



OLIVER PIKE

I am a proud Wiradjuri Ngemba man from country NSW and member of the LGBTQIA+ community. In this role I will aim to ensure UNSW and Arc staff understand and acknowledge the traditional and rightful owners of this land. Ensuring no racial or discriminative behaviours are tolerated, and if this happens addressed with urgency. Actions by educating people to better recognise their misunderstandings in order to create a safer and more inclusive learning environment. Developing online spaces where students can voice their concerns about issues rising through the university. I don't wish to be in this role and tell people they are 'wrong', I aim to build on the mistakes of the past, create a stronger foundation and work towards a better future of acknowledgement where you as the UNSW cohort can learn in an all-inclusive and welcoming space.



Q&A

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR ARC?

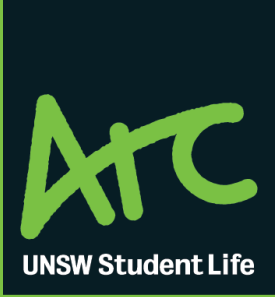
My vision is to continue the great work Arc already does. Actively listening to the student body and acknowledging change when it is needed. Always striving for our best putting student needs and voices first. As a proud Wiradjuri and Ngemba man from country NSW, I understand the importance and necessity of being heard. Continually uphold the pillars of Arc by responding to a rapidly changing tertiary sector. Also, to just have fun.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE A STUDENT LEADER, AND WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE BY BEING ON THE ARC BOARD?

Student leaders are highly important in the university community being active members who see first-hand what happens on the ground. Being a student leader will give me no authority in telling people what to do or how to do things. It will however, give me the position and platform needed to ask questions and listen to suggestions or complaints coming from you as the student body of UNSW. I hope to achieve the agility and receptivity that Arc upholds when dealing with the dynamically changing needs of students. I aim to continue to educate people to better recognise their misunderstandings and take the necessary steps moving forward together, as a team.





WHY IS ARC IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Arc is important to me because they uphold and promote their values and beliefs in the student sphere both on and off campus, while ensuring social and academic standards are met. They show respect to everyone who walks through the UNSW door. I want to be a part of this community that welcomes differences and will never shame anyone based on their history or their story. Arc endorses and proudly supports inclusivity, diversity and equality. As a gay Aboriginal, these underpinning values made me feel welcome and listened to when I first started at UNSW, and I aim to make this an experience for new and continuing students at UNSW.

