

UTS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION 2020 ELECTION GUIDE



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RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT ON THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS

Nominations closed at 2.00pm on Friday 11 September and the following Schedule details the nominations received and the current status of each nomination.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Associated with the nomination schedule is the information supplied by the candidates and their photos (where supplied)

WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATIONS

The period allowed for nominations to be withdrawn has expired.

VOTING

**VOTING WILL BE HELD FOR
THE CONTESTED POSITIONS**

**DUE TO COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS,
VOTING THIS YEAR WILL BE ON-LINE.**

All enrolled students will receive an email to their Uni email address containing a link to the Uni on-line voting system. Voters will use their Student ID and UTS password to access the voting area.

This will be sent at the opening of voting.

WHEN TO VOTE

On-Line Voting will be open at:
5.00am Tuesday 6 October
and be open until:
8.00pm Thursday 8 October

CAMPAIGNING

The authorised campaigning period will begin at 5.00pm on Sunday 20 September. No campaigning is permitted on Campus this year due to Covid19 considerations.

POSTAL VOTING

Postal Voting was not available this election.

2020 UTSSA ELECTIONS

SCHEDULE OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AS
AT THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS AT 2.00PM,
FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2020

POSITION	LIST NAME	SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	STATUS
President	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	O'Rourke	Aidan	Elected Unopposed
General Secretary	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Dalton Rasool	Erin Syed	Accepted Accepted
Assistant General Secretary	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Bhuite Smith	Tushar Camille	Accepted Accepted
Education Officer	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Woodward	Ellie	Elected Unopposed
Welfare Officer	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Yassine	Sabrine	Elected Unopposed
Postgraduate Officer	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Crowley Mumford	Jackson Peter	Accepted Accepted
Women's Officer	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Gupta	Eshna	Elected Unopposed
International Students' Officer	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Borja Kang Khan Manandhar	Jaj Qige Adeeb Luna	Accepted Accepted Accepted Accepted
Indigenous Officer	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Cruickshank	Zebadiah	Elected Unopposed
14 Student Representative Council	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Musa	Mehmet	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	McLean	Charlie	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Grafton	Melodie	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Simmons	Will	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Mohammad	Hawa	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Min	Lina	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Allison	Nicholas	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Ow	Roweena	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Al Hammouri	Nour	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Riza	Jeylan	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Kandil	Abdul	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Aczel	Ursula	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Smith	Ruby	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Men	Remy	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Turkington	Jared	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Shukla	Saumyaa	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Smith	Camille	Accepted
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Dalton	Erin	Accepted
7 NUS	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Dalton	Erin	Elected Unopposed
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	O'Rourke	Aidan	Elected Unopposed
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Crossley	Miranda	Elected Unopposed
	<i>Student Power for SRC</i>	Simmons	Will	Elected Unopposed

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



AIDAN O'ROURKE

PRESIDENT

Hello UTS, my name is Aidan O'Rourke, and I am running for President of the UTS Students' Association. Its time for a passionate and reenergised SRC powered by students. I am immensely proud to have served as Assistant Secretary for the Association, but I am far more excited by the potential power of a resurgent Students' Association in a post-COVID world.

There are three key things which drive my passion for representing students. Firstly, being a student from outer South-West Sydney, I understand that coming into university and participating in university life can be incredibly challenging. For students like me, life can very quickly get in the way of success. Sometimes the train can run late, family life can become overwhelming or you have to work to survive. This is why I want to invest in services to lift students up when they need help or support. For example, loanable Wi-Fi dongles can provide internet when life gets in the way. Having sustainable food services like Bluebird Brekkie and Night Owl Noodles, which are accessible and reliable throughout the semester, can actively prevent student hunger. Compulsory recorded lectures could stop students being punished for being students. No one should go without because they need to work, or they are looking for a job or any of the numerous other things that can prevent students – particularly those from the outer suburbs – from coming into campus.

