



Student Representative Member's Reports – Meeting 12

President - Matthew Bojanic

Introduction

I am writing my report for the December meeting relatively early, despite having numerous upcoming meetings, due to my departure on a military training exercise on 29 November 2019. I am however, still able to cover off on my activities since Meeting #11, which have primarily revolved around administration and grievance resolution, as well as SRC Public Relations.

Administration + Public Relations

Since the last SRC meeting, I have become even more active in the area of grievance resolution, debriefing members in person, or in a meeting setting, and ensuring procedural fairness is maintained for a number of incidents currently under investigation by both the SRC and SR+P. Whilst this has been a challenging task, especially considering my inability to comment despite student interest in these issues, I feel that we are making strong progress, and I am hopeful that some of our long standing issues as a council will be addressed by the time of my return upon the conclusion of my first training exercise in late December.

Furthermore, I have also been actively involved in public relations activities relating to the SRC, having appeared in the new SRC video currently being produced by SR+P, as well as writing an editorial for the latest addition of W'SUP, encouraging students to play a greater role in student representation, advocacy and life on our campuses. Finally, I was in attendance at the Student Leadership Night, where I delivered an address to students which not only mapped out the SRC's priorities for 2020, but will hopefully our students to step-up, and help us improve life at Western for all.

Strategic Planning + University Governance

In terms of moving forward our agenda for 2020, and following up on key areas of University Governance, I have a number of meetings with members of the University Executive this coming week. I will be meeting with Michael Burgess, albeit now over Zoom, on Tuesday 26th November to discuss our plans for student life, as well as the streamlining of security assessments, and the current availability of facilities, for students planning events. I am also meeting with the Bankstown CBD Campus Change Committee on Wednesday to follow up on some updates to the internal fit-out plan of Level 04, which both SR+P and I feel will better suit that needs of our Clubs, Societies and Collectives into the future, especially if we are successful of our overhaul of clubs and societies moving forward.

Finally, I have a meeting with the Vice Chancellor on Thursday 28th November to discuss a number of crucial issues, including the current status of the proposed SSAF Framework developed by a number of students and staff, myself included, last year, as well as student consultation (and lack there-of) in the wind-up of Western Unlimited. I am hopeful that this will lead to greater student input on the Gyms, Co-Op, and other key aspects of students services.

Academic Integrity

The materials for the Academic Integrity Student Ambassador Program have now been finalised, and I am looking forward to implementing the pilot of the program in the first quarter of 2019. Furthermore, I am flying to Melbourne on 26 November to represent both Western SRC, and the University, at the TEQSA Academic Integrity Workshop, which I feel will be a great opportunity to continue to build upon my understanding of this crucial area for our students.

SSAF

I have also been involved with the ongoing coordination of the National Campaign on SSAF, run by the National Union of Student, having met multiple times to continue to flesh out the nature of the campaign itself. As it develops, it seems increasingly committed to actively campaigning for Universities to ensure that their student advocacy bodies are independent of the institutions themselves, which gives me hope that this campaign could expedite the transition of the SRC into a Student Association.

Furthermore, I also assisted Mandii and Danielle in promoting the issues surrounding the Penrith Community Garden, not only writing to a number of senior members of the university executive, but also starting a petition to raise further awareness amongst the students. I am very proud of Mandii and Danielle's work in this space, and am pleased that due to our collective efforts, it is now moving forward once more.

Vice President – Education (Postgraduate) & NUS Delegate – Daniel Bonatti

Background

I write a report greater than 200 words as I am in the Executive of the SRC. I am the Vice President Education (Postgraduate), & NUS delegate elect, plus CAPA delegate and Budget and Remuneration, Communication, SSAF Committee member. I am in the Faculty Engineering, Mathematics and Computing doing Graduate Diploma in Building Surveying. I am following my role as described in Student Representation Procedures Clause 14 & 15. I easily achieved the required 42 mandatory hours.

My activities have been restricted in November due to my larger course work load for my Graduate Diploma In Building Surveying, next year I may take leave to get more done for the SRC, though at moment accelerating my studies.

