

# 2018 SRC Candidate Statements

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## President of the SRC

### Angela GRIFFIN (Activate)

Hi! My name is Angela and I'm running for President of the SRC! I am a 2nd/3rd year Social Research and Policy student and have been involved with the SRC for a year and a half. In that time I have been impressed by the amazing steps UNSW has taken to improve. For example, as a response to the AHRC report, we now have an online reporting portal and are the first university in the country to have a stand-alone sexual misconduct policy. And yet, more needs to be done. If I am elected, I am committed to making UNSW a more equitable and progressive university. I want to establish scholarships, free food programs, and textbook grants for low socioeconomic students; increase access to crisis accommodation; and stamp out racist, sexist and homophobic lecturers by introducing compulsory unconscious bias training. Importantly I want to ensure that every student's experience of UNSW is safe and positive, regardless of their background. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### Jamie WHITFORD (Left Action)

I'm Jamie, a 2nd year student in Arts/Education and I'm running for SRC president. I think the SRC should be a body that fights for students rights, and gives them a voice through grassroots activist campaigns. In a context where university management is on the offensive, cutting staff and restructuring our courses and degrees, it is crucial that our student union stands on the side of student and staff interests. I'm running with Left Action because I think they're the most experienced and selfless activists, through both on and campus issues. We stand for left wing causes like LGBTI rights, against Islamophobia and racism, gender equality and more, and think these are vital in raising the confidence of students who are affected by these issues. Left Action will communicate with students, strive to voice their concerns and fight for them, not spend the year talking to university management behind closed doors. Vote 1 Left Action for an active, fighting SRC.

### Toby WALMSLEY (Rise)

I'm running to be your SRC President because students should have higher expectations of their university and student representatives. As a secretary and vice-president of MathSoc, the UNSW e-tened literary journal editor, and Education Officer on the SRC, I have been confronted by student poverty, poor university transparency, and immoral university management. I've been with students as they have chosen accessibility, equity, and justice: from mobilising against trimesters, to saving UNSW Hall, to fighting our university's immoral investments. These struggles have not been easy, but students have had victories every time

they've fought. Next year will be pivotal: we stand to lose affordable housing, educational quality through trimesters, and to lose on progress on queer, women's, and anti-racism campaigns. Strong student leadership provides the rudder we need to fight for accessibility, equity, and justice. Vote for students who have the experience and vision to make justice happen. Vote [1] Rise.

## General Secretary

### Humaira NASRIN (Activate)

My name is Humaira Nasrin and I am currently studying a Bachelor of Psychology. I have been involved with the SRC for the past year and a half, first as a councillor and then as your Ethno-cultural officer. I am running to be the General Secretary for your 2019 SRC. Through my experience on the SRC I have learnt the power of students voice in making changes within the internal university system. From encouraging conversation around diversity and culture to starting the frameworks of a properly functioning racism reporting portal. As General Secretary I would endeavour to raise awareness around the Mental Health services that the uni provides, ensuring that the consent training programs are implemented correctly throughout the uni, and overall an inclusive and safe UNSW. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### Gene BROWNLIE (Left Action)

Hi, my name's Gene and I'm running for General Secretary of the SRC.

During my time at university I've been part of a number of progressive campaigns, ranging from fighting for refugees rights, anti-racism, for free education and against trimesters and staff cuts. Since 2014 I was also involved in campaigning for marriage equality, which culminated in the successful 'Yes' plebiscite campaign at the end of 2017.

I'd love to bring this kind of experience and an activist orientation to the SRC. I think even the General Secretary role could do with a healthy dose of progressive, left-wing, socialist politics. Right wing politics is, unfortunately, on the rise, and this is seeing by extension the growth of the alt-right - a clique of basement dwelling weirdos who are feeling confident with the billionaire bigot Trump in the Whitehouse. I want to make sure our student union is one which will stand against the kind of racist, sexist, anti-queer politics these people want to see more of

### Matylda BREZC (Rise)

Hey! My name is Matylda, and I'm an International Relations major! Throughout my time at UNSW, I've seen the management push decisions that continue to harm students. From trimesters, to shoddy equity policies, to staff cuts: this administration continues to exclude students from decisions that matter most. I'm passionate about working with students and student representatives to help create a stronger and more united university environment.

As NUS Delegate, my goal is to represent the voice of UNSW on a national scale. I want to ensure that all students are represented, regardless of their background, location, or situation. My aim is to make UNSW as responsive to students' needs as they claim to be; to ensure the quality, accessibility and diversity of UNSW for current and future students; to ensure transparency between the administration and students; to ensure that student voices are heard. Vote [1] Rise in week 12!

## Education Officer

### Caitlin KEOGH (Activate)

My name is Caitlin Keogh, I'm a student here at UNSW and a current councillor on the SRC.

I stand for free education and against the encroaching corporatisation of higher education. I will use the position of education officer to further the fight for student rights a key part of that being a demand for free and fully funded education for both domestic and international students.

I have been extremely active in the education collective since I began my study at UNSW. In 2017 I played a key role in the anti-Trimester campaign; and earlier in 2018 played a key role in building student staff solidarity in the UNSW staff strike against unfair pay and conditions.

