

**Western Sydney University**

**Student Elections**

**Annual Election 2023**

**NUS National Conference Delegate Candidate Statements**

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

Nominees are provided in order of their student ID in an ascending order.

This is not the order they will be presented on the ballot.

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

16836147 SHARPE Tiffany

Warami, my name is Tiffany Sharpe, and I am a proud Indigenous woman who lives and works on the lands of the Darug Nation. I am a second-year student studying for a Bachelor of Advanced Medical Science majoring in Biomedical Science.

I am a strong influential candidate for the position of National Union of Students conference delegate, as I have many perspectives and concerns that must be voiced and raised nationally at the NUS Conference: these matters affect the diverse groups of Women, First Nations, International, Welfare and Well-being, and Education. I want to represent Western Sydney University as an NUS delegate who wants to provide efficacious student advocacy and campaign politically in voicing the matters significantly impacting students, which have been transpiring nationally across Australian universities. We must stand up for our rights, politically address our concerns, and drive for change by using our voices in unity.

17223528 FUCILE Bowen

Continuing the work we have started this year will be no less arduous and is a challenge I am happy and welcome. Having been selected to attend the National Union of Students Education Conference in 2023, the critical role that student representatives play in student advocacy at tertiary education institutions was highlighted.

Most prominent was the notion that these representatives must be at the table speaking on behalf of the students when the university is making decisions impacting the students.

As a NUS delegate coupled with the SRC General Secretary position, the responsibilities of both roles have provided a unique insight into best elevating the student voice. In future, both roles will be crucial in ensuring the independence and autonomy of the student voice here at Western Sydney University. I wish to continue this added responsibility and opportunity to continue our current work to the best of my ability.

19257310 BONATTI Daniel

As the current President I have many contacts across universities. With previous experience as Vice President Postgraduate Education, I went to Ballarat in 2019 to NATCON brought a motion all universities agreed upon to have full accessible toilets with beds and showers as per National Construction Code 2019. For which as President following that up in Services and Facilities committee, attaining a list. Further during COVID I was the Western Sydney University delegate online. The students as partners agreement would allow SRC to leave its current committee structure to become full association. The NUS membership would allow advice to progress in this path to better students engagement in the running of there University. There is a reason for seven positions that is we are such a large university 49000 students strong. We need to be a leader in Australian University landscape.

19776200 REZAIE Shokoofeh

Dear fellow students:

I'm Shokoofeh Rezaie, and I'm excited to be your voice on campus and fight for the changes we need to make it a better place. As a 3rd-year Bachelor of Social Work/Bachelor of Criminal and Community Justice student and member of the Academy, I am deeply committed to fostering a better social outcome for every student on our campus. As a NUS delegate, I will work hard to make sure that the opinions and concerns of students are heard. During my studies in social work, I found many social facilities that need to be

improved like placement in any placement be paid, the large cost of parking spots and free stationeries.

I humbly ask for your support and trust in this journey of positive change. Vote for me, Shokoofeh Rezaie, as your University Student Representative, and let's shape a better future together!

20110172 RITCHIE Ruby

Hi students, my name is Ruby Ritchie and I'm running for the position of Delegate to the NUS National conference. The National Union of Students is an imperative organisation that protects the rights of all university students. As a Delegate to the National Conference I will provide a platform for Western Sydney University students to have their voices heard.

I will fight alongside my fellow NUS Delegates to change the age of independence, so that struggling students can have access to social welfare. I will fight to keep student money in students' hands, because no one else except you should be deciding where your SSAF is spent. I will fight to end sexual violence on campus because it is a fundamental right to feel safe. And, I will fight to ensure that the University Accords hear the cry of students, because real reform is needed now!"

20351087 CHEUNG Belle

Hi Western Sydney University students, my name is Belle and I'm running for the position of Delegate to the NUS National conference. The National Union of Students is an important tool in fighting for the rights of students across all universities including WSU. As a Delegate to the National Conference, I will fight to ensure our students' voices are heard at a national level.

I will fight alongside my fellow NUS Delegates to change the age of independence, so that struggling students can have access to social welfare. I will fight to keep student money in students' hands, because students should have a say in where their money goes; ensure that sexual assault and harassment on campus is a thing of the past because all student deserve to feel safe; and that the University Accords hear the cry of students, because real reform is needed now!

20378383 GONZALEZ Julian

Hi WSU, my name is Julian and I'm running for the position of Delegate to the NUS National conference.

The National Union of Students is an absolutely vital tool in fighting for the rights of students across all universities nationally, and WSU has such a large and diverse student cohort that no other universities in Australia has, and our voices must be heard.

I will fight alongside my fellow NUS Delegates to ensure that struggling students can have access to social welfare, because social welfare is a right. I will fight to ensure that students will be protected from racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, sexual assault and harassment, because every student deserves to feel safe on campus. I will fight to keep student money in students' hands, because students should have a say in where their money goes.

20384151 FOX Laine

Hi Western Sydney University students, my name is Laine and I'm running for the position of Delegate to the NUS National conference. I will fight alongside my fellow NUS Delegates to change the age of independence, so that struggling students can have access to social welfare. I will fight to keep student money in students' hands, because students should have a say in where their money goes. I will fight to ensure that sexual assault and harassment on campus is a thing of the past, because all students deserve to feel safe. And, I will fight to ensure that the University Accords hear the cry of students, because real reform is needed now!

20443359 SETHI Vidushi

No statement provided.

20681757 KUMAR Shivam

No statement provided.

22039894 BAHIRWANI Tushar

No statement provided.

22052741 RAJ Stephen

No statement provided.

22065105 ZINZUWADIA Pooja

Greetings, WSU students! I'm thrilled to run for NUS National Conference Delegate, committed to addressing key concerns at Western Sydney University. The NUS Conference is a platform where student representatives gather to shape policies and campaigns.

As your advocate, I'll work alongside fellow Delegates to fight for reduced debt interest rates, alleviating financial burdens on education. I'm determined to ensure a safe campus environment, actively combatting assault and harassment. Furthermore, I'll push for improved mental and physical support services, enhancing our overall well-being and academic success.

As your NUS Delegate, I'll passionately champion these priorities, amplifying our voices and striving for tangible change. Let's join forces to forge a more secure, supportive, and economically feasible academic journey for all. Your vote is a vote for progress and better representation, paving the way for a transformative university experience. Together, we'll leave a lasting impact.

22069759 SHAKYA Bibek

No statement provided.

22114210 DeVINE Robert

We all should be united as students across Australia, and only together can we achieve the best outcomes for students nationally across the board for mental health, academic outcomes and providing better support for all!