Activities – Schedule during NOVEMBER

- Engineers Australia – Webinar, 30th October, 6 to 7pm, total 1 hour, Developing the Engineering Leaders of the Future.
- Parramatta City, 31st October, 6 to 7pm, total 1 hour, Book launch, Stories from the West.
- SRC Meeting, 1st November, 11am to 1pm, total 2 hours
- SRC Meeting, 1st November, 2pm to 4pm, total 2 hours
- Parramatta South, 1st November, 6pm to 9pm, total 3 hours, 30th Anniversary Western Sydney University Ball. Western Sydney University is proud to be celebrating its 30-year anniversary in 2019. It is a timely opportunity to celebrate the University's history and acknowledge the vital role it has played in the social and economic transformation of the burgeoning Western Sydney region. Formally constituted on 1 January 1989, the University has grown to become one of the world's leading universities and the largest, most established higher education institution in Western Sydney, with over 48,000 students, 3,000 staff and a cohort – both locally and globally – of more than 180,000 alumni. To mark this important milestone, the University is hosting a program of events and activities throughout the year for students, staff and members of the community.
- VUWS, 3rd November, 11am, Grade for Building in Bush fire prone Areas
- VUWS 3rd November, 11am, Fire Engineering Design Assessment, Assignment 1 Peer Review, Marked
- Advocacy – 4th November, class complaint via email string.
- Informal email to professor to reconsider marking, Fire Engineering Design Assessment
- Newcastle University, 5th November, 9.15am to 11.15am, Callaghan Campus, psychology building AVGL11
- Complaints, 6th November, 10 to 5pm, total 7 hours, submission complaint special consideration and review of grade.
- Complaints, 7th November, 10 to 5pm, total 7 hours, submission complaint about Building in Bush-fire Prone Areas.
- Sustainability Bootcamp, 8th November, 10 to 3pm, total 5 hours, submitted Urban heat worksheets and poster.
- Complaints 8th November, Submitted two complaints above by email.
- Remembrance Day, 11th November, 10.30 to 11.15am, Gregson Park Hamilton NSW.
- Complaints, 11th November, 12 to 6pm, total 6 hours, submission complaint about FEDA Fire Engineering Assessment.
- CAPA Teleconference, 12th November, 1 to 2pm, total 1 hour, International Student NSW Concessions Meeting, monthly meeting for CAPA issue was tabled to NSW parliament last year. This followed the UTS, 10 October, Meeting. International students Concession Card.
- EHA teleconference, 13th November, 12 to 2pm, total 2 hours, The Institution of Engineers Australia Engineering Heritage Australia, Bi-monthly National Meeting.
- NCAT NSW, 14th November, 10 to 6pm, total 8 hours, 58 page report for retaining wall and fence - Neighbour dispute to do with Complying development.

- Bachelor, 14th November, Congratulations! You have received an offer to study 3762 – Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours) - full time at Western Sydney University, Parramatta campus in March 2020. Angelo Kourtis Vice-President (People and Advancement) and Registrar
- Bachelor, 14th November, 10 to 11pm, total 1 hour, enrolled in Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours).
- Vice Chancellor Executive Meeting, 15th November, 11am to 12pm, total 1 hour.
- Collectives Meeting, 15th November, 1 to 2.30pm, total 1.5hrs, came in late Chaired by Allen Feng
- SRC meeting, 15th November, 3.30 to 5pm, total 2 hours, informal special meeting.
- Honorarium, 16th November, prepare report to submit to attain Honorarium.
- Honorarium, 19th November, submission of Honorarium, for September to November 2019.
- Feedback, 19th November, on FEDA Fire Engineering Design Assessment and Building in Bush Prone Areas.
- Advocacy 20th November, Complaints to Vice Chancellor, on behalf students, to do with Special consideration, teaching, quality, education and Freedom of speech.
- Conference WEC, 19 to 23rd November, 9 to 5pm, Melbourne Exhibition Centre. Engineers Australia and the World Federation of Engineering Organizations welcome you to Melbourne for the World Engineers Convention (WEC) 2019 – a coming together of some of the greatest engineering minds from around the globe, hosted in one of the world's most liveable cities.
Known as the 'Olympics of Engineering' this international convention is held every four years and will attract 1300+ global participants from over 70 countries. The overarching theme for WEC 2019 is Engineering a Sustainable World: The Next 100 Years. The focus will not only be on engineering innovation, but how this can have a positive impact on our lives by creating sustainable engineering solutions. Sustainability is used in the broadest sense – encompassing the management of precious natural resources such as water, renewable energy technologies, frugal innovation, management of natural resources etc., and incorporates values of ethics and social responsibility.
The convention program will offer three full days of content featuring six streams, with each aligning to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. This is a unique opportunity to take an integrated approach to solve many of the problems that the world is facing – all of them requiring engineering.
With Engineers Australia celebrating its Centenary in 2019, this convention will highlight Australian engineering on a global scale and explore the distinctive and sustaining mindset of our profession; the notion that 'anything is possible'.
- NATCON, 21st November WSU NUS delegates deadline for agenda policy.
- Conference TEQSA, 26 to 29th November, 9 to 5pm, Melbourne Victoria – SOFITEL MELBOURNE ON COLLINS, Address, 25 Collins St. The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) 4th Annual Conference 2019 26 to 29th November.
At the 4th TEQSA conference, we will look at ways in which partnerships can drive quality, through, collaboration with industry, professional accreditation bodies and