Secondly, I believe an effective student representative body requires effective governance. This includes having strong and well-equipped Collectives. Moving forward, the SRC should adopt clear standing orders so that SRC meetings are efficient and clear in its rules. Structures need to be established to resolve disputes and manage our finances transparently. Moreover, an effective executive requires clear role descriptions and an efficient way of communicating between themselves so that the running of the UTSSA is as efficient as possible.

Thirdly, I understand students deserve adequate representation and engagement, especially during a recession. It would be a mistake to believe the worst for students is over. Unemployment, including youth unemployment, is set to increase, and Youth Allowance will be cut again next year to levels below the poverty line. In the meantime, the UTSSA must improve its engagement with students so that it can effectively advocate on their behalf. I intend to work with staff and student representatives to create a more engaging and interactive social media platform.

I am excited by the opportunity to serve the students of UTS with pride and energy. Get out and:

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ERIN DALTON

GENERAL SECRETARY



Hi everyone, my name is Erin, and my pronouns are they and them. I am studying Computer Science, and I am the outgoing Education Vice-President of the UTS Students' Association. I am standing for the position of General Secretary for 2021 with Student Power for SRC. In my previous role, it was a great privilege to work alongside Aidan and the other members of the SRC during an entirely unprecedented year for all of us, with the COVID-19 pandemic significantly changing the nature of our studies and lives. This certainly impacted my role, as my main priority for this year in February was the introduction of lecture recordings, an issue with overwhelming student support. I'm pleased to say that lecture recordings are now universal at UTS, and I hope that they'll remain that way.

Much of my work throughout the past year has been on governance and the internal structures and running of the UTSSA. I was instrumental in writing our current by-laws and electoral regulations, and I have been adamant in trying to ensure that as an organisation we are run as effectively as possible, in order to deliver the best outcomes for students. My experience and relationships that I picked up as Vice-President will be essential for the role of General Secretary. I am qualified, organised, and passionate about the UTSSA, and I know that I can continue to support the amazing work that it does in such a key organisational role.

The UTS Students' Association is under threat. With the reduction in enrolments due to the pandemic, our budget has fallen considerably this year. It will take capable management and planning, as well as ambitious new programs and services to continue to support students through the prolonged period of disruption that is ahead. I am so proud to have been part of the Executive this year, which brought the Bluebird Breakfast Bar into a socially distanced breakfast bag program. We also expanded the support services we offer, including supplying portable Wi-Fi dongles to students who need them, advice to students around Centrelink, and so much more. Student Power for SRC plans to continue these services and more into the future, since we know first-hand from students how valuable they have been.

This year has been so tough for so many of us. It's important to stay focused on the fact that this too will pass. 2020 was a challenge, but we're almost over it now. I'm really grateful for the opportunities I've had to help students throughout this year, and I'm looking forward to being able to do so again for 2021.

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SYED RASOOL

GENERAL SECRETARY

My name is Syed Rasool and I have been a student at UTS for 4 amazing years. I understand the general secretary's position is one of responsibility and works as a bridge between the students and the council. I have friends from all ethnic backgrounds that make UTS the diverse gem that it is. I am sure that the people I will meet in the future in regards with my general secretary responsibilities (if I am elected) will also find me to be a gentleman. As a general secretary I think I will do the institution proud when representing UTS, I like to think I am well-spoken and my manners are immaculate.

I have very strong values on tolerance and the right to speaking one's mind. I believe everyone should be free to live as they wish without judgment of course my support of this idea ends when a being is harmed in consequence of the actions one decides to take. I am never biased and as general secretary I will promise to listen, respect and manage to the fullest of my abilities. I am not shy from working hard.

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TUSHAR BHUITE

ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

Hello! My name is *Tushar Bhuite*. I would appreciate having the honour representing you all as a candidate of the UTS Student Association. I believe students facilities and services should be the priority of any academic institution.

The unexpected pandemic has brought intensifying changes to the way services were delivered to students. My purpose of serving as the student voice for academic fees reduction be strengthened by your votes. Taking charge of the physical and mental health by demanding, on behalf of you all the decline in membership rates for Gym and more safely organised social gatherings for yoga facilities is an essential part of my agenda.

