests and increased admin staff.

- Advocating for more financial grants available to international students.

- Changing student misconduct procedures to reduce unfair wait times.

- Facilitating the creation of the Bluebird Food Pantry to provide free goods to students. And much more!

Your EDUCATION

Fire Up! Is dedicated to fighting for the improvement of your education. Our team knows that university education should be accessible to students, no matter their background or circumstances. Our main goal this term will be to establish a 7-day simple extension system at UTS because sometimes things just happen. A simple extension can save a students' grade, and maybe even a couple thousand dollars. This will also be in conjunction with our fight for a universal attendance and extension policy across all faculties. The terms for extensions can either be extremely strict, completely unregulated or somewhere in between. Fire Up! also knows that online classes have become a great benefit to students, especially those who are working long hours. Students should have the choice to do their classes in person or online, not be forced into one or the other. Fire Up! will push for greater choices both in format and class times for students. Through our efforts, we want to continue to make sure that education at UTS becomes more accessible, flexible and beneficial to students.

Your Night Owl Noodles, Bluebird Brekkie and Pantry

We are dedicated to bolstering our free food services, recognizing their pivotal role in alleviating financial strain on students and reducing the cost of living pressures associated

with university life. These services, including Night Owl Noodles and the Bluebird Pantry are instrumental in addressing student poverty. By offering essential food provisions at no cost, we aim to ensure that all students, regardless of their financial circumstances, can access nutritious meals. We aim to expand these services by reviving Bluebird Brekkie, our free breakfast service, in order to create a more inclusive and supportive campus environment where students can focus on their education without the burden of hunger or financial stress.

Your Welfare!

Only Fire Up! has the relevant and necessary experience to ensure that students' needs are heard and supported. Whether it be financial, academic, or mental health-related, under our leadership, we will deliver services that the student-body can trust and rely on. We have been at the forefront of introducing policies that improve student life at UTS, including organizing and facilitating events like the Women in Media panel and addressing period poverty by providing free pads and tampons in UTS bathrooms. Fire Up! will be unwavering in our pursuit to increase the awareness and accessibility of the services, initiatives, and facilities available to students. Under these values, we hope to build a resilient and unified Welfare Collective that prides itself on positive change for students. UTS should be a place where individuals from all walks of life can collectively enjoy the benefits of university while knowing their needs, whether financial, academic, legal, or otherwise, are supported and looked after by people who are willing to do everything they can to provide them with the best possible resources. Overall, through our efforts, we will actively develop initiatives that make students feel heard and create an environment where they feel comfortable reaching out for help.

Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment (SA/SH) on Campus

We are dedicated to reforming UTS' SA/SH (Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment) policy and response in close collaboration with other university stakeholders such as Respect.Now.Always. and ActivateUTS. We recognize the critical importance of creating a safer campus environment for all students. Through constructive dialogue with these stakeholders, we aim to identify and implement effective measures to prevent and respond to incidents of sexual violence and harassment. Among our suggestions for policy reform are the implementation of a single point of contact for reporting, streamlining bureaucratic processes that may discourage reporting, and setting time limits for responding to reports.

Supporting international students

Fire Up! is aware of, and will fight, the difficulties faced by our international student community. These challenges comprise a wide range of issues, including securing internships, navigating through the changing visa requirements, ensuring a smooth enrollment process, and finding a sense of belonging by meeting new students around campus.

We believe it's crucial for the UTSSA to not only advocate for change on paper but also be actively involved in implementing these changes in person. We are committed to bridging the communication gap between international students and university administration and creating a supportive and inclusive environment for international students. We will also work towards improving the overall international student experience by organizing more events and activities for students from diverse backgrounds.

Your COLLECTIVES

We are dedicated to supporting and revitalizing the various collectives at UTS, recognizing the importance of their accessibility as free-to-join groups. Our Office Bearer candidates will collaborate closely with each collective to understand their unique needs and goals, thereby tailoring our support to their specific challenges and aspirations. By fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment, we aim to encourage more students to take advantage of these freely accessible collectives, creating a sense of community and belonging. Additionally, we will explore innovative ways to make collective meetings and events more accessible and appealing to a wider audience while maintaining their cost-free status. Through these efforts, we aspire to see increased attendance and active participation within each collective, ultimately strengthening the student voice and enriching the UTS campus experience.

UTSSA Internal Reform

Fire Up! is committed to implementing a multifaceted approach to bring about meaningful change for UTS students during 2024. Building on our past efforts, we will continue to prioritize productive engagement and collaboration with various UTS stakeholders to address the issues affecting our student body. We recognize the importance of negotiation, protest, and teamwork as essential tools in our arsenal to advocate for students' rights and interests effectively. By fostering stronger connections with university management while holding them accountable, we aim to ensure that student concerns are not only heard but also actively addressed. Our goal is to amplify the student voice within the decision-making processes of the university, making it a central part of any changes that affect the student body. We firmly believe that students are the bedrock of the university system and deserve to have their voices heard and respected.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, FIRE UP Your SRC! is more than just a team; we are your advocates, your allies, and your partners in shaping a better university experience at UTS. We have a proven track record of achieving tangible results, from divestment from fossil fuels to fighting for essential student services, from championing education accessibility to addressing hunger on campus. We are dedicated to ensuring that every student's voice is not only heard but actively heeded.