The key project I have been involved in recently is the DISARM UNSW collective, which is a collective of anti-war students and staff who involved in building a campaign on campus to oppose UNSW's extensive ties with the war industry.

I believe the role of the SRC and the education officer is to stand up for student rights and further progressive causes and I will be using the position to do just that!

### Michael XU (Energise your SRC)

*No information provided*

### Thomas BYRNES (Rise)

Hi! My name is Tom, and I am a third year Criminology student. Whilst at UNSW, I have witnessed university initiatives being pushed forward without proper consultation with students and staff. Trimesters, staff cuts, and the demolition of UNSW Hall are all examples of actions that failed to include those who were affected the most in the debate. We are continually seeing a lack of transparency and accessibility in university policies. In my experience fighting for staff rights earlier this year, I learnt about the effectiveness of collective action in keeping the university accountable for decisions that negatively impact its most important stakeholders, us! As NUS Delegate, I will continue to ensure that we aren't left out of the conversation on the national scale, working with passion and morality for the betterment of UNSW. Vote [1] Rise.

# Welfare Officer

## **Emanuelle RISOLDI (Activate)**

I am keen to run for Welfare Officer in the 2018 SRC elections because I have an interest in what other students want from their university experience and am excited to try and foster initiatives to ensure that students are getting the best support at university possible. I have always been interested in mental health, and I would be excited to make mental health services more accessible and more readily available on campus. I think it's important to tailor initiatives to peoples needs and acknowledge that UNSW is a diverse place, and hence students will need slightly different kinds of support depending on, for example, if they're a domestic student, coming from either Sydney or regionally, or if they're an international student. University should first and foremost be shaped by student interests, SRC represents those internets and I'd really like to be a part of that! Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

## **Matthew LANIEWSKI (Energise your SRC)**

*No information provided*

## **James MORCHED (Left Action)**

Hi, I'm James and I am running for the position of SRC Welfare Officer in this year's election.

Young people today are finding it near impossible to study while also working enough to make a living wage. This is not helped by the clear attacks on welfare by the government under neoliberalism. The clearest examples of these attacks are rising rent prices, stagnant wages, cuts to penalty rates, and 20 years of no increase to Newstart: all of which mainly affect young people.

I believe the position of Welfare Officer is perfect for fighting these attacks by the government but especially in pressuring our university to provide necessary services for students such as counselling, and affordable food and housing on campus, both of which the university has cut back on with the proposed closure of UNSW Hall. If elected, I will fight these constant attacks on students both nationally, and on campus.

## **Romy GROTH (Rise)**

Hi, my name is Romy, I am going for the office of welfare. I'm a 3rd-year social policy/research and art theory undergraduate majoring in international relations. This is my first time being a part of a student representative council. I have my roots in the community led and organised initiatives in Sydney. To name a few, experience coordinating art classes at PCYC, a social researcher for House with No Steps, Australia's largest NDIS provider an NGO and NFP. And within UNSW a member of the grants committee at UNSW Art & Design. My work experience in community work has been partnered with an understanding and necessity of funding opportunities, specifically funding individuals and advocating for structural support to provide access to programs for community members. As a welfare

officer, I will advocate increased funding for affordable housing and subsidised pricing for student resources. Vote [1] Rise.

## **Women's Officer**

### **Ruby LEONARD (Activate)**

My name is Ruby Leonard and I am running for the position of Women's Officer. For years now I've been an avid collective member who has sought to listen the issues the the female-identifying students have at UNSW and help other amazing student leaders address them with the university's management. I'm a passionate social work student who has seen the benefits and huge impact strong student leadership and representation can have. In the past year on the SRC as a Councillor I have learnt the bureaucracy the univ works within and how to achieve the goals that our collective desires, this has been through assisting the current Women's Officer in her duties and as a representative for all students on academic boards. I understand the crucial need to have a voice that shares yours concerns and will fight for them and as Women's Officer I would strive to continue doing so and making our university a more inclusive and respectful place of learning for all students. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Alicja DEEGAN (Left Action)**

Hi, I'm Alicja and I'm running for Women's officer of the SRC.

In my time attending university so far, I've done my utmost to be involved in various activist campaigns. These have included the Yes campaign for marriage equality, campaigns against racism and for refugee rights and those against attacks on education including the anti-Trimester campaign and that against staff cuts. I think it's important for the Women's officer to stand against all forms of oppression rampant in society, particularly considering that they tend to disproportionately affect women. In order to achieve this I believe the position should be filled by someone with an unwavering dedication to on-the-ground activist politics and who is committed to building the movements of the many, on campus and beyond, that are capable of challenging the status quo. This is the spirit I am hoping to contribute to the role.