To help support your finances, I wish to put forward the idea of job creation at the university campus, accompanied by fair pay and fair trade. The inclusion of groceries, breakfast meal can gain more popularity and engage student participation. Subsidised food at the university food court can serve your pocket-friendly mindset.

An improvement in the parking facilities, especially for bikes(cycle) and other vehicles which are more vulnerable to theft can embed the feeling of security in us. Addition of topics to consent matter on how to start and engage conversations, and handle delicate situations on chat and video conferences, during zoom lectures, I trust will prepare all of us to build relationships online. Networking has been an issue, and with the world thinking about, clubs and societies must encourage frequent events but in small participations to abide by social distancing, which will fulfil both objectives.

Nevertheless, I want all the fond memories when *we raise; we fight, and we win* for a more inclusive university living.

A **Vote** for one is **Voice** for Many



CAMILLE SMITH

ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

My name is Camille, and I am a proud Kamilaroi woman campaigning to represent you as Assistant General Secretary on the STUDENT POWER ticket. I believe smart and fair governance is of utmost importance. I am committed to developing a comprehensive policy booklet and enhancing transparency so that the UTSSA can be accountable to the students we represent.

As a member of your student council, I will use my voice, and my vote, to celebrate, advocate for, and represent the incredible diversity of our student body at UTS. I am committed to engaging with UTS management and my peers to fight against discrimination on our campus, and to advance important social change. Empowering students of all genders, races, and religions is very important to me, and I will faithfully stand up to institutionalised bias. I am passionate about fostering an inclusive and compassionate learning environment, ensuring the needs of all students are reflected in the decisions we make on council. I have spent the last 14 years working in early childhood education. During my time in the workforce, I carefully honed my ability to multitask, whilst still being able to pay close attention to each task. I developed my ability to communicate effectively and adapt quickly, as well as advocating for those who were not able to advocate for themselves. These skills, combined with my drive and enthusiasm, will be used to promote a safe, fair, and fulfilling university experience for all UTS students.

I believe in order to thrive at university, we need to make sure we are represented by a strong, reliable, and transparent council. If elected as Assistant General Secretary, I will work diligently in collaboration with other members of council to be an agent for powerful and positive change at UTS

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ELLIE WOODWARD

EDUCATION OFFICER

I'm Ellie Woodward and I'm running for Education Officer with the Student Power ticket. I feel driven to run for Education Officer to ensure the UTS Students' Association (UTSSA) serves the true function of a union – to magnify the voices of UTS students, to stand up for them and unite them as a powerful force. As Education Officer, I will work to strengthen the Education Collective, and push for a more accessible and empathetic education for UTS students. I will campaign for mandatory lecture and tutorial recordings during and beyond COVID to allow all students to have a more flexible university experience, particularly when many students are working.

I will also push the university to provide more summer subjects so students with diverse responsibilities can mold their degree around their life.

I believe in the power of students to drive the evolution of society forwards and to incite change. I am passionately devoted to fostering this powerful unity at UTS. I

am also passionately devoted to fighting for students and working together to dismantle the systematic racism, sexism and homophobia inherent in our society.

As Education Officer, I will fight for our education. I hope to have the opportunity to organise to resist the government's planned attacks on our education. I firmly believe that we can, and must, protect university as a place to learn and grow and resist attempts to increase the already jarring economic inaccessibility of university education. As Education Officer I will focus on ensuring our syllabuses represent diverse voices. Our university should be actively empathetic towards students and enact more understanding special consideration procedures for assessments. I also firmly believe that as UTS pushes students to work within industries, compulsory internships should be paid, and will fight to ensure students do not work for free.

As a member of the executive team I will staunchly work towards a pluralistic, equal and productive UTSSA executive that does not merely condemn or condone but takes real action. I believe in the potential for our student body to be one that is actively kind and united in solidarity, empowering to all.

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SABRINE YASSINE

WELFARE OFFICER

My name is Sabine Yassine, and I am running for welfare officer with the Student Power for SRC ticket. I've been witness to the extraordinary feats and achievements of the Students' Association (UTSSA) which is why I aspire to use my voice and determination to improve and build on the services provided by the UTSSA. I will incite change by bringing greater energy and vitality to the Welfare Collective so we can improve student welfare at UTS!