regulatory authorities to benefit students, the higher education sector and Australian education. Speakers will explore key aspects, of the global higher education landscape and how partnerships can transform the content and delivery of education over the coming decade TEQSA Australia's independent national quality assurance and regulatory agency for higher education. TEQSA's fundamental purpose is to safeguard student interests and the reputation of higher education in Australia. TEQSA does this through a proportionate, risk- reflective approach to quality assurance that supports diversity, innovation and excellence.

- Conference, EWB, 30 November and 1st November, 9 to 5pm each day, includes dinner Saturday night. NSW Regional Conference at the University of Technology Sydney.
- Conference, CAPA, 3 to 6 December, Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) Annual National Conference 2019 (for postgraduate students) Melbourne Victoria – Victoria University City Flinders Campus.

The CAPA Annual Conference at Victoria University's City Flinders Campus, opposite Flinders Street station in the heart of Melbourne. The conference is sponsored by our affiliates Monash Postgraduate Association, Victoria University Postgraduate, Association, and the University of Melbourne Graduate Student Association. Each December, CAPA's direction for the following year is set at the Annual Council Meeting (ACM) to which representatives from all member organisations are invited to attend, express their views, discuss issues pertaining to their organisations, decide the next year's priorities, and run for elected positions. CAPA also holds a Special Council Meeting (SCM) in the mid-year, to which representatives from all member organisations are invited to attend and contribute CAPA's ongoing national advocacy. Policy submissions are a key way in which CAPA advocates for its constituents. We actively follow all issues relating to postgraduate students, and so a lot of time is spent by the CAPA team researching and writing high-quality submissions. These are sent to reviews and inquiries as needed. We ensure that postgraduate students have a voice in the creation or alteration of Government and university policies, changes to postgraduate funding, and changes to legislation.

- Conference, NUS, NATCON, 9th-13th December 2019, Federation University Ballarat (University Dr, Mount Helen VIC 3350) WSU elected delegate for NUS. NUS's National Conference (NatCon) is approaching, and will be held at Federation University, Ballarat.

NatCon is the Annual General Meeting of NUS, and is a chance to debate policy, meet student representatives and activists from across Australia, and decide the direction for NUS into the future. New NUS representatives for 2020 will also be elected by delegates at National Conference.

Vice President – Activities – Mandii Carr

Upcoming events

- Parra City Playground (Summer School, December 10th)

Completed events

- SOP Free Caricaturist – November 13th
- Student Awards Night – November 25th

Campus Visits

- Kingswood
- 1PSQ
- Bankstown
- Parramatta South
- Campbelltown

Tasks

- Bankstown SRC space has been cleaned and clear including the removal of broken furniture.
- Campbelltown cleanout completed. Ctown space has been ordered tubs and storage shelves. Jen has also prompted OEC to hang your whiteboard up!
- Penrith has also had a cleanout.
- Charbel and I will be doing a stock shuffle from KWD to HAW and NIR.
- Stock from BAN is also being transported to LIV as per Natasha's request.
- **Assets Acquisition** Jenny has ordered our laptops and iPads.
- **Assets Acquisition** Tablecloths, badges, puff jackets (because I couldn't find the same blazers I had originally sought after) SRC badges and the teardrop banners and marquees ordered.
- The Who Bleeds Wins merchandise ordered for 2020.
- Clubs banners in the process of being ordered, huge thank you to Pauline Tan for her assistance.
- Penrith Garden project has been installed.
- Following up with a complaint made on social media about a rep at an event.
- Large food order has come from the VPA budget for 2020 promos and pop up events
- The Who Bleeds Wins handover in progress
- Western Sydney University's SRC talent quest winners: Rose Lewis, Lisa Lewis and John Lewis.

