



**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL  
MONTHLY MEMBER REPORTS**

**MAY 2021**



**PRESIDENT:** *CURRENTLY VACANT*



## **VICE-PRESIDENT EDUCATION (UNDERGRADUATE): NATASHA FERRER**

### Experiences and events within the month of May:

It is extremely exciting to be starting my term as VPU early. Because of my early start, I have only experienced a handful of events during this month.

- 16/05: Nursing and Midwifery Students Society (NaMSS) monthly meeting

During this meeting, my team and I had discussed and planned for 3 Kahoots per year group for Nursing students for the upcoming mid-year exams. Prizes \$50, \$30 and \$20 for first, second and third-year students. Not only do we get 100+ students participating but we have received feedback from previous Kahoots that this event had assisted with student preparation for examinations.

- 18/05: Handover meeting with previous VPU Griffin Burgess.

During my handover, I was able to discuss previous executive initiatives that can be potentially taken over during my term. Notions such as career events for schools, learning guides, free textbooks and SSAF fees were discussed. Griffin was also kind enough to create a handover document for me explaining my roles, given helpful pointers and extra advice.

- 20/05: Executive catch-up meeting with Richard Martino and Natalie Bradbury.

During this meeting I was educated on multiple initiatives overseen by Natalie Bradbury and reminded of upcoming important events by Richard Martino. I was also able to ask guidance on a student advisory group per school to initiate an academic student and university relationship. Further brainstorming and planning will be done in conjunction with Richard, SRC members, academic senate members and school-based societies.

### Future initiatives and extra notes:

During my term I hope to address or achieve these goals to the student community and university.

- School student advisory group creation
- School-based societies
- Education social media platforms
- Career events
- Learning guide issues
- Free textbook enquiry
- Creation of surveys for Campus Representatives to help accumulate either academic, social or advocacy issues of the student body



## **VICE-PRESIDENT EDUCATION (POST-GRADUATE): DANIEL BONATTI**

I have a full study workload doing coursework of 40cpts in my B.Con.Mgmt (Hons.) and 20cpts in my Masters of Building Surveying. As the VPPE I am answering messenger and emails, plus went to the following meetings related to my role educationally or for my role:

- 16/4/2021 Student Elections Presentation
- 18/4/2021 SRC Agenda items
- 20/4/2021 EWB Presidents Meeting
- 22/4/2021 HB 188 Program update
- 23/4/2021 Westmead Campus Fleetwood Challenge Cup
- 26/4/2021 Westmead Campus Fleetwood Challenge Cup
- 26/4/2021 EWB WSU Meeting
- 27/4/2021 CISA
- 27/4/2021 EWB NSW Region Meeting
- 28/4/2021 SRC Full Meeting
- 29/4/2021 Kingswood Campus CIB
- 29/4/2021 Parramatta CBD Campus Fleetwood Challenge Cup
- 29/4/2021 Macquarie university visit
- 30/4/2021 Westmead Campus Fleetwood Challenge Cup
- 30/4/2021 Kingswood Campus CIB
- 3/5/2021 Zoom meeting CIB
- 5/5/2021 Parramatta Campus Fleetwood Challenge Cup site visit
- 5/5/2021 LEAD Olympic park Novatel hotel
- 6/5/2021 SAC meeting first joint Built Environment & Engineering
- 9/5/2021 EWB EXEC2 Meeting
- 10/5/2021 Zoom meeting Fleetwood Challenge Cup
- 11/5/2021 LinkedIn Student Champions Program
- 11/5/2021 LEAD campfire chats
- 12/5/2021 CISA catchup meeting
- 12/5/2021 EWB WSU meeting
- 13/5/2021 Engineers Australia Student Expo
- 14/5/2021 STEM meeting
- 15/5/2021 EWB Design Corner
- 16/5/2021 EWB Design Corner
- 17/5/2021 Zoom meeting Fleetwood Challenge Cup
- 17/5/2021 EWB rehearsal for Volunteer week
- 18/5/2021 Kingswood Campus Engineers Australia & EWB Experience it Chevalier Highschool girls year 8
- 18/5/2021 EHA Recognition Plaquing meeting
- 18/5/2021 EWB Presidents Meeting
- 19/5/2021 SFS Meeting
- 19/5/2021 EWB NSW Region Zoom & Facebook webinar for Volunteer week.
- 20/5/2021 CLM Committee Meeting
- 20/5/2021 WSU EWB Design Challenge
- 20/5/2021 SRC EXEC Meeting
- 21/5/2021 SRC Budget Meeting