As we move forward, we remain committed to improving your education, expanding our free food services, enhancing your welfare, and fostering a safer and more inclusive campus. We will continue to support international students, revitalize collectives, and work tirelessly to reform UTSSA from within. Our mission is clear: to empower students and amplify their voices in every facet of university life.

Together, we can make UTS a place where all students thrive, regardless of their background or circumstances. We invite you to join us in this journey of positive change and transformation. Let's FIRE UP your SRC! and create a brighter future for every student at UTS.

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STUDENT FIRST #2 on ballot

ADRIAN LOZANCIC



Hey, I'm Adrian Lozancic – a third year law student and I'm running as a candidate with Students First. I'm interested in civil liberties, right to repair and the challenges that we face as technology evolves! As a first-year student, I spoke before the productivity commission in support of your right to repair your tech – and some of my recommendations made it into their final report to the federal government. Over the past two years on council I have advocated for reforms to our student council, and transparency on campus as a student councillor. But there's so much to be done, and we need to do it together! Alongside Ali and the students first team, I am extremely hopeful that we will bring a bunch of new ideas to council and improve your university experience. For change and reform – vote students first!

ALI SOBH



Hi! My name is Ali, and I am a third-year law student and I am running as a candidate with Students First. I am thoroughly interested in social justice, and making a positive social impact with our community. A key example is through my role as a rugby league referee with Parramatta District Rugby League Referees Association where I regular coach and officiate games on a regular basis. I am looking forward to bringing about new ideas alongside Adrian and the Students First team, in order to improve our university experience. Vote Students First!

LEFT ACTION #3 on ballot

MARIAM YASSINE

JOSEPH CHALITA

NOAH HECTOR

UTS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION



I, Dev Thukral, a first-semester undergrad and bachelor of business student, am your candidate for 'student representative councilor.' I'm gonna be straightforward: you have no reason to trust me, but there's none not to trust me either ;). I don't have much experience being elected, but I know the difference between right and wrong and how to voice and help implement your concerns.

Our university isn't just made up of libraries, buildings, online lectures, apps etc. It's made up of you, of us, the students. If you vote for me, it's not me who is elected into the student union, but it's you all. I'm a mere medium for you all.

Vertigo Election

AMBIVERT #2 on ballot

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RAPHAELLA MAE

AMANDA PATMORE

My name is Amanda and I am a second year Visual Communications student applying to be Art Director for Vertigo 2024. I have previously finished a Business Degree at UTS and after working in the field for a couple months decided it wasn't for me. I returned to uni to do Design and am so grateful I made the switch! I have a substantial amount of work experience at a Creative Marketing Agency (HLLCreative) where I assisted with entry level graphics as well as full account management. This included being completely involved in processes start to finish as well as delegating jobs to coworkers and planning creative shoots and campaigns.

I believe a role in Vertigo 2024 would allow me to expand on my current skills in a collaborative environment and most importantly create content important and inclusive of all students. During this year at uni, I have really enjoyed my experience working with Typography and Design for Magazine Publications and therefore believe joining the Vertigo 2024 Editorial Team would highly align with my interests and I would absolutely make it a big priority.

The passion, collaboration and inclusivity of the publication is something I love and think is so important for all communities. I would participate in all tasks with this at the forefront of my mind if successful.

Thank you for your consideration.

ISABEL JAMES

My name is Isabel James, I am a second year communications student at UTS and I would like to be considered as a candidate for Vertigo 2024's editorial team, more specifically as Creative Writing Editor. I am already a part of a formed ticket.

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MIA RANKIN

My name is Mia (they/she) and I'm a second year student currently studying B Comms (Journalism) and International Studies. I'm applying for Vertigo's Arts and Lifestyle Editor role because I have a passion for writing and reading pieces around arts and culture. Over the past two years I've contributed extensively to Central News both interning as a Social Media Editor and as a student journalist, mostly focusing on covering the arts and politics. In addition to having my work published in Central News, Vertigo, Litsoc's In The Margin and external publications, I have also served as a writing director for UTS Comedy Revue 2023 and will serve in the role again for Spring semester's upcoming POC revue. In short, I love writing and I have a passion for the arts, especially music and comedy. As a WOC, it fascinates me to see how race and identity impacts context and perspective when creating art, and I hope to bring this angle to the magazine if I am elected

PHOEBE QUINN

EMERSYN WOOD

MELODY KIPTOO

Hi! I'm Melody, I study Public Communications majoring in Advertising and Journalism. I am a passionate storyteller at heart. Be it through journalism, writing music and lyrics, creating my own dystopian worlds through text, brainstorming concepts for businesses or film. It doesn't matter to me, I love all of it and am learning more and more everyday about the processes endless possibilities. I would love to use my interests and skills to build on the already iconic art that is Vertigo.

VERTIE #1 on ballot

ALLY SIMPSON

ELEANOR MADDOCK

EMILIA LOUW

GRACIE PHELAN

LI LI HARASTY

LUCIA FARDELL

MARISSA WILKINSON

ZOE BUTLER