### **Miranda JORDAN (Rise)**

Hi! I'm Mira - a Science/Fine Arts student majoring in ecology and ceramics. No one person can be a representative of all women. What I've seen through my last year as a councillor on the SRC is that the struggle women face is vastly affected by their background. As a rural student, my experience of gender rights has been vastly different than many others. I believe my role as women's officer is to actively fight equality, but most importantly enable people from diverse backgrounds to do so too. In particular, I want to work with women identified people in the collective to fight against gender directed violence, for body choices, and and equal opportunities in the university and beyond. I hope that, in this role, I can help

the University stand at the forefront of progress and genuinely empower women - from the ground up. Vote [1] Rise

## Environment Officer

### Bailey CHAPPEL (Activate)

I'm Bailey, a 2nd year Renewable Energy Engineering and Commerce student, living at Philip Baxter College! I'm running for Environment Officer in 2019 to aid in establishing a more conscientious attitude at UNSW regarding sustainability and environmental efforts.

With global warming standing as the biggest threat humanity currently faces, it's absolutely unacceptable that UNSW have \$44 million invested in the fossil fuel industry! To challenge the way we do things at University is a burning drive that I believe will play a critical role in the final push to force UNSW to divest from fossil fuels.

Zero waste, renewable energy, and keep cups are just three of the many things I dream about at night. I strive to continue the progressive, inclusive, and opportunity-rich culture that we have here on campus. This means empowering others to live more environmentally-focused lives! VOTE [1] ACTIVATE!

### Rohan INDAP (Energise your SRC)

*No information provided*

### Alexander BISCU (Rise)

Hey! My name is Alex and I'm a fourth year Engineering and Arts student. UNSW has a variety of sustainability and 'green' initiatives which it is proud to flaunt to students and the public. However, they take no action on divestment, continuing to invest millions of dollars into coal, oil and gas companies against the will of staff and students. For UNSW to take its place as a true leader on environmental concerns it must listen to the voice of self-organised students and take meaningful action. I have been involved with the Environment Collective and Fossil Free campaign in organising roles and believe that the best way to instigate change is by showing university management that students have the power and will to fight for their future. Vote [1] Rise.

## International Students' Officer

### Nayonika BHATTACHARYA (Activate)

Hey everyone! I am Nayonika, a 2nd Year Arts/Law student running to be your next International Student Officer as I have seen the collaborative strength of diversity, discussion and determination. I look forward to working with young empowered youth like yourself, as the right platform and our collective voices have the strength to create change and mitigate results. As an international student, I understand the multi-faceted issues we face and thus would like to combine my experience and enthusiasm to sensitively and respectfully engage with our large student body to alleviate these issues. My focus will be targeted towards addressing the lack of concession student cards for International students and I am determined to make our concerns heard. I would also like to increase discussions surrounding mental health issues, safety and wellbeing and culture shock in a culturally sensitive manner. As an active member of student-run Arc societies and other initiatives, I am enthused to create a platform for other international students, and if you see me around, feel free to come say hello and have a chat! Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### Christa TULONG (Rise)

Hi everyone, I'm Christa/CJ (I use she/they pronouns)! I am a third year Arts and Education student and I'm running for International Officer. Previously, I was involved in the SRC as a councillor and my main project was starting up the campaign for international students to get access to travel concession cards, in which I am one of the campaign organisers. One of my main concerns is how issues regarding international students sometimes get overlooked, especially when it comes to accessing services surrounding legal issues and mental health support. One of my main outcomes is to raise awareness regarding the available services on campus. I also aim to make sure the university fosters dialogue with international students, especially when they are making decisions that will impact our study experience. I look forward to creating an inclusive campus environment, so vote for me and vote [1] Rise for SRC.

## Ethno-cultural Officer

### Christina KIM (Activate)

Hi! My name is Christina and I'm running for the position of Ethno-Cultural officer. I am running for this position with an incredible group of competent, passionate people as through my time as both a collective member and an SRC councillor, I have seen the amazing work a group of motivated and enthusiastic people can achieve. I would love to be a part of this team to take part in creating a welcoming and warm environment for ethnically and culturally diverse students on campus.

Through my involvement in the International Student Concession Card Campaign, I was able to see how many students were keen to get involved with causes that concerned students with culturally diverse backgrounds, and at the same time saw the difficulties linguistically and culturally diverse students faced in accessing student services and getting involved with the broader UNSW community. Hence, as an Ethno-Cultural officer, I want to make student experience at UNSW less intimidating and more welcoming for culturally diverse students through collaboration with cultural societies, informative workshops and panels, as well as a solid university system to promote cultural sensitivity. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Shoven BHATTARAI (Left Action)**

*No information provided*

### **Abhijit PALAKURTHY (Rise)**

Hey everyone! I'm Abhi, a third year Electrical Eng./M. Biomed Eng. Student and a strong advocate for diversity and multiculturalism at UNSW. As Secretary of the UNSW Indian Society, I've run countless cultural events year-round - from fundraising/raising awareness for cultural issues with reputed organisations, to taking a stand for Indian students in the local media.

Personally, being proud of my heritage and cultural identity having lived in 5 different countries throughout my childhood, I believe I can connect to each one of you on a deeper level. I aspire to be your voice against racism, fight for the issues that matter and work with individuals and societies alike.

We've created great memories together and taken ownership of our societies and events, now let's bring it up a notch and ensure UNSW belongs to each and every one of us. Vote [1] Rise!