I've always been confident in voicing my beliefs, including my belief in the positive development in student life for UTS students! I have demonstrated my passion for a greater UTS through my involvement in social justice projects, collectives and law panels throughout my time at UTS. As Welfare Officer, I aim to use this asset to provide impactful change.

Students should have full awareness as to what services, initiatives and facilities are available to them. I will be unwavering in my pursuit to increase UTS' and the UTSSA's ability to cater to the needs of students who are looking for further support. Whether it be financial, economic or mental-health related. Under my leadership, I will push for services and support that the student-body can trust and rely on.

Actions speak louder than words, and as a member of the executive team I fully intend to live by this statement. Under these values, I aspire to build a unified and robust collective that supports students in their pursuit of higher education. Entering university during the era of Covid-19 has only heightened my awareness

of student needs and the challenges that are associated with being a student online. As Welfare Officer, I will regularly make myself available to students to discuss any and all of their concerns. I will bring student issues to the forefront of SRC and to management if the need arises.

I welcome all students who share my desire for positive change as UTS to:

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JACKSON CROWLEY

POSTGRADUATE OFFICER

You don't need me to tell you that 2020 has dramatically changed how we study and interact with our university. But soon the time will come to decide how we should best transition back to a 'normal' student life for 2021. Some changes will need to be addressed immediately as we begin to move back to on-campus learning across the board, however I'm sure there will be students who may have found new flexibility in their study lives over the course of this past year.

The livelihood of Postgraduate Students can vary greatly from person to person and from course to course. The decisions that will be made moving forward will no doubt affect the lives of Postgraduate Students, who often juggle their degrees alongside full-time work, families, and other responsibilities. Should I be elected as Postgraduate Officer, I will strive to ensure that Postgraduate Students from all backgrounds and life situations have their voices are heard when the time comes to make these changes.

Postgraduate Students, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to work alongside you, and to ensure your voices and concerns are heard.



PETER MUMFORD

POSTGRADUATE OFFICER

No statement provided.



ESHNA GUPTA

WOMEN'S OFFICER

Hey everyone! I'm Eshna and I am running for the position of Women's Officer. I'm running because I want to make sure all the women and femmes at UTS feel safe and empowered on and off campus.

I was the President of the Women's Collective at my high school for four years where I ran weekly discussions about gender issues, organized fundraisers and created interschool safe spaces to talk about issues such as domestic violence. I multiplied the school's participation in feminist discussion, awareness and fundraising by six from previous years. Throughout my time as President I educated my fellow female classmates on signs of domestic violence and sexual assault as well as how to help others and protect yourself. I was always there for anyone who needed to talk about their experience and needed someone to support them.

My 2021 vision is to spread the message of respect throughout the UTS campus and make sure the UTS Student's Association has an intersectional, left-wing, feminist voice in it. I want to continue to support initiatives such as Consent Matters to reduce cases of sexual assault around campus while also raising awareness about more pervasive and less noticeable forms of sexism. I hope to make the UTS campus comfortable and empowering for all people by listening to our female students' concerns and making sure they are addressed.

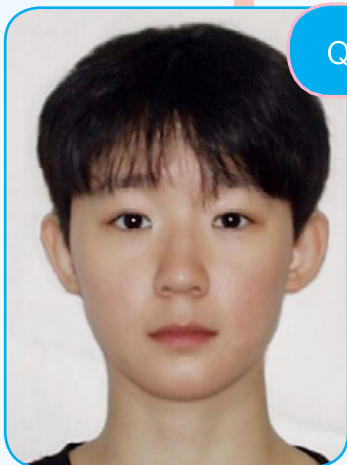
I'm currently completing a Bachelor of Journalism and Law because I am a confrontational person who will stand up for what's right. If one of your tutors has been sexist towards you or if someone has made you feel unsafe on campus I will pester the University and the Association until something is done about it. I want to use my degrees to help out women and be an avenue to assist anyone who feels vulnerable and underrepresented.