First Nations Representative – Shayne Miller

Shayne Miller – 0426890431 - 18491500@student.westernsydney.edu.au

Courtney Becky (Collective Officer) - 19752293@student.westernsydney.edu.au

It has been an incredible learning experience to be part of the SRC for the past 6 months, this last report sadly brings us to the end of the year. It has been a difficult learning process,

but I feel getting a fresh start in 2020 with new students to engage with in my collective will be a fantastic boost.

As the First Nations representative I would like to preface this report by giving my deepest Condolences to the family of the late local elder Aunty Mae Robinson who has sadly passed away this week. As a local Aboriginal student growing up in the area, Aunty Mae was a significant part of not only my schooling life, but the lives of all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the Western Sydney area. She will be dearly missed, may her spirit rest in peace.

I would also like to acknowledge the custodians across all of Australia and take a moment to reflect on the recent damage to country, particularly across the eastern side of Australia. The bushfires have had a devastating impact to the land across hundreds of hectares. May we mourn for the lives of not only the people, but also the Flora and Fauna lost to these fires.

Items

Campus Visits:

Campbelltown, Liverpool, Parramatta South, Hawkesbury, Kingswood.

Actions

Attended the Indigenous Strategy meeting for 2020-2023 lead by the Pro Vice-Chancellor of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, Strategy and Consultation – Professor Michelle Trudgett, also in Attendance was the director of Badanami Fiona Towney. Discussion ensued and ideas for 2020 flourished. I hope to continue relations into next year and work alongside them for my collective.

Attended a meeting as part of a working group which was formed to focus on the ways in which ATSI students and Staff Identify at Western Sydney University. This is an ongoing group and has led to me being involved in more discussions about what impacts ATSI students with the staff moving forward.

Attended Change Fest 2019 Conference in Mt Druitt and spoke on the Government inaction in relation to the climate emergency and the destruction of local koala habitats in South Western Sydney.

Attended the CONNECT conference and performed the Acknowledgement of Country, this put me in a positive light with all involved and I hope I am contacted for more of this work in the future, so I can perform it or delegate it to students in my Indigenous Student Council so that they can gain experience.

Ran two workshops for High School Students: At Chifley College (Bidwill) to Inspire children to lead healthy lifestyles and think about university. Also at Liverpool Campus to Rural and Urban ATSI students on Culture & Community and the Impacts they can have on the two. Ambitions and possible projects 2020 NAIDOC Events across all Campuses, coordinated by ATSI staff and students, with the Assistance of me as the ISC Representative.

Working with Badanami to improve the utilization of student engagement and participation ATSI Staff and Students Day / Evening to begin the Year – Sporting and Intellectual challenges

Possible collaboration with the Ethnocultural Representative to have an International student introduction into the Aboriginal history and culture of their campus (this idea was suggested to me by a Japanese International student).

Further Collaboration with all my SRC colleagues to greater improve the Student experience and provide the First Nations input where appropriate and necessary.

Further Growth of the Indigenous Student Council and a possible student gathering / Mini Conference.



Ethno-Cultural Collective Representative – Allan Feng

On the 15th of November, I convened the Equity Collective Working Group for our second meeting. The minutes of this meeting are available upon request via email to 18059263@student.westernsydney.edu.au. I will be actioning the items from the meeting and continuing to collaborate with other representatives on a number of the resultant initiatives.

In the past month I have also cleaned out the refrigerator in the Campbelltown campus student kitchen and have been working with the Campbelltown representatives to purchase shelves and reorganise the student representative's office.

On Monday 25th November, I delivered a presentation on environmental sustainability tips to the students at Northmead High School. I collaborated with Danielle (Environment Rep) to create a short, 10 minute presentation and I delivered it at their assembly. The student appeared quite receptive to the presentation and I think it was successful. The SRC may benefit from more of these outreach initiatives in the future.

Planned Initiatives

- I will be working with the collective to develop executive positions for the collective. This will be two executive positions for collective members and will commence in 2020.
- I will be re-convening the equity collective working party before the end of January 2020.
- I will be working with my representatives to begin planning for Western Fair in autumn session 2020.