- 22/5/2021 Parramatta CBD Campus GK meeting
- 25/5/2021 SRC Full meeting



**VICE-PRESIDENT ACTIVITIES: NIKODIN MATIC**

*Not Submitted*



## **GENERAL SECRETARY: TYLER WILSON**

With many of the gaps in representative positions slowly being filled by incoming reps this month, there has been some pick-up to the activity of the SRC, albeit still dwindling. The month of May held the second quarterly budget committee meeting on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May and the monthly SRC meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May with RSVPs looking promising now we have a fuller SRC and fewer vacancies. I also attended the Executive Catchup with Richard Martino on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May. However, following on from the resignation of two executives, it has been difficult coordinating SRC activities without a strong executive team and as such, my final two months with the SRC are not filled with much enthusiasm. I have hopes to ensure a successful handover of the Gen Sec activities to the incoming Sarah Cupitt next month, who I have full confidence will be able to hit the ground running and do fantastic things with the role. I encourage all returning reps to welcome the incoming reps and fill them in on some of the fantastic initiatives the SRC was able to introduce throughout the COVID pandemic. I will be organising with Grant and Sarah Cupitt in the coming month a proper handover time before permanently vacating the role. I am grateful to have been able to be a part of the SRC even throughout the difficulties that the pandemic brought and I am excited to see what they can do in the future.



**RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE: CURRENTLY VACANT**





**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE: MANIKA SAHNI**

*Not submitted*

## **WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE: ROSINA ARMSTRONG-MENSAH**

Continuing from my last report, I have done follow up with collective spaces (women's and queer room) cleaning with John Poulos. I have added pictures of after cleaning. Also, spoke about the sanitary situation and any updates on how students can access free women care. Parramatta city campus women's room is closed, so I followed that up with the security also which I got told that some people were not using it appropriately. If anyone want to use it direct them to the security and they will open it. For more detail contact me. Mother's Day celebration had three submissions and I did posters of their story shared which can be found on the women's collective western life page and Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/wsuwoco>

[https://life.westernsydney.edu.au/WomensCollective/club\\_signup](https://life.westernsydney.edu.au/WomensCollective/club_signup)

Have also been attending some community dinner and lunch on campus.

I have cleared Liverpool campus expired milk and bushfire donation. Started the clean-up in Campbelltown but require extra hand for pushing and lifting.

Planning for a meeting with Daniel Jantos and Marissa Waddington on supporting women.

Had a meeting Sarah Cupitt about the women's collective newsletter and assistance with the WOCO logo. She made a QR code for our Facebook page and working on updating the rooms number on social platforms and campus.

I attended the April SRC meeting and Liverpool provost Eid morning tea.





**QUEER REPRESENTATIVE: *CURRENTLY VACANT***



**FIRST NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: *CURRENTLY VACANT***



## **DISABILITY REPRESENTATIVE: ROBERT REED**

### **April Recap**

- Disability Collective ran the Forum of Inclusion, this was held on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The forum was attended by Terri Mears, Head of Disability Services, Amanda Flowers, Head of Student Welfare, Natalie McLoughlin, and Sally Leggo, WSU Assistive Technology, Gay Hardwick, Disability Services, and Kerry Fielding, Counselling Services. Although there was a small student turnout for this event, the forum was highly productive. The forum has been recorded and can be located on You Tube, with access via the Disability Collective Facebook page.
- Follow up with Kerry Fielding regarding the parameters of TalkCampus. The line is moderated to protect vulnerable students from being targeted by unsolicited advice from non-registered psychologists/students. AI is used to identify issues based on trigger words and immediately sends a popup offering support and assistance to the student. Non-active risk is assisted by offers of help and support via the app, including university support and signposting to National hotline numbers. Active Risk is assisted by immediate removal of the post and a clinician becoming available to offer immediate support, they use the principle of self determination to assist the student to seek help. TalkCampus complies with disability testing and accessibility, and heavy involvement from the WSU legal team with subscription and contract.
- Autism Spectrum (Aspect) Australia National Recognition Awards – nominated in the following categories
  - Autism Community Award
  - Autism Friendly Achievement Award – “A Different Brilliant” Award (Adult)
  - David Foster Appreciation Award for Volunteer Service
- Disability Collective Equity Meeting 16/4/2021
  - Discussing points for reviewing of Forum of Inclusion
  - Outlook on current constitution for the Disability Collective and update of document.