JAJ BORJA

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' OFFICER

No statement provided.



QIGE KANG

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' OFFICER

Hello, I am Qige Kang, a student of first year in animation design. The position I am looking for is International Student's Officer. UTS is a collage with a diverse studying environment. There are many international students from all over the world with different cultures. I from Beijing, China. As an international student, I hope to help more international students in their study and life more relaxed. And I also can feeling that way about myself. When I first came to Australia in 2018, I also felt pressure due to the strange environment and language differences. Therefore, I would like to encourage international students like me to make friends, participate in school activities and solve problems together. At the same time, I hope to gain experience from it so as to improve myself. Thank you.



ADEEB KHAN

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' OFFICER

Hello! My name is Adeeb Khan. I am running for the position of International Students Officer of the Students' Association. I want to play an active role in the ongoing improvement of the international student community at UTS. I see the Student Officer position as an excellent opportunity to work with our community, hear your voices, and drive positive change. My experience to date as a Co-Prefect has allowed me to gain a first-hand understanding of what it means to be a part of a team of students working for students. If elected, it would be my goal to support the transition for commencing students and enhance the existing international student engagement at UTS. I would appreciate your vote for me, Adeeb Khan, to serve on the Students' Association Council.



LUNA MANANDHAR

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' OFFICER

My name is Luna Manandhar, an international student from Nepal. I am studying a Bachelor of Nursing. Besides being a nursing student, I am also a volunteer manager at UNAA New South Wales Division and a youth facilitator for UN Youth New South Wales. I have also volunteered in the Council of International Students Australia (CISA) as Welfare Campaign Manager from 2018-2019 and Women's Forum Event Coordinator from 2019-2020. Additionally, I have extended my volunteering experience in Local Government and for other non-profit organisations. Therefore, I am experienced in representing students and would like to continue this in the role of International Students Officer.

Being an international student myself, I understand the issues and struggles international students face. I will be able to give the right level of support to all international students for their social, academic and cultural success while they are pursuing their career journey at UTS and I will help make their university journey a worthy experience.

I would like to work on a few projects for the welfare and betterment for all international students at UTS.

1. My main priority will be the employment opportunities for international students by running various employability seminars which can show a pathway towards getting a job as well as being more informative about the skills that need to be acquired.
2. Another priority will be the mental health of international students which has been the key concern of mine. There are various factors that influence mental health of international students such as unfamiliar academic environment, English language challenges, modes of teacher-student interaction, living off-campus and being unaccustomed to independency.
3. Furthermore, I would like to fight for OPAL concessions for international students.
4. I would also like to organise a multicultural meetup where international students from different countries and cultures can connect with each other and build friendships.
5. I would be committed to my priorities and determined to fulfill them. It is up to you to vote for experienced and passionate representation.

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ZEBADIAH CRUICKSHANK

INDIGENOUS OFFICER

My name is Zebadiah Donald Cruickshank. I am running for the positions of Indigenous Officer for the UTS Student Representative Council and to be a National Union of Students (NUS) delegate for UTS.

I was born in Broken Hill and have lived there all my life. I attended Broken Hill Public School (Central) then went to Broken Hill High School. I have since moved to Sydney to study a Bachelor of Law and Economics at UTS. I am an Aboriginal person and have always felt strong in my heritage through my family connections and support. My family's connection to our traditional country on the South Coast – Jerringa and Wandandian of the Yuin nation – has provided me with strength and I have always loved going to Country and spending time in my saltwater lands. My family's contemporary community connection in Wilyakali – Barkandji country has also given me strength and I love going on Country. One of my greatest memories is spending time in Wilcannia with Uncle Eddie Harris and making traditional spears and woomera.

I have been interested in politics from an early age. My political activity increased when I was 15 and I joined a local community organisation in Broken Hills. My work and volunteering in my community has enhanced my connection to community and serving others. Over this time, I have developed skills in advocating for others and lobbying members of parliament to stand up for what's right. I have also participated in marches to protest the water issues for my community and the communities of the Far West.