## **Councillor - Undergraduate A**

### **Imogen BARKER (Activate)**

My name is Imogen and I'm running to be an SRC Councillor for 2019. I'm a second year student and I'm running because I've seen the role that the SRC plays supporting students and protecting student rights. I've always been involved with student campaigns, councils and organisations; I was an SRC Councillor during the second half of 2018! I'm passionate about being involved in student life and creating a difference at the university; I believe this position will enable me to have an active role in making short or long term changes in improving education and providing support for all across campus. I'm a very social person and I am involved in a number of societies. I easily connect with students and I'm not afraid to ask them what differences they want to see; I think there should be more focus on mental health strategies and the inclusivity of events. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Alessandra BUXTON (Activate)**

Hi! My name is Alessandra and I am running for a counsellor position on the SRC. I am a 2nd year International Studies/Media student and have been heavily involved with UNSW societies, in particular the UNSW Women's Collective. I have been heavily involved in the work this collective has done and have been very proud to witness the positive changes UNSW has made into making our campuses into safer spaces following the AHRC report. I am passionate about creating an equitable and fair university campus and creating safe spaces where students feel they can be themselves. As a student who is financially independent I understand the economic struggles of balancing university with a working life. I believe that as students we deserve support through free food programs, scholarships and economic backing. I would like to work to establish opportunities for students who are in financially difficult situations and to help create an SRC that works hard on behalf of those who need assistance in our student community. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Tom KENNEDY (Activate)**

Hi, my name is Tom, and I'm running to be a councillor on UNSW's 2019 SRC. I'm running because I'm passionate about advocating for students' rights and safety both on and off campus.

UNSW needs to be a place where students feel comfortable and safe. Racism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, or bullying of any other kind is unacceptable and must not be tolerated in our university. I aim to make it easier for students to report these behaviours, whether they occur in-person or online, because nobody should have to deal with discrimination.

The SRC provides students a number of services and welfare spaces for around campus. Unfortunately these often go underutilised, as people simply are not aware of them. I want to help make sure that students know of, and have access to, the SRC welfare spaces that were made for them. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Jia WANG (Activate)**

Hello, my name is Jia (Annie) and I am a first year Media (PR & Advertising) student! This year I am excited to run as your SRC Councillor for Electorate A. I am running because I am extremely passionate about student welfare and creating an equitable and supportive university campus.

I believe that every student has unique and individual needs which the university needs to cater for. University can be difficult to navigate during our years of study and we need to be provided the information and support to finish our education.

If elected I will increase support services, and make them more accessible to students, staff and teachers. I will also provide more information about these services, because I know that

they are often hard to find. I also understand, that we have a very diverse community, and I will make sure that policies are made to cater for everyone at UNSW.

I will work cohesively with the rest of the SRC team to make sure that we produce positive support and representation for the UNSW community. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Chris YOUNG (Activate)**

Hi, my name is Chris and I am a third year Economics student. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity to run for SRC Councillor for Electorate A and aim to improve UNSW as efficiently as possible. If elected I will consider the social welfare of university students as a whole and focus on practical changes that can help a majority of students. I aim to consider as many needs as possible and place a weighting based on the cost and the time required to implement the changes. In doing so I hope to improve UNSW in an effective manner and believe many of the changes will be realistic and achievable goals. I will work closely with the SRC team, providing practical ideas to improve the university. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Luca YOUNG (Activate)**

Hi! My name is Luca, I'm a Second Year Arts student and I'm proud to be running as a Councillor for Activate in the 2018 SRC Elections. This year being my second SRC election, I understand how important it is to stand up for students, and that student representation is one of the key aspects of improving UNSW. It's an incredible opportunity to be running with such a wonderfully diverse team that will not only make UNSW a better place for current students, but for future students too. If elected I would endeavour to put student welfare at the forefront of discussions. But I also recognise the significance of fighting against things that are going to negatively affect UNSW in the future such as cuts to education, expensive university degrees, underpaid staff and trimesters. I would value your vote for me to serve on the SRC, because I'll fight for you, always. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Brianna COSTIGAN (Energise your SRC)**

*No information provided*

### **Matthew LANIEWSKI (Energise your SRC)**

*No information provided*

### **Stephanie BARIS (Rise)**

Hey there, I'm Steph! I'm currently in my second year of my Commerce and Science degree. I'm running for councillor as I am passionate about making the university experience the best it can be for students. For me university is an opportunity to grow, meet incredible people and involve yourself in initiatives with other equally passionate individuals. I will strive to create an inclusive environment, where this experience is accessible to all students. I have coordinated Arc programs, fundraising events and have routinely volunteered myself for various organisations. Notably, I played a key role in fundraising for the Sydney Children's Hospital and I have also facilitated workshops to raise awareness for disabilities at

UNSW. Real change begins with students that support one another. As councillor, I will support the leaders and teams on campus to encourage positive change across the community. Vote [1] Rise.