### **May Recap**

- Throughout this period both myself and the Disability Collective have had to triage several emails from students regarding their AIPs and Carer Verification Certificates. Possibly on the belief that Disability Collective and Disability Services are part of the same unit. These have been forwarded to Disability Services on each occasion and Terri Mears, Head of Disability, has been informed of the situation. In our next newsletter, to be released within the next few days, we will advise students of the differences between Disability Services and the Disability Collective to enable their enquires to be expedited to the correct contact.
- A student has raised issues in an email concerning a Disability Advisor not contacting the student after an appointment, the Advisor informed the student that

they would be emailed two days after their appointment, however after four days had passes there was no contact from this Advisor. The student was assisted by the Disability Collective team.

- Was to attend SRC meet and greet however this event was cancelled due to weather
- Monthly AT catchup with Natalie McLaughlin and Sally Leggo on the first Thursday of the month, both Vicky-Rae Reed and Daniel Bonatti attended this meeting along with Disability Collective Representatives Stephanie Hannah and Shobha Venkatachalam. Topics of discussion included
  - Captioning – autorecognition on Panopto and Zoom, academic awareness and training for live lectures, captioning implemented into AIP's. Terri Mears advised current training requires updating and collaboration between Disability Services and Learning Futures.
  - AT to develop support for HDR students, a pilot program, more insight to be given at the next scheduled meeting in June, 2021. DB questions as to the sustainability of the program and its possibility of being “resource poor”. Is it scalable? Are there enough resources? Will the information be available on vUWS? What resources will be available? DB enquires as to his possible inclusion into the pilot program. NM to follow up.
  - Assistance to International Students to offer support to break language barriers and to work with International Buddies Program via MATES.
  - Global Accessibility Day – meeting conducted on the following week to discuss planning.
  - Minutes uploaded to the Cross Campus Equity Network Folder on Shared Drive
- Disability Inclusion Access Plan to be reviewed with recommendations that SRC Equity Representatives for Disabilities and Disability Collective to form part of the consultation. Terri Mears to follow up and give insight at the next AT meeting in June.
- South West Disability expo to occur in May to be attended by Disability Services. Equity Representative and Collective to be updated upon conclusion.
- Liaising with Terri Mears on the current list of school Disability Coordinators for future referral of students, to allow for ease of networking by the SRC Disability Representative, VPP, VPU and Disability Collective. Has not been received following the AT CatchUp Meeting early May.
- ARCAP Conference October 2021 - SRC agenda item to be completed prior to the event and based upon details to be provided by the organisers. *To be actioned!!*
- Global Accessibility Awareness Day Presentation. Was invited to this event but not able to attend as it was not made accessible to myself or the Disability Collective. Michelle Corbett to follow up what occurred to prevent access> Michelle has suggested that the session can be recorded again to allow for student participation to allow for student insight into Digital Accessibility at WSU. Session to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> May.
- Collective Executive meeting for amendments to previous constitution and implementation



- Mid-June following exams create EOI's for representative positions in the Disability Collective for two general representatives.



**ETHNO-CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE: RAMEEZ PARKAR**

In the last month I have primarily focused on engaging with the incoming ethnocultural representative and creating a handover plan and planning for a joint event. Planning is also underway for a Cross-Campus Equity Collective Meeting in the first week of June. I have attended various meetings of the SRC and its working groups and committees. I have also attended the quarterly meeting of the Respectful Relationships Taskforce.





## **ENVIRONMENT REPRESENTATIVE: DANIELLE WOLF**

This month has been more of a quiet one due to only just being back on board. The plan is to pick up steam again through June and particularly throughout the mid-year break.

**Meetings** – I've begun planning discussions with our Gen Sec for workshops, etc moving forward. We will be holding an officer meeting come the beginning of June where we will try to nail down roles and responsibilities and suss out who will be continuing come July..