My hunger for politics unceasing, I have continued to fight for indigenous students at UTS. I was disappointed to see that the Indigenous Collective was not very active this year; therefore, I hope to bring a fresh perspective and vigour to the role of Indigenous Officer. I believe I can offer the loudest voice for Indigenous student at UTS and make an imposing presence at the next NUS convention fighting for progressive change.

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MEHMET MUSA

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

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CHARLIE MCLEAN

STUDENT POWER for SRC

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

STUDENT POWER for SRC joint statement:

STUDENT POWER for SRC

The UTS Students' Association (UTSSA) is tasked with whole-heartedly representing the best interests of UTS students. Only STUDENT POWER can fulfil this objective. Every service offered by the UTSSA has a very meaningful impact on the lives of students and must be delivered by a team driven by passion and experience. STUDENT POWER has this passion and vigour. Moreover, our team has balanced experience with fresh new faces to re-energise the SRC.

Ultimately, the Students Association is nothing without its base: students. Therefore, a major goal of the STUDENT POWER team is to increase student involvement with the UTSSA.

STRONG. INDEPENDENT. UTS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

The STUDENT POWER team believes that the best way to represent students on campus is with an independent Students' Association and SRC. The STUDENT POWER team will work productively and in good faith with university management to get the best outcomes for students. However, the STUDENT POWER team will always put the interests of students first and will not uncritically follow the agenda of university management on every single issue. We believe that we can have a productive working relationship with university management whilst concurrently pushing for them to make UTS a better institution for students.

Bring Back Night Owl Noodles and Bluebird Brekkie

Due to the initial COVID-19 lockdowns, the UTSSA was still able to provide breakfast bags to students but, unfortunately, the Night Owl Noodle service had to be temporarily paused. With more students returning to campus, the STUDENT POWER team will investigate ways to safely bring back Night Owl Noodles onto campus so all students can enjoy a free healthy dinner.

Once we have brought back Night Owl Noodles and Bluebird Brekkie, we will investigate ways to expand the service. Before the COVID shutdowns, free food services were not able to run every week due to logistical issues. STUDENT POWER understands these issues that reduce the ability to have Night Owl Noodles and Bluebird Brekkie on every week. Our team will look to solve these logistical issues so that students can feel confident that they will have a free, nutritious and wholesome meal guaranteed. We understand that many students skip meals due to financial constraints. We hope expanding this service will help those students who need it most.



MELODIE GRAFTON

STUDENT POWER for SRC



WILL SIMMONS

STUDENT POWER for SRC

Housing

We will meet with UTS Housing students to discuss their concerns and bring them to the forefront of university management.

Housing exploitation is also unfortunately prevalent across the state, with university students often a victim to this. We will work with the UTS Legal Service to release legal tips to UTS students renting out-of-home to inform them about their rights. Furthermore, we will run promotional campaigns for the free UTS Legal Service on campus so students will know where to come if they are faced with such adversities.

Collectives

A major goal of STUDENT POWER is the strengthening of the UTSSA's Collectives. Collectives are organised groups of students, committed to and united in shared identities. We share values and beliefs and work towards social equity on campus. No student deserves to be subject to racism, misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, islamophobia, and any other form of bigotry.

The STUDENT POWER team is experienced in building strong Collectives that are dedicated to the UTS student-body. We must continue to further grow our Collectives' power to advocate on behalf of everyday students and their everyday student issues. The STUDENT POWER team is also dedicated to improving Collective governance to strengthen the foundation and enable Collectives to maintain longevity.

People power, togetherness, and community: the UTSSA is about more than just 'us'. It's about you, the wider student body, and hearing your voices. STUDENT POWER is Collective action, it's competent experience and good governance. It's community and making new connections. STUDENT POWER is strengthening UTSSA Collectives; STUDENT POWER is STUDENT UNION!

Working & Regional Students

The STUDENT POWER ticket wants to do more for regional students. Members on our ticket know how it feels to travel long distances to University. Due to the COVID pandemic, many lectures are now online. Yet there is no guarantee this will be the case if we return to campus at full capacity next year. The STUDENT POWER team will campaign for compulsory lecture recordings even in a post-pandemic UTS.