Professional development

I have read these articles:

- <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-8500.2004.00402.x>
- [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0277-9536\(96\)00380-2](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0277-9536(96)00380-2)
- <https://doi.org/10.3102/0002831212439456>
- <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.327.7412.443>

Environmental Representative – Danielle Wolf

Well this has been a pretty chock-full and stressful period. Coming to the end of the year has coincided with all the structuring I've been doing of the Collective coming together, and of course trying to get all my budget requests in by November 30th. Further, due to some mix up with Minutes, I had to spend extra time trying to get that sorted. I've also had meetings and emails regarding the KW Garden, for which a space has finally been approved, and in the location that I was hoping to install the long term project I have planned.

There has also been the SRC training modules to complete, and extensive time planning for CoP25, which is now unfortunately highly unlikely to go ahead, even though it has been moved to Spain following the unrest in Chile.

To pursue action on the garden I also attended the Penrith Provost meeting, which led to the positive outcome noted above. I have had a brief discussion with Brendan from OEC about how to best ensure utilisation of the funding before the end of the year, and am

hoping there might be an opportunity to work with the contractor employed to build and install the framework, etc. I have continued to explore opportunities for networking with external stakeholders and am seeking collaborations with Lyttleton Gardens' Farm-It-Forward initiative.

I have also been working hard on the UN SDSN Youth SDG Students' Program which I am hoping will present the members of the Collective with significant professional development prospects next year. I have further been investigating what other educational opportunities exist with relevant and highly regarded organisations, particularly those which would result in recognised qualifications.



Garden Location outside P building on Kingswood Campus (near library)

Disabilities Representative – Vicky-Rae Renier-Clark

LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee with Choice and Connect Division of Autism Spectrum Australia [30th September & 25th November]

I personally believe that the training provided to myself and my peers as part of this committee assists myself and others to understand the complexities of navigating the realm of NDIS as a Queer and Disabled individual. As this is not something that the university offers us training in more broadly as Disability Reps and Officers, I believe that such opportunities are prudent for the advancement of community and understanding of the struggles of Queer and Disabled students when navigating the NDIS and requesting support services.

I was not allocated any tasks as per action items or resolutions for this period by the SRC. I was, however, allocated the task of distributing the Disability Collective handover document

to the Equity Collective Working Group for their perusal in the creation of similar documents for the other equity groups this was sent and received by the Equity Collectives on the 17th of September. I also assisted Kezia with the creation of the Ethics Code in asking her to also include considerations of all areas of accessibility in university campaigns, initiatives and events. This was submitted to the working group via email on 8th November.

The Disability Collective has been steadfastly working on several different campaigns within the university in this space, these include but are not limited to our on-going projects in relation to:

Addressing the complaints of Students with Disability in relation to the Flipped Learning Model [Ongoing]

It has been highlighted by several students, primarily on the Milperra and Liverpool campuses, that the flipped learning model adopted by the university is not compatible with the learning styles of some students with various disabilities who fare better with a face to face physical learning environment compared to an online platform. During these conversations, students outlined feelings of isolation from the university and hesitation with being expected to teach themselves the materials in line with their able-bodied peers. Some with AIP accommodations also noted that these accommodations are not taken into consideration within the online platform which is consequently leading to a high failure rate amongst students with disability. I have raised this as an issue at several meetings of the Academic Planning and Course Approvals Committee as an Undergraduate Representative and look forward to our meeting shortly with Kevin Bell of Digital Futures alongside Academic Senate Representative, Hollie Hammond to discuss the issue of Accessibility across the University's Multimedia Platforms.

Pushing for a more inclusive RNA Policy for all students not just those who are female identifying [Ongoing]

It has been identified again by several students over the last few months that the university needs to adopt a more inclusive voice when dealing with its current RNA policy. Students feel that despite the statistics that were revealed in the Universities Report that Students with Disability are one of the highest minorities with poor reporting rates that the university has not done enough to include those with disability within their advertising and marketing for the taskforce project nor have disabled voices been added to the consultation process regarding the reporting portal as students with varied disabilities may not be able to use the portal to report as it is not supported by such assistive technologies as screen readers.