### **Alessandra GIGLIO (Rise)**

I'm a fifth year arts/law student and would really love to participate more in my university life by doing something I'm passionate about – looking out for the welfare of my peers and their education – and I think the position of councillor on the SRC would be the perfect way to facilitate this. As a student who has been part of numerous societies over the years and part of two faculties, I have a lot of experience in coping with the crests and troughs of university life; I would relish the opportunity to practically enact what I've learnt and use it in a productive way. I want to be there for my peers in a capacity that is useful, that can help create change, especially in terms of mental health and wellbeing. I am willing to work hard to the best of my abilities in order to do this.

### **Thomas OSCAR (Rise)**

I am Thomas Oscar, a student and a unionist. I am nominating as a councilor because the university used to be a site of political struggle and activism. Unfortunately, this no longer appears to be the case - rather, student politics has become a career launchpad for young politicians. UNSW invests money into fossil fuels and weapon manufacturing. As students we must hold the university accountable and demand they divest in such atrocities. Although I do not think ethical investments are the be all and end all in the anti-imperial/anti-capital/environmental movements, we still must do all we can in the fight for a better world. And any political movement in this country must be informed and guided by the voices and concerns of First Nations People. In my free time I volunteer in the public health sector, go to bush doofs, and stargaze. Dare to struggle. Dare to win."

### **Ruby PANDOLFI (Rise)**

Hey, I'm Ruby! I'm a second year student studying Arts/Law and majoring in environmental humanities. I'm running for councillor because I want to facilitate positive change on campus, and ensure UNSW is the best place it can be for students. That means advocating for accessible education, continuing to fight climate change and empowering students to have their say on big issues. That's why I have been passionately involved with Fossil Free UNSW over the last year, which has fought for the university to divest from fossil fuels, increase their transparency, and involve students in decision making. Fossil Free UNSW has given me the skills and experience to work effectively with others, communicate important issues and connect with the student body. I believe that students should be leaders in shaping their campus and community, and have the power to create a sustainable and fair future. As a representative, I hope to support the leaders and groups on campus who strive for change whether that be environmental, social or educational. Vote [1] Rise.

### **Jelena RUDD (Rise)**

Hi, my name's Jelena Rudd and I am a law and international studies student. I am running for councillor because I believe that the university needs to more strongly represent student interests, particularly regarding climate change policies. Having been involved with environmental collective and fossil free for some time, I have come to realise that not only are students actively engaged and interested in the university's policies, but that they have very little control over the decision-making which governs them. I believe that future change is possible, and that we need a dynamic leadership comprised of an empowered student body. As councillor, I would ensure that student interests in a sustainable UNSW would be recognised and implemented. Vote [1] Rise.

## **Councillor - Undergraduate B**

### **Dexter GORDON (Activate)**

My name is Dexter Gordon, and I'm running for Councillor B and NUS Delegate. Over the last nine months, the UNSW SRC has undergone some great projects and I've been proud to have been a part of a fantastic organisation. I helped organise a contingent of moderate students, not radicals, to the strike that led the Chancellery to call off the next one and give tutors fair pay and conditions. I've been involved with the Welfare Department whose role in delivering free food when students need it most and helping out with cost-of-living difficulties has been instrumental to the role of the SRC. As a third year Chemistry major really looking to make a difference, I urge you to vote for me and help continue my efforts into making UNSW a better place. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Dhruv MEHTA (Activate)**

My name is Dhruv Mehta, and I am a 2nd-year Computer Science student.

As an international student, I feel there is a barrier between student representatives governing body and international students which shouldn't be the case. As a passionate and dedicated member of the clubs and societies across the university, I believe there should be an increased collaboration, integration and representation of all the diverse cultures we have at our university. The STEM faculties come with different potentials, and I hope to facilitate the wellbeing with the focus on specific causes including internship opportunities for students. I am passionate about increasing the funding and readjusting the finances to the benefit of the university's indigenous and international student population to increase cross-cultural collaboration.

I believe I can represent all the students and put their ideas on the table and give their voices a platform to be heard. With your faith in me and the opportunity to create change, I am certain results will be delivered to our student body to benefit from. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Macy REEN (Activate)**

Hey, I'm Macy Reen, I'm a first year science student at UNSW. I'm running for a position as a councillor on the Students' Representative Council next year.

UNSW has given me the opportunity to further my activism both on and off campus. The SRC should be made up of students that are willing to take on the fight against the racist treatment of international students, and exploitation of all students through demanding a free and fully funded education for all.

Earlier in the year I helped build for the strike at UNSW against the continued degradation of staff's pay and conditions as well as building the Books not Bombs and Disarm UNSW campaign. Students have a long history of anti-war movements and standing in solidarity with workers, which should continue to be true today.

I have been involved in building and attending events for Palestinian rights, refugee rights, women's rights, and against Black deaths in custody. These campaigns can all have a tangible impact on fighting the oppression of marginalised groups.

The SRC should be a body of progressive activists who are confident to take up any injustice they see, whether these struggles be here or off campus. I hope to be a part of that fight.

