

2018 Board Election Candidate Statements

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Dhruv Mehta

Hey,

I'm Dhruv Mehta, an international Bachelor's of Computer Engineering student. I am nominating my name for Student director position on the Arc Board.

During the high School, I have been involved in various kinds of activities. I was the President of Aero Modelling club, executive member of the Rotary club and member of the computer club. All these positions taught me leadership qualities, time management and how to work in a team. As a director of Arc Board, I would love to be the voice of Students and ensure that all events organized this year will be successful. I will focus more on adding opportunities for volunteer work and help students with any kind of difficulty they come across in University. I do have the spirit to serve people.

Hugh Miller

I'm not a socialist or wannabe politician. Instead, I'm a capable administrator and problem-solver; I'm an engineering PhD student, I have a Bachelor's degree in commerce, I was assistant manager in one of Australia's biggest retailers and I established UNSW's James Bond Club, which achieved \$12k turnover during my 15-month presidency. This experience showed me the abysmal state of Arc's support for clubs, which has been slashed repeatedly in recent years, presumably in response to Arc's madly wasteful spending, such as giving away free food to cheapskates, subsidising the food courts or the tens of millions splurged on the barely noticeable Roundhouse renovation. Instead of hiring students, our "student" union keeps adding failed former students to its ever-growing ranks. No wastage, corruption or political distractions; I'll return Arc to its core mission: advocacy for UNSW students and support for student life on campus.

Imogen Barker

Hi there!

My name is Imogen (Immy/ie) and I'm running to be one of your directors on Arc Board. I'm a second year student and I'm running because I've seen the invaluable role that Arc plays supporting students through wellbeing initiatives, and fostering student life. UNSW would be nothing without Arc! I'm super passionate about working to make sure that this organisation can keep making student life as awesome and worthwhile an experience as possible, and exploring how Arc can work to advocate within the university for students. I want to strengthen the accessibility of Arc, and the communication between Arc and the clubs on campus. I also think there should be more focus on the inclusivity of events, and how Arc can improve the support provided to students, especially with regards to mental health and sexual assault prevention strategies. So vote [1] Imogen Barker for Arc Board!

Jessica Black

As a second year Law/Media (PR and Advertising) student, 2017 Indigenous pre-law program mentor, newly appointed student legal education group presenter, and an enthusiastic and dedicated member of clubs and societies across the university, I believe that experiences beyond just the academic are at the core of a university's value. I believe it is integral that opportunities for student engagement are established for students regardless of their background. If elected, I would actively work to establish more significant and meaningful participation opportunities for diverse groups of people in the student community, particularly those in the international student community, advocating for positions in clubs and societies for people from varied backgrounds/circumstances. I strongly believe that all this must occur against a backdrop of total transparency. If elected, I would seek to formally promote transparency in all of Arc's decision making, monetary handling and implementation of projects.

Jessica Lasky

Making Arc life better in your life.

My name is Jessica Lasky and I am a 3rd year Commerce/Law Student here at UNSW.

I have been engaged with many Arc activities including Uni Games, O-week and Roundhouse Parties and I would love to bring my ideas to make these events even better than they already are. My core goals would be to increase inclusivity, participation and overall enjoyment throughout all Arc events.

I have board style experience being Treasurer of the UNSW Law Society where we regularly meet to discuss and improve the strategic mission of the Society. I have also been employed as a Cadet Accountant at Deloitte since July 2016 where I have gained invaluable knowledge about various organisations financial statements and strategy. I will use these experiences to focus on improving Arc's vision and financial stability to create even better opportunities for you at UNSW.

Liam Kiss

Hi! My name is Liam Kiss and I'm running to be one of your Arc Board Directors. I am doing this because I think there is room on the Arc Board for the voice of mainstream students. That's why I'm standing for a more accountable, transparent and efficient Arc Board.

Since students fund the Arc Board we deserve to know how our money is being spent and the first step in this process is to publish financial reports in straightforward language that all students can understand - not just those studying accounting.

The next step is to reform the Tharunka charter to allow the editors and contributors the autonomy needed to hold Arc accountable.

If elected I am excited to work with the Arc Board Directors to ensure UNSW continues to have the best student life in Australia - with a little more transparency for how your money is being spent.

Shaun Luo

What happens?

I, Shaun is applying the Arc Board director from 2018-2020 for two years volunteer service.

Why Me?

With my true passion and love, I would like to nominate myself as one of the candidates in Arc. The reason is that I genuinely want to give back myself to community, keen to get to know **YOU**, mates in UNSW.