These sentiments were also largely echoed throughout the male and queer cohorts of students that I managed to have conversations with that also feel that their voices are not being adequately represented by the task force and have asked that our campaign also encompass their voices also to create a more inclusive campaign that goes beyond the realms of those that are female identifying. It was pointed out that male victims also receive

less support by counselling services both in the university and externally when trying to report an incident. We are investigating various options to resolve this currently.

Consultations surrounding accessibility and student engagement in the Vertical Campus Precinct with other global universities such as the University of the West of Scotland (Paisley Campus) [28th – 30th October]

These conversations with members of the UWS Paisley SRC came about over the series of three days during my recent trip to Scotland which formed part of my placement for my Associate's Diploma in Paleoanthropology at UNE whilst I was a presenter at the university. I took the opportunity to meet and discuss with their current SRC members how they tackle the issue of maintaining accessibility and student engagement in the vertical campus model as most of their campuses are too taking the vertical campus approach, however, the accessibility and student engagement within these spaces was much higher than I have personally experienced at Western, For example; with the addition of lifts to the various floors of the campus all stairwells also have a chair lift. All multimedia communications by the university on their digital screens included open captioning and their lectures which I was proud to be a presenter at all included the equivalent of an AUSLAN interpreter. It was explained to me that the interpreters were students that had either undertaken an accredited course in sign language or student volunteers who volunteer their time for academic credit – this is probably an idea to take to the Academy later. I also asked how they tackled the issue of poor mental health outcomes on their campuses as due to the Scottish weather being rather cold and drab more times than not, I believed that there would be a high prevalence of Seasonal Affective Disorder within their student population especially amongst International Students that perhaps came from brighter places. They informed me that they generally have three initiatives that combat such issues:

1. Sisterhood Lunches bi-weekly where the ladies all come together over a free lunch prepared together funded by the SRC and have an open mic session where the women can speak openly on any topic with a mutual respect of what gets said in the room stays in the room unless someone discloses wishing to harm themselves or others.
2. Barbecues for the boys, under the same premise as the afore mentioned Sisterhood sessions but with men and men's health in mind.
3. International Student Welcome Wagon where the SRC comes to Residence with a literal cart filled with things such as branded tea towels and other small homewares to make international students feel at home. They have found this to be a great initiative that really builds comradery and friendships from the genesis of some international students' academic careers with various members of their SRC.

I have also had a few consultation and brainstorming sessions with VPA, Mandii Carr:

Brainstorming Session with VPA, Mandii Carr surrounding arrangements for C3 Congress 2020 [16th November]

I believe that this was a very productive session as Mandii, and I managed to identify a few areas for improvement within the current event program including the inclusion of Menti within some of the sessions to keep students more engaged. In addition to this, I also supplied Mandii with the Accessibility for Events Checklist that had previously been supplied to the Equity Collective working group for consideration and implementation in events going forward. Mandii informed me that she would also pass the checklist on the CLO, Larissa Baker for consideration in Campus Life events as it was noted that the Disability Collective often gives feedback where events could have possibly been more accessible. I am happy to also forward this document to other groups/departments on request.

Parramatta Town Hall Meeting [24th October]

Alongside other representatives of the Disability Collective, has been ensuring that the university's new builds are fully accessible in concept, execution and design for all people. This ideally includes the digitalization of the campus maps to include not only all accessible facilities but to also demonstrate a route to the proposed destination by the most accessible route on request. This has been an ongoing project that urban Planning Student and Parramatta Disability Collective Officer, Paulin Tan has been working on alongside myself, Disability Services and the Office of Estate and Commercial. We have also had the support of a number of different lecturers within the Urban Planning degree program who have offered us some incredible insight such as the use of certain software such as NearMap which has the capability to access elevations in the university landscape required for accessibility mapping of possible routes around the campus for both wheelchair users and persons with mobility issues. This project was pitched to VC, Barney Glover at the Parramatta Town Hall Meeting on October 24th and has his full support. Consultations are ongoing.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities - 3 December UNAI SDG 10 Hub collaboration with Sustainable Futures [22nd November]

I was requested by Jen Dollin of Sustainable Futures on the 22nd November to submit a 500-word report of the achievements of the WSU Disability Collective during 2019 in relation to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. It was Identified that the collective had been primarily working in the realms of:

SDG 3: Good Health and Wellbeing
SDG 4: Quality Education
SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, and;
SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

This report was forwarded to Jen for her consideration and was also forwarded to Michele Falconer of Equity and Diversity and other members of the RCE-GWS team for their approval

prior to its release on the UN Academic Impact Hub and WSU Homepage on December 3rd for the International Day of Persons with Disability.

