

# 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!

## 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!

## 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!

## 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 interests and I'd really like to be a part of that! Vote [1] ACTIVATE!

## 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 your 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!

## **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!

## **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!

## **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!

## **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!

### **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!

### **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.

## **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!

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

Hi! I'm Jack, and I'm a 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.

### **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.

## **NUS Delegates**

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### **Humaria NASRIN (Activate)**

My name is Humaira Nasrin and I am nominating for a NUS Delegate position. The National Union of Students is a vital organisation that shapes student activism. A NUS delegate position gives opportunity to shape the policy and directional of the National Union of Students. As a delegate I would like to take the issues that directly correspondence to UNSW students to conference to ensure NUS policy reflects it. 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!

### **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.

### **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 UNSW eTextened 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.