This initiative would mean that students who live further away from UTS, or those restricted by work or poor health, will be able to access essential learning material. Furthermore, the STUDENT POWER team will push for tutorials to be recorded whilst classes are running online.

Textbooks

The STUDENT POWER team understand that many students struggle with the cost of paying for textbooks. As a result, we will request that the UTS library stores more copies of textbooks that are compulsory to complete a course.

Moreover, we will investigate the feasibility of a second-hand textbook loan scheme, whereby students can donate their used textbooks to the UTSSA and have them loaned out to other students in need.

International Students

The STUDENT POWER team will always stand up for international students and fight for their interests to university management and also in the wider community. A STUDENT POWER led UTSSA will lobby for and support international student campaigns such as the campaign for concession opal cards.

Moreover, we will also push for international student interests on campus. The STUDENT POWER team will engage with international students at UTS to ensure we are doing the best for them at all times. Through the use of virtual and in-person events, we will treat international students as a significant stakeholder and nurture the unique contributions they bring to our campus.



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Our experienced representatives know all too well that the scourge of worker exploitation affects international students more than most. We will engage the student legal service to create services and mechanisms to connect international students at UTS to legal advice. No student ever deserves to be exploited.

Access to the Internet

Due to the COVID-19 lockdowns, many students have been unable or reluctant to come to campus. This has negatively disadvantaged those that relied on UTS Wi-Fi. The UTSSA is currently loaning Wi-Fi dongles to students who do not have internet access at home. To protect students from a potential second wave and to support students who need continued support, the STUDENT POWER team will purchase a greater amount of Wi-Fi dongles for the students that need them.

Postgraduate Students

The STUDENT POWER team acknowledges that postgraduate students are not one homogenous group on campus. Therefore, once elected, we pledge to make ourselves available to postgraduate students to discuss their specific issues on an ongoing basis.

In the interim, we acknowledge that many postgrad students concurrently work and study. The STUDENT POWER team will push for more night classes after the close of business to ensure working postgrads do not miss out.

The STUDENT POWER ticket will push for more subjects to be offered in the Summer session. This would lighten the content load for Postgraduate Students who often need to work full time and study. The STUDENT POWER team will also push for a more understanding special consideration process at UTS that caters to postgraduate parents with care responsibilities.

Internships

In the emerging economic environment, many students are seeking industry experience in their fields. However, many cannot afford to work for free. The STUDENT POWER team will engage university management to change unpaid compulsory internships into those with a fair wage.

Subsidised RSAs

Having access to a job during university is a necessity for most. For many students, the jobs most available to them require a Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate (RSA). To enable more students to enter the workforce, the STUDENT POWER team will endeavour to deliver subsidised RSAs to UTS students in need.

Sustainability

STUDENT POWER recognises the importance of intersectional sustainability and fighting for action on climate change. STUDENT POWER will aim to determine the best course to complete fossil fuel divestment and ensuring UTS commits to having all its electricity from 100% renewable sources. Previous Enviro Collective officers are part of the STUDENT POWER team and will continue to work closely with the Enviro Collective and environmentally focused members of staff for a more sustainable campus. STUDENT POWER has a number of future-focused, committed and experienced members who are passionate about holding the university to account on action on climate change and decolonisation. STUDENT POWER will aim to ensure that all operations within the Students' Association have the lowest carbon footprint possible.

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SAUMYAA SHUKLA

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

I, Saumyaa Shukla, am a student at UTS pursuing my MBA in the year of 2020-2022. Previously I have gained work experience for two years in the capacity of a brand manager as well as client servicing executive with an advertising and marketing solutions firm in India. With graduation in Economics, coupled with my work experience I have realized the passion in me to manage and lead like-minded individuals in any sphere to success. At UTS I have had an amazing inclusive experience in the last two months and am grateful for it. As a student representative councillor I would wish to be the voice of all students to the university management. I would wish to understand how students want to make the most of their University experience and graduate with flying colours and a sense of pride in being associated with UTS. Let us all get past 2020 and have a truly wonderful next few years at University.



