

Western Sydney University

Student Elections

Annual Election 2024

NUS National Conference Delegate Candidate Statements

The following candidate statements are statements provided by those students who have submitted an eligible nomination for the NUS NatCon delegate position.

Nominees are provided in order of their position in the notice of ballot, which will be the order they appear on the ballot when voting.

The order of ballot was drawn by lot by the Returning Officer, please also refer to the ballot list document posted on the Student Elections Website.

22119739 HEARNE Mitchell

Ticket: Elevate

I'm running for this position because I believe students deserve the same level of representation as workers. For too long, students have been burdened with high costs, yet receive little in return. It's time to create a fairer balance.

In my previous roles, I've been a strong advocate in Human Resources, fighting for higher, fairer wages, better perks, and improved work-life balance. I've also ensured that complaints and wellbeing requests are handled fairly and equally. I bring this same commitment to fairness and equity to student representation.

If elected, my main goal is to ensure that the cost/benefit ratio of education is fairer for all students. Spending \$50,000 on a degree only to receive minimal benefits is unacceptable, especially when university leaders earn over \$1,000,000 annually. I'm passionate about increasing the offerings that universities provide to students across the country, making sure they get the value they deserve.

Vote for me if you believe in a fairer, more equitable educational system where students are truly valued and represented.



20378383 GONZALEZ Julian

Ticket: Elevate

As the Disability Collective Representative to the Western SRC, I am running to be a delegate to the NUS to make our disabled student's voices are heard. It is vital for our disabled voices and needs to be heard at a national level so as to we are not being left behind for when it comes to choices being made for us. My experience on the SRC and connections within the NUS has given my collective a chance to host the upcoming NUS Disability and Ethnocultural conference in late October. This will be an amazing opportunity to hear WSU disabled student's voices.

I have a primary focus on student well-being and accessibility for my collective members and I want to continue to ensure that the NUS helps disabled students as a priority. If elected as your NUS delegate, I will continue to fight for accessibility and provide representation of our disabled students on a national level. I will fight to ensure that disabled students are apart of the student accords and will work to push the tertiary education roadmap to include



disabled students. With your support, I ask that your vote can count towards making WSU accessible for all disabled students.

22169757 AUSTIN Libby

Ticket: Elevate

As the First Nations Representative of the Western SRC, I am running for National Union of Students (NUS) delegate to ensure your voices are heard at the national level. My role has given me a deep understanding of the challenges faced by students at Western Sydney University, particularly within our First Nations community, and I am dedicated to advocating for the issues that matter most to us.



During my time as a representative, I have championed initiatives focused on student wellbeing, campus safety, and fostering a stronger sense of community. My work is driven by a commitment to social justice and equity, amplifying marginalized voices, especially those of First Nations students.

If elected as your NUS delegate, I will continue fighting for the rights of Western Sydney University students, advocating for increased funding for student services, greater representation for underrepresented groups, and policies that address the unique challenges our community faces. Together, we can make our university more inclusive and supportive.

Your support is crucial. I ask for your vote to represent our university and continue advocating for all students in Western Sydney.

22151696 TRAN Hoang Bao Anh

Ticket: N/A

Dear fellow students,

I am excited to run for National Union of Students (NUS) Conference Delegate, representing Western Sydney University. With a passion for student advocacy and representation, I am committed to ensuring our voices are heard at the national level.



Studying for my Bachelor of Business (Applied Finance), I have developed strong analytical and leadership skills, while actively participating in student initiatives. These experiences have deepened my understanding of key challenges we face, such as the need for better mental health support and ensuring education remains accessible.

If elected, I will focus on:

- **Affordable Education:** Advocating for more financial aid and support for students from diverse backgrounds to ensure higher education remains within reach.
- **Mental Health and Well-being:** Pushing for more mental health resources, including accessible counseling and peer support networks.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Promoting equality by ensuring underrepresented groups are included in all discussions.

I am dedicated to being a proactive and supportive delegate, ensuring your concerns are addressed by the NUS.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Hoang Bao Anh TRAN

20443359 SETHI Vidushi

Ticket: Elevate

As a passionate advocate for student rights and welfare, I am eager to continue my journey with the National Union of Students (NUS). Last year, I had the privilege of serving as a delegate, where I raised crucial international student issues at the highest platform of student advocacy during the NUS conference. This experience reinforced my commitment to ensuring that all students, regardless of their background, have a voice that is heard and respected.

In the coming year, I will focus on key issues such as combating the exploitation of international students, advocating for fair working rights, and fighting against arbitrary caps on international student numbers. These caps not only limit educational opportunities but also contribute to the marginalisation and financial exploitation of international students. I will work to ensure that all students have access to necessary welfare services, including mental health support, affordable housing, and financial assistance. My goal is to foster a more inclusive and supportive university environment where every student feels empowered to succeed.

I am dedicated to working with fellow students and NUS representatives to achieve these goals and make tangible improvements in the student experience to create a brighter and equitable future for all students.



22065105 ZINZUWADIA Pooja

Ticket: Elevate

I am seeking the position of delegate to the National Union of Students because I am deeply committed to advancing student rights and voices. My experience such as striving to end sexual harassment on campus is a testament to my passion for student welfare. I led initiatives to enhance support systems and awareness programs, ensuring that students have a voice and resources to combat harassment effectively.

Additionally, I have actively advocated for amplifying student voices, working tirelessly to ensure that their concerns and needs are addressed at all levels of decision-making. This advocacy has involved collaborating with university leadership, organising forums, and pushing for changes such as establishing student unions that empower students. This initiative reflects my and my team's dedication to building a robust support network and fostering a community where every student feels heard and valued.

By electing me as a delegate along with the other members of Elevate, you would be choosing a candidate with proven dedication, leadership experience, and a clear vision for enhancing student welfare on a national scale. I am committed to driving meaningful change and representing our collective interests with integrity and passion.

Yours in Solidarity,

Pooja J Zinzuwadia

22127134 MAROCCHI Tara

Ticket: N/A

Hi all! My name is Tara Marocchi, and I'm running to be your representative to the National Union of Students!

The National Union of Students plays an important role within the decision making process that affects undergraduate students across Australia. Western Sydney University, having a large and diverse demographic student body, deserves to have a delegate who will not only be present during the decision making process of the delegation, but also will be one that will fight for students' voices to be heard.

I am also a strong believer in the power of activism as a key political tool for students to involve themselves in. I have been a student activist since high school, where I attended protests to fight the housing and cost of living crisis. Since starting university, I have continued to follow through with



that activism, working alongside the Western Sydney University 4 Palestine Collective in the active fight for Palestinian justice. I have also been engaged with activism at Sydney University, such as working in the cross-campus collectives to fight for students' education!

In short - a left-wing, independent activist would be vital for the NUS to take on board!

20384151 FOX Laine

Ticket: Elevate

As President of the Western SRC, I am running for National Union of Students (NUS) delegate to ensure your voices are heard at the national level. My leadership experience has given me a deep understanding of the challenges faced by students at Western Sydney University, and I am dedicated to advocating for the issues that matter most to our community.

During my tenure, I have championed initiatives focused on student wellbeing, campus safety, and fostering a more inclusive environment for all. My work is driven by a commitment to social justice and equity, amplifying marginalized voices.

If elected as your NUS delegate, I will continue fighting for the rights of Western Sydney University students, advocating for increased funding for student services, greater representation for underrepresented groups, and policies addressing our community's unique challenges. Together, we can make our university more inclusive and supportive.

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