### **Leonardo SHAW-VOYSEY (Activate)**

I'm Leonardo Shaw-Voysey (Leo) a City Planning student keen to contribute to a better UNSW. Having a background in planning, I see UNSW as a 'mini-city': A vibrant community, with a diverse population, having various wants and needs. Our little urban society deserves strong student leadership that delivers the best outcomes for students, and this is exactly what I would strive to do as a Councilor.

I'm a strong believer in democratic decision making for students by students, making sure we're all represented regardless of academic, socioeconomic or cultural backgrounds. I consider myself an approachable and considerate individual and will certainly utilise these skills in representing the UNSW student body.

Massive changes (such as trimesters) are on the horizon at UNSW and I want nothing more than to contribute to the absolutely phenomenal work of the SRC as a student Councilor. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **April THOMPSON (Activate)**

Hi, I'm April and I am running for the role of councillor I am in my second year of science, and am passionate about student welfare, diversity, and safety on campus. I am proud to be here at UNSW because our students are driven towards positive change. The strides we, as a university, have taken towards creating a safe and enjoyable student experience are inspiring, and I promise to continue this momentum. I would like to help implement more of a focus on mental wellbeing, continue the fight to eradicate sexual harassment and assault on our campus, and be involved in shaping a university that is truly safe for all. I will work to

improve upon our student services, and spread awareness of the services we currently offer. As a councillor, I will be on the front-line, bringing a hands-on attitude to ensuring students feel safe and empowered during their time here at UNSW. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Thomas DOBSON (Energise your SRC)**

*No information provided*

### **Jack BIGGINS (Rise)**

Hi! I'm Jack, and I'm an Environmental Management and Arts student at UNSW, majoring in Earth Science. Through my experiences with Fossil Free UNSW this year, I have learnt that the positive change I seek does not come without work, whether it be encouraging the university to divest from the fossil fuel industry, inspire more student involvement within university decisions, or to increase UNSW's transparency. This work has shown me, as an individual and as the leader of a group, that this change can only come when we have strong student representatives fighting for the issues that matter to students at UNSW - this is why I'm running for a Councillor position. It is through this knowledge and the skill set I have acquired campaigning for change that I will be able to excel as a Councillor. I hope to work towards an inclusive, sustainable university. Vote [1] Rise.

### **Fay HUANG (Rise)**

Hi, I'm Fay and I'm a 4th year Medicine student. I'm running for councillor because I'm passionate about improving students' experiences at UNSW. I'm particularly interested in mental health and wellbeing, and I was the 2017 Wellbeing Officer for UNSW Medical Society, where I worked to start conversations about mental health, and break down the stigma that surrounds it. I'd continue this as a councillor, and would also push for access to free Mental Health First Aid Training Courses, to give students the skills to help themselves, and their colleagues, friends and family through hard times. I believe this is particularly important as almost everyone faces stressful times during university, and being able to talk about it and knowing how to respond to it is critical. As a councillor, I'd be able to impact the wider university community, which is something I'm extremely excited about. Vote [1] Rise!

### **Cameron HUBER (Rise)**

Hi! My name is Cameron, I'm a 2nd year student studying Neuroscience and Philosophy. I'm interested in becoming an SRC councillor to contribute towards student-driven campaigns at UNSW and enable effective communication between the student body and university administration. While studying at UNSW, I've lived at on-campus accommodation for over a year, contributing to college leadership and organisation. This allowed me to interact with UNSW students on a continuous basis, and represent their needs and interests regarding college life. As a councillor I would be driven to represent the interests of students in a similar capacity, for areas including and extending beyond student accommodation. This would include representing student welfare, upholding appropriate education

schemes and promoting diversity. I hope to bring useful insight to SRC in 2019 and look forward to working with a team of motivated, driven students to facilitate meaningful change for students at UNSW. Vote [1] Rise!

### **Amy LI (Rise)**

Hey! I'm Amy and I study psychology here at UNSW. I'm running for councillor because I want to make sure every voice on campus gets a fair representation at this university. This means fighting for the quality for our education, for student consultation in university processes, and for diversity in STEM. Throughout my time at UNSW, I have aimed to contribute to the community here through active involvement in numerous student organisations, volunteering programs, and societies. These experiences have given me an insight into the everyday struggles people face at this university: gender and racial discrimination -- both implicit and explicit --, poor transparency and university accountability, and poor staff working conditions. As a councillor I will not only work to represent student interests to the university, but empower students to take action on these issues that affect them every day. Vote [1] Rise.

### **Hugo WEBSTER (Rise)**

Hey! My name is Hugo, and I'm a second year Psychology student. UNSW is making major changes which will effect each and every one of us. UNSW is not making life easier for you by changing the structure of its academic year, increasing accommodation prices and cutting staff. UNSW should be more accessible for its students, particularly those from rural, low SES and Indigenous backgrounds. As a representative for fellow students, I will ensure your best interests are the university's main concerns. As this university grows, I want it to move in the right direction and look forward to help steering UNSW towards a brighter future as a student council member. Vote [1] Rise.