I was not aware that I had to chair any official meetings of any sub committees as myself and other Disability Officers, Robert Reed and Paulin Tan, speak informally daily on all aspects of our current campaigns, initiatives and ideas. We however have not heard from Bankstown Disability Officer, Stephanie Schwizler, since handover on the 5th of August Paulin and I have reached out to Charbel regarding this matter and he has also attempted to reach out to her to see if she needed support in her role as neither Paulin or I had any luck reaching her. Unfortunately, to our knowledge Charbel has not had any luck either though we hope that she has just been extra focused on her studies.

Liverpool Campus Representative – Natasha Ferrer

General Synopsis and Reflection:

In all honesty, the month of November has been by far, one of the most stressful and eventful months of my year. Despite all the commotion, I must remember to stay professional within my role as Liverpool Campus Student Representative and focus on my job. The students of Liverpool Campus deserve a nurturing and empowering environment where student voice is advocated and listened to. To provide this, I must continue to persevere and become resilient in these foreign and hard times.

Experiences:

- Attended Western Sydney University's 30th anniversary dinner as an SRC representative. Participated in the 2019 Student Representative Council video.
- Attended the Student Representative Council November Meeting.
- Attended special meeting regarding messenger allegations.
- Attended TEQSA conference during the 26th of November to the 30th of November in Melbourne. I will/have send my daily report and reflections to the SRC and relevant individuals.

Future Liverpool Campus Initiatives:

Student Interaction-

Observing and interacting with the students of Liverpool campus, it clear to state that individuals have no clear understanding of whom to contact for their questions, doubts or queries. on Student Representative related notions. Because I have a near four month experience in my position, I have developed new initiatives which I have started to develop/will develop in future times:

- Facebook discussion page on Liverpool Campus where students can find out about events and can post and questions, doubts or queries.
- Physical suggestion box where students can interact with the student council/event/university. I find this as a wonderful opportunity for students to become more aware of the SRC and interactively communicate with us. (In collaboration with Vicky Renier-Clark)

- Others- - Future collaboration with environmental Representative Danielle Wolf for possible indoor plants, vertical garden and vegetable/fruit/herb garden in Liverpool Campus.

Campbelltown Campus Representative – Aditi Sengupta

In November, I have worked towards identifying and promoting the interests of all students on my campus and collaborated with the Student Campus Council and other SRC members. I have spoken to fellow students about Food outlets and prices at the university, Parking and transport, Student services, Clubs and societies, Campus ideas and activities and have encouraged them to engage with the university. I organised a forum on campus where students and student leaders could communicate directly. I collaborated with student life and contributed \$750 towards holding an ice-cream truck on campus. I was present there on behalf of the SRC and helped raise awareness about the SRC. I held a student forum-feedback for pizza event on campus on 16/10 which was a success. It allowed for a deeper understanding of what students at Campbelltown would like and what their thoughts are. I collaborated with campus life officers and together we organised an additional popcorn and fairy floss stall. Key themes that were consistent were the need for more events, more participation. I also represented the SRC on 12/08/2019 at the Bluestocking Week Lunch which was a great opportunity to celebrate women's achievements. I also restocked the kitchenette and emailed Hussam about the lack of tea, almond milk and other amenities which has been resolved. I have submitted all reports til date and been at almost all the meetings. Since November was occupied primarily by final exams and regular classes had ended, it has been a quieter time compared to other months.

Online Representative – Sarah Cupitt

- Attended the 30th-anniversary dinner on behalf of the SRC
- Promoted the WSU talent quest to online students alongside other opportunities such as off-campus volunteer opportunities and prizes for feedback completion and free tickets for events
- Took part in the 2019 SRC video + completed the photography adult release form
- Attended SRC Nov meeting
- Participated at the special meeting regarding messenger allegations
- Assisted a student who wants to start an online degree next year and currently have new students joining the western online FB group! (need to work out how best to engage more students)
- Requested a leave of absence for a few weeks so I might not participate in the SRC December meeting
- I will be attending the Student leader's Night: Our stars of Western on the 22nd of November to represent student clubs