**Workshops** – We have held our final online workshops this month and will start up again come the break. They continued in popularity and we are hoping to continue improving on our efforts and engagement.

**Social Media** – We've started making instructional videos so we can upload them to various platforms, including YouTube, once we have our channel running.

**Gardens** – We have begun planning to transfer the Croft (Hawkesbury Campus Garden) to a more accessible location in the hopes of encouraging more student engagement. We have also put together a supplies list for both the Croft and the Grove (KW Campus Garden) and will be conducting a stocktake shortly.

So yeah, not much to report beyond planning this month, but next month we will have some agenda items to submit so we can hit the ground running come July.



**ONLINE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: ANGAD SANDHU**

*Not submitted*



**PARRAMATTA CITY CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE: *CURRENT VACANT***



**PARAMMATA SOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: RAZIN POLARA**

***Meetings, events or conferences I have attended this month in my capacity as a member of the SRC:***

- Attended National Secretary CISA Conference.
- Helped organised Student lunch along with Daniel Jantos at parramatta south Campus.

***Communication and engagement, I have been involved with this month as a member of the SRC:***

- I was in touch with Daniel to help continue student lunch at the parramatta south campus in building EF.
- I was in discussion with the Team including Adeem (Parramatta city Representative) about conducting a small event with Daniel for those who lost their family members in India or are feeling lonely. It was advised by Dean.
- As one of the student leader I have Involved in the meet and greet of the international student event.
- Following up on some of my previous reports about sports event on parramatta south campus. I will be helping out sports coordinators tomorrow to organise and set everything up.
- I will be in touch with Grant with regards to the enquiry I received from the students complaining about the spider webs on the water bubblers.



**NIRIMBA CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE: CRYSTAL RAM**

*Not submitted*



## **KINGSWOOD CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE: SIMON PREUSS-KEARNEY**

Over late April and May, I attended to the following events/activities:

- I have continued my involvement in the SRC related meetings this month, such as the April SRC monthly meeting, where I presented 3 agenda items.
- Lastly, while preparing my agenda items for the approaching meeting, I have had more focus on the upcoming SRC elections and trying to stay on top of my work and Uni study commitments. This has resulted in me not following up on other action items (Working groups for: Campus Clean-up, School related Club & procedures review follow up), such as purchasing the chess board, doing the budget request for any of my other items, nor requesting a return of the money approved for the Pride Soccer Tournament. Since the election, I have completed my assignments and will now dedicate further time to initiatives and following up my agenda items.

Over the [month of May](#), I will attend to the following events/activities:

- Firstly, continuing my involvement in the SRC related meetings which are approaching this month, such as the May SRC monthly meeting.
- Secondly, I will attend the Penrith Provost meeting on the 20/05 in my role as the Kingswood representative. Also I intend to attend the Meet and Greet for the new SRC happening the following week.
- Thirdly, I will be following up on my February agenda items: Initially, creating badges on the WesternLife SRC page for members to obtain. Additionally, looking into the options for an SRC soccer tournament, rewards, and logistics of doing this tournament. Also, I will follow up my 3 agenda items approved at the April meeting: Creation of student clubs supported by their schools; Following up Overdue Procedures (i.e. getting a completion timeline target for accountability); and Clean Up Our Campus SRC & Student Spaces.
- Fourthly, further develop the Western Sydney University Penrith Facebook group by adding events and acquiring new members. This will improve information accessibility for Kingswood. If I achieve this, I can then foster engagement by encouraging more involvement with WesternLife. I will look to further develop this with the feedback I get from the Kingswood campus forum.
- Fifthly, developing posters on the location of the SRC room at Kingswood campus, and the time I will be available on campus in 2021. I have not made this a priority yet as student are not able to currently access the student rooms. This will change soon, so I will organise a time and a place and make this accessible when time permits.
- Finally, I am developing my Action item pertaining to the “Developments to the Decommissioned Parramatta North Café” which was approved in the September SRC 2020 meeting. I need to create a progression timeline for this agenda item to ensure it is pursued with the formation of a working group of village students to decide what they would like to see available at their campus. The first step is to engage with the next residential representative to action this with them.