Any experiences?

I was selected as a scholar of High Flyer program in hospitality course during high school and nominated as class representative in Global UNSW. I am also an exchange participate to Indonesia from AIESEC for two months.

Any signs of commitment?

Living in a harmonious environment on campus has allowed me to be 110%

Suwarna Ramanathan

I believe Arc should advocate for an inclusive culture among students - to better value the diversity of the student body and encourage greater collaboration between student groups.

As an international student from Malaysia in my third year of Medicine, I feel underrepresented on campus, and using my experience as the former president of a charitable NGO, I would like to readdress that by advocating for policies that encourage clubs and societies to greater involve international students in their events and leadership - while fostering international and domestic student collaboration. Drawing on my experience as the Welfare Director of the Malaysian Student Council of Australia, and my involvement in clubs and societies across university, I want to advocate for programs encouraging regional and international student integration into UNSW's student society, whilst celebrating their cultures and backgrounds, as well as looking for ways that Arc can positively impact their university experience.

Reanna Earl

My name is Reanna Earl and I'm currently in my third year of study. Moving to UNSW from Singleton, I know how difficult university life can be, particularly for people from overseas or rural areas! That's why I'm passionate about running for Arc Board, so I can help improve the wellbeing of students on campus and make their transition into university life easy and welcoming.

I have been very involved in Arc Clubs – for example last year I was the Cheerleading captain of the UNSW Warriors. That is why one of my goals, if elected, would be to improve Arc's relationships with Clubs and Societies, making sure there is fair and unbiased treatment between all societies.

I would also like to focus on increasing the transparency of Arc. As a student funded organisation, Arc has an obligation to be more directly accountable and open with students about its activities.

Jessica Baker

I'm Jess and I would truly love the opportunity to serve as a Student Director for Arc.

I am running for election because I want to play an active role in improving the UNSW student experience – both socially and academically.

Why vote for me?

- **Experience:** This is my fourth year at UNSW so I have the UNSW knowledge and understanding to represent the student body and inspire student engagement and enjoyment.
- **Leadership:** Last semester I served as a Student Body Representative (for students from more than 26 countries) during my Exchange to Germany. I believe I have the requisite skills and approachability to be a friendly voice for students.
- **Involvement:** I am highly involved in the UNSW community. I am a Student Exchange Ambassador, UNSW Leadership Program participant, Unswot co-founder, and part of several UNSW clubs and societies. I have the drive, enthusiasm, and organisation to get things done.

Bryan Lee

As student director of Arc, I would like to bridge diversity of the students in UNSW by organising events which are fun and engaging for the community. Right now, we have diverse and exciting bunch of students and being at the forefront of planning events for the general community is something I would like to a part of. Student life in UNSW has been a key part of my university experience and I like to be the voice that the students need. Thus, if selected for the student director position, I would like to reach out to all students through events created by Arc to ensure that all students are having the best university experience possible.

Ben Jones

Hi everyone, my name is Ben and I am a third year Indigenous medical student and member of the UNSW residential colleges.

I'm running for Arc Board because I am a big fan of UNSW. I love how you can be whoever you want to be here and I believe Arc embodies this on a student level in many ways!

Some things I am particularly keen on seeing being developed even more within Arc include:

- Ensuring our INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS feel accommodated for.
- Working with various LGBTIQ+, INDIGENOUS and WOMEN'S representatives to make sure these communities have their voices heard.

I am fortunate enough to have been able to be involved at UNSW through the Academic Board, Faculty Board, SRF, UNSWRC and SRC.

Ultimately, I believe I can help represent a wide range of students and hope to help create the best student experience!

Vote [1] Ben Jones for Arc Board!

Rakulan Arulmurugan

“I’m Rakulan, a fourth-year Bachelor of Commerce/Economics student, majoring in Finance, Economics and Econometrics. My extensive involvement with Arc includes its volunteering programs such as Arc Street Team and Yellow Shirts, societies such as Accounting Society as a society executive, as well as working as a receptionist where I began to appreciate other Arc student services, particularly Legal and Advocacy. I was also the Event Horizon Coordinator in 2017, where I was responsible for organising campus-wide events such as Stress Less Week while managing a large group of volunteers. My varied experiences with Arc have provided me with a unique perspective on its operations and the importance of its services to UNSW. My main concern is to ensure Arc continues to prioritise student engagement and development through its volunteering programs and clubs, which will be especially pertinent over the coming years given the introduction of trimesters and university funding reforms.”