- Enquired about articles due for the summer edition for WSUP - might focus on working on the HCA conference article and the other for Who Bleeds Wins due to time restrictions and save the other four pieces for the next print edition
- Finalised travel plans for TEQSA and NUS
- The following online forum will be on the 1st of December 6-8 pm (since last students found a weekday stressful due to class and work) and I have shared around relevant socials and orgsync (allowing 10 working days for the approval of this event request) and email - with Mandii sharing it to the SRC FB page on my behalf
- Will later this month hopefully start collating src online care packages

Nirimba Campus Representative – Leahanne Baker

During November, I have worked towards getting more involved within Nirimba during social events and activities. I have also attended October 2019 Nirimba budget meeting/event meeting to organised current and future events such as Halloween, Melbourne cup Day to Valentine's Day 2020. I am also getting in contact with extra cultural food stalls for the international food day event for the Nirimba campus.

Due to recent events on Facebook I am debating about making a Facebook group for Nirimba students to voice their views but under supervision. I am planning to make surveys about social media, communication and views about Nirimba that could help me confirm the right decision. If everything goes well, I will be using the Facebook/social media group as a positive and welcoming environment for everyone to feel safe and to promote upcoming events & activities with students to also communicate their views.

I am also planning to do another therapy dog event on campus and to get in contact with whoever sets these events as the results of past therapy dog days were positive.

Hawkesbury Campus Representative – Josh Newton

- Created a Facebook group for UWS Hawkesbury students
- Have began laying the framework for monthly therapy dog days on campus
- Organising a therapy dog day during the summer exam period
- I have spoken to Grant about the payments process
- Contacted the gym and clarified that a student subsidy currently exists (so far I don't believe that anything is planned for next year)
- Completed student leadership training modules

I have been quite unwell, I probably haven't done as much as I otherwise could due to this

Penrith Campus Representative – Hollie Hammond

During this period, I've undertaken many activities relating to my role as Penrith Campus Representative, including (but not limited to):

- Filming for updated SRC video
- SRC monthly meeting
- 30th Anniversary dinner for WSU hosted by the VC
- Attended special meetings as requested
- Taken part in various flying minutes as required
- Spending significant time reading through the SRC Procedures
- Met with Pete Maggs, Director of Library Services
- Maintaining communication and collaboration with other Representatives and staff members from SR&P
- Extensive editing of the minutes from Meeting 11; this is well outside my role, but unfortunately the quality of the minutes has continued to be inadequate. This is despite extensive feedback and comments from myself and others regarding how to improve them. At this stage I'm not willing to continue to provide feedback, as it has seemed to be ignored. I've therefore taken it upon myself to simply edit them. This might seem unnecessary, but I'm unwilling to risk factually inaccurate minutes continuing to be approved by the Council and creating issues in the future.
- Reading and providing feedback on the proposed Code of Ethics document
- Coordinating for Meeting 12 in the absence of the General Secretary. This has been perhaps the most demanding task and has required countless hours over the previous weeks due to minimal handover. This has largely involved;
 - Emailing calls for agenda items and member reports, including follow-up reminder emails
 - Establishing whether a meeting space/Zoom room had been booked and liaising with Jenny Page to ensure we had a meeting location
 - Collating the Agenda for the upcoming meeting; this was particularly time-consuming, as the format of the previous agenda was very muddled
 - Collating member reports; again this has been quite time-consuming as there is no set template for member reports, so formatting requires significant time. I would suggest the creation of a member report template going forward.
 - Collation of relevant briefing papers and documents for distribution with papers for meeting 12
 - I have also been asked to minute the upcoming meeting
- The October to December period has been rife with internal difficulties; the seriousness of the things that have been happening during this period has required extensive time for emailing, meetings and discussions with other representatives and staff members.

I hope 2020 will begin on a more positive note than 2019 has ended on. I look forward to continued discussion and brainstorming with other reps so that we may implement our ideas and visions for WSU students.

Reports have not been provided by:

- **Frederick Bekker** – General Secretary
- **Vageesh Jha** – Residential Students Representative
- **Rohan Chheda** – International Students Representative
- **Erdem Yigiter** – Queer Representative
- **Vlad Focas** – Bankstown Campus Representative
- **Clare Da Silva** – Parramatta Campus Representative
- **Anirudh Karthik** – Parramatta City Campus Representative