## **NUS Delegates**

### **Ashley CAIN-GREY (Activate)**

The National Union of Students is an extremely important entity to make sure that activists are connected nationally and fighting for the best interests of students. I want to be a NUS delegate because I believe it is important to have people within the NUS that are advocating for smart, practical policy that makes sure the NUS is an institution that can lobby effectively and also facilitate actions of protest and rallies.

Students expect that a national organization representing them is focused on their needs. While NUS conferences should always be a place of robust debate I would like to see the NUS take it's role seriously and not descend into chaos for minor political point scoring. The focus should always be on different people come together from universities from across the country to organize the best response to any attacks on students. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Dexter GORDON (Activate)**

My name is Dexter Gordon, and I'm running for Councillor B and NUS Delegate. Over the last nine months, the UNSW SRC has undergone some great projects and I've been proud to have been a part of a fantastic organisation. I helped organise a contingent of moderate students, not radicals, to the strike that led the Chancellery to call off the next one and give tutors fair pay and conditions. I've been involved with the Welfare Department whose role in delivering free food when students need it most and helping out with cost-of-living difficulties has been instrumental to the role of the SRC. As a third year Chemistry major really looking to make a difference, I urge you to vote for me and help continue my efforts into making UNSW a better place. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Zachary KAPINELLISON (Activate)**

Hi! My name is Zach Karpinellison and I'm a film student here at UNSW. I believe in the strength of both the student and union movement and that's why I've nominated for delegate to the National Union of Students. I want to represent YOU and your rights as a student and union member, and fight for better support systems and benefits. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Nikita PODLASOV (Activate)**

I'm running for NUS delegate to make sure UNSW Students are heard loud and clear at the National Conference. National Union of Students. NATIONAL- our power as students is strengthened when we meet the other universities and form a UNION where we work together in forming solutions and increasing our bargaining power as STUDENTS which we all are, and we are all in this together. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Emaunuelle RISOLDI (Activate)**

I'm running for a position as one of the NUS delegates as I believe that showcasing UNSW at a national level and being a part of a further group of like minded individuals can only better the kinds of communities we foster on our own campus. There is a wealth of knowledge and ideas that can be shared within this union, and I would like my voice, along with the voices of the UNSW community to be heard. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

### **Leonardo SHAW-VOYSEY (Activate)**

I'm Leonardo Shaw-Voysey a City Planning student from the built environment faculty, eager to represent UNSW as a NUS delegate.

I believe the academic and social rights of students are of extreme importance. The benefits of accessible and equitable education are felt across a society and are therefore something worth fighting for. Equally as important is the social welfare, safety and inclusion of students, putting an end to campus sexual assault and violence.

I'm a strong believer in democratic decision making for students by students, making sure we're all represented regardless of academic, socioeconomic or cultural backgrounds. I

consider myself an approachable and considerate individual and will certainly utilise these skills in representing the UNSW student body at a national level. Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

**Zac DRYSDALE (Energise your SRC)**

*No information provided*

**Rohan INDAP (Energise your SRC)**

*No information provided*

**Domenico ZIPPARO (Energise your SRC)**

*No information provided*

**Shoven BHATTARAI (Left Action)**

*No information provided*

**Alicja DEEGAN (Left Action)**

Hi, I'm Alicja and I'm running for for a National Union of Students (NUS) Delegate position during this year's elections.

I've been involved in campaigns with the National Union of Students since starting university in 2017. I have actively participated in a range of campaigns so far including notably the successful Yes campaign for marriage equality, campaigns against racism and for refugee rights and against funding cuts to higher education – a prominent policy feature of both the Liberals and Labor. NUS has a proud history of standing up to these and defeating them and I would love to see this continue. As an NUS delegate, I want to also ensure the UNSW SRC maintains strong communication with and a robust collaborative relationship the National Union to coordinate the strongest possible campaigns around the country.

**Jason HU (Left Action)**

Hi, my name's Jason and I'm running for the position of NUS delegate.

As a student activist, I've fought against bigotry and oppression of all kinds. I have been involved in campaigns for Palestinian liberation, refugee rights, and abortion rights, challenging the structures of capitalism that create inequality and discrimination.

But if I am elected, I hope to be a voice for the most oppressed category in our society. That's right, I'm talking about Gamers. For far too long, gamers have been tarred by the same brush of violence, indolence, and racism. I want to stand up for those who cannot be up before noon. I want to speak up for those who struggle to speak to their classmates. And above all, I will never forget the fallen gamers who died at the hands of the unholy quagmire known as UNSW WiFi.

### **Caitlin KEOGH (Left Action)**

My name is Caitlin Keogh, I'm running for an NUS delegate

I believe the NUS should be a body that fights for student rights and progressive issues. Student Unions have a strong tradition of being progressive activist bodies that have been at the forefront of social and political movements.

I stand for free education, against militarism, for refugee rights, against racism, sexism, and bigotry. I have been involved in activism since highschool and have been involved in NUS activity since beginning university. This year I have been the NSW Education Vice President for NUS and have used the position to further progressive campaigns and activist causes.

### **James MORCHED (Left Action)**

Hi, I'm James and I am running for the position of SRC Welfare Officer in this year's election.