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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

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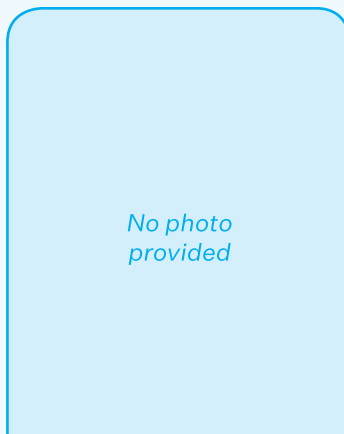
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Team statement from Vertigo Squad:

The Vertigo Squad (2021) is a diverse, strong team with so much talent and potential. We care about creative freedom, social justice issues and what we really value is lifting other creatives up and giving them a platform and a voice. Our vision for 2021 is to expand our already amazing Vertigo Magazine community through holding more events and building up Vertigo Online.

Individual statement from Elise Williams:

I am a first year studying Bachelor of Communications (Media Arts and Production)/ BA International Studies. I'm also doing a second major in creative writing. I have a deep passion for creative works, and I want to be able to support students in their creative endeavours, through Vertigo Magazine. I enjoy writing and film editing.

For Vertigo, I am interested in taking on an editorial role, as well as learning more about graphic design, magazine production and composition. I'm also interested in using my film and editing skills to help run the Vertigo YouTube Channel. I feel our team has a strong collection of members, who collaborate well and have a wide range of different skill sets, from different creative disciplines.

I have a Miniature Schnauzer named Keith, and he would vote for me, so you should too.

Thank you for considering my application,

Elise Williams

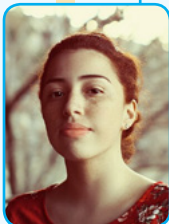
Individual statement from Karen Yoshimura:

I am a first year student currently studying a Bachelor of Communications (Media Arts and Production) and Diploma of Innovation. I generally love anything creative but have particular interests in filmmaking, dance and screenwriting. I have a deep appreciation for art, in all its various forms, in its ability to spread knowledge in visceral and masterful ways. I am equally passionate about giving voices to marginalised individuals who may not otherwise be given such platforms, particularly because I am a female person of colour. I believe the Vertigo magazine position would be a great opportunity for me to express and fulfil my passions as an emerging creative arts practitioner.

Within the Vertigo team I would be assuming the role of Vertigo designer, helping with the design aesthetic, graphics and general formatting. My proficiency with Adobe software including Photoshop, After Effects, Premier Pro and Audition will elevate the work for both the magazine and video content on VertigoTV. In my position, I also aim to support my team members with editing due to my creative writing elective and my Year 12 Society and Culture PIP which received a high distinction and is now published at the NSW State Library. I acknowledge that being part of a team requires active communication and I therefore, will ensure to maintain frequent dialogue with members and boost group synergy by connecting with them on a personal level.

I believe that my involvement in the Vertigo team will elevate the voices of UTS students in an engaging way that incites curiosity and thoughtful conversations.

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In doing so, I believe that my involvement will foster a close community within the university, enriching students' UTS experience to be more than a purely academic environment, but one of camaraderie and openness. By facilitating student creativity, I believe our team will spark wonderment and awe that extends beyond the students' university learning and into their professional careers and later life.

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Individual statement from Alexander Galati:

Hi! My name is Alexander Galati and I am running for a position with the Amplify Vertigo Editorial Team for 2021! It would be my absolute pleasure to be a part of the Vertigo team next year. I had published two fantasy novels, 'Amadons: Outside' and 'Amadons: Forest of the Ghosts', when I was fifteen! Such experience in the publishing industry has accelerated my professional abilities to edit, format, design and market manuscripts. Moreover, I have taken advantage of my time at UTS, being a member of the FASS marketing team, Student Writing Committee and even having a piece currently being published in this coming issue of Vertigo! I live and breathe writing and hope to be an asset in next year's Vertigo team! Alexander Galati, signing out <3

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