Young people today are finding it near impossible to study while also working enough to make a living wage. This is not helped by the clear attacks on welfare by the government under neoliberalism. The clearest examples of these attacks are rising rent prices, stagnant wages, cuts to penalty rates, and 20 years of no increase to Newstart: all of which mainly affect young people.

I believe the position of Welfare Officer is perfect for fighting these attacks by the government but especially in pressuring our university to provide necessary services for students such as counselling, and affordable food and housing on campus, both of which the university has cut back on with the proposed closure of UNSW Hall. If elected, I will fight these constant attacks on students both nationally, and on campus.

### **Macy REEN (Left Action)**

My name is Macy Reen, I'm running for an NUS delegate.

I believe the NUS should be a progressive body that stands up for student rights and social justice issues.

I stand for free education and refugee rights and against militarism, racism, and sexism.

I want to see NUS take a stand around the issues that matter to students and fight for a more equal society.

### **Jamie WHITFORD (Left Action)**

I'm Jamie, a 2nd year student in Arts/Education and I'm running for NUS delegate. It's important to have student representatives that stand for students rights and progressive issues. Despite not having a position on the SRC this year, I've spent the year working with activists on my ticket Left Action doing activism on campus such as setting up a new group for solidarity with Palestine and participating in Disarm UNSW to cut the university's ties to

weapons manufacturing. These issues and more should be a priority for the SRC and the National Union of Students. We should use these union bodies as democratic activist spaces that put the interests of students and social issues at the forefront of their work.

### **Matylda BRE CZ (Rise)**

Hey! My name is Matylda, and I'm an International Relations major! Throughout my time at UNSW, I've seen the management push decisions that continue to harm students. From trimesters, to shoddy equity policies, to staff cuts: this administration continues to exclude students from decisions that matter most. I'm passionate about working with students and student representatives to help create a stronger and more united university environment. As NUS Delegate, my goal is to represent the voice of UNSW on a national scale. I want to ensure that all students are represented, regardless of their background, location, or situation. My aim is to make UNSW as responsive to students' needs as they claim to be; to ensure the quality, accessibility and diversity of UNSW for current and future students; to ensure transparency between the administration and students; to ensure that student voices are heard. Vote [1] Rise in week 12!

### **Thomas BYRNES (Rise)**

Hi! My name is Tom, and I am a third year Criminology student. Whilst at UNSW, I have witnessed university initiatives being pushed forward without proper consultation with students and staff. Trimesters, staff cuts, and the demolition of UNSW Hall are all examples of actions that failed to include those who were affected the most in the debate. We are continually seeing a lack of transparency and accessibility in university policies. In my experience fighting for staff rights earlier this year, I learnt about the effectiveness of collective action in keeping the university accountable for decisions that negatively impact its most important stakeholders, us! As NUS Delegate, I will continue to ensure that we aren't left out of the conversation on the national scale, working with passion and morality for the betterment of UNSW. Vote [1] Rise.

### **Miranda JORDAN (Rise)**

Hi! I'm Mira - a Science/Fine Arts student majoring in ecology and ceramics. No one person can be a representative of all students, but as a collaborative effort, maybe the NUS can. What I've seen through my last year as a councillor on the SRC is that there are many varied issues students face. As a rural student, my experience of University has been different than some, as a woman my experience has been different from men's. I believe in enabling people from all backgrounds to have their voice as students heard. In particular, I want to work with women identified people against gender directed violence, for body choices, and equal opportunities in this University and on the national scale, through past graduation. As NUS Delegate, I can represent UNSW at the forefront of progress and genuinely empowering all students, regardless of background. Vote [1] Rise

### **Amy LI (Rise)**

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### **Axel-Nathaniel ROSE (Rise)**

Hey! I'm Axel-Nathaniel Rose (though I'll admit, just 'Axel' is fine). I'm a 2nd year Creative Writing/English student, and a queer, transgender, disabled man. I started at UNSW in 2017, and since then I've seen some horrible things: a lot of crying, first of all, but also homeless students sleeping in classrooms; the staff not listening to teachers or students on Trimesters, let alone anything else; students scared to walk home alone; realising that UNSW invests in both the fossil fuel industry, and in the military. The best things I've seen here (apart from passing grades) have come from activism, led by and for students. As a NUS Delegate, I would be excited to put my experience as Students With Disabilities Officer and student advocate to use in the national sphere, promoting the real student voice of UNSW. Vote [1] Rise!

### **Toby WALMSLEY (Rise)**

I'm running as an NUS Delegate to represent students at the highest student union in Australia. A delegate should have a variety of experiences under their belt - I've been a secretary and vice-president of MathSoc, the UNSWetened literary journal editor, and Education Officer on the SRC. Through these roles I have been confronted by student poverty, poor university transparency, and immoral university management. I've been with students as they have chosen accessibility, equity, and justice in local and national struggles. These struggles are not disconnected, and I intend to ensure that students nationally continue to make progress on queer, women's', and anti-racism campaigns. Strong student leadership provides the rudder we need to fight for accessibility, equity, and justice. Vote for students who have the experience and vision to make justice happen. Vote [1] Rise.