**BANKSTOWN REPRESENTATIVE: VICKY-RAE RENIER-CLARK**

During the April-May period, I have achieved the following:

***[TRAINING]***

During April and May I successfully completed the following personal development modules via LinkedIn Learning

- *Cultural Competence Program (SBS)*
- *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Inclusion & Cultural Safety 2.0*
- *Supporting People on the Autism Spectrum using 5-point Star*
- *Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging with Pat Wador*
- *Coaching Employees through Difficult Situations*
- *Creating a Positive and Healthy Work Environment*
- *Cultivating Cultural Competence and Inclusion*
- *Developing a Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Program*
- *Diversity Recruiting*
- *Diversity and Inclusion in a Global Enterprise*
- *Employee Experience*
- *Inclusive Leadership*
- *Rolling out a Diversity and Inclusion Training Program in your Organisation*
- *Skills for Inclusive Conversations*
- *Advocating for Change in Your Organisation*
- *Confronting Bias: Thriving Across Our Differences*

***[STUDENT VOICE] SRC Budget Meeting***

Whilst I unfortunately missed the main discussion due to work commitments I did manage to catch Simon and Daniel at the end of the meeting to discuss the budget implications aligned with the implementation of a proposed new role. We also discussed how this allocation may be better implemented over a number of roles

***[CONNECT] Meeting with Amanda McNamara of Bankstown Provost to organise Reconciliation Week and Pride Month Events.***

- National Reconciliation Week Morning Tea from Bankstown Provost in collaboration with Badanami  
3rd June 2021 at 10am – Bankstown Campus
- Bankstown Pride Panel Discussion  
29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 via Zoom

***[STUDENT VOICE] Assistive Technology Catch-Up with Terri Mears (Disability Services), AT Specialists Natalie Mclaughlin & Sally Leggo, SRC Disabilities Robert Reed, DC Engagement Officer Stephanie Hannah, DC General Representative Shobha Venkatachalam and Vice President Postgraduate, Daniel Bonatti***

- Minutes of meeting attached

***[CONNECT] Murunga Migration Session with Bankstown PATHE Students***



*[CONNECT] Multifaith Iftar Dinner with Chaplaincy and ABSoc*

*[CONNECT] New South Wales Council for Pacific Communities Monthly Meeting*

*[STUDENT VOICE] LaTTE Global Accessibility Day Webinar*

*[CONNECT] OzHarvest re: hampers for Bankstown Students*

We have run 4 hamper runs now and have assisted 80 students in total.

I will also be selecting a student from those checked in to each event to receive a \$200 Coles/Woolies gift card





## **CAMPBELLTOWN CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE: TRACEY TRAN**

### Meetings or training sessions I have attended

21/05/2021- Campbelltown SRC forum

### Communication and engagement

On 30/04/2021, I sent over a document with information on examples of initiatives I did in my term, feedback and concerns of students that came from the survey, and some other thoughts to the next Campbelltown representative Leah Baker. I answered her questions and got to know her over social media. On 17/05/2021 I sent some photos of events to Sarah to be included in the next Inspired edition for W'SUP. I held the online Campbelltown SRC forum event on the 21/05/2021 however there were no registrations and no attendances. This may be due to the lack of incentives and the current climate. Also, I contacted Rosina about the idea of an inperson event to collect feedback and incentivising it with food. She advised about the restrictions especially with food and the need for a risk assessment. As such, I will be contacting Grant and Emily for further advice.



## **HAWKESBURY CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE: *JONATHAN ESPINAS [INTERIM]***

As the newly elected representative for Hawkesbury Campus, my activities can be found as below:

### Campbelltown Provost Committee

The reason why I have been trying to get into contact with them is because Campbelltown is they are trying to re initiate the Community Garden. I've got in touch with Daniel Jantos and Cris Algozo (First Year Experience Coordinator – Nursing) about this and the outcome so far is still to be decided. As of which still part of the email chain.

### Hawkesbury Provost Committee

I have sent an email out to them letting them know I am the newly elected rep for Hawkesbury Campus. No reply back yet. Would love to catch up with them in terms of the events they hold and the meetings included.

### Hawkesbury Campus – SRC Office

I have been notified about the little SRC office down at K Block. In my next member report, a detailed version about the office will be included.

### Events Participated

So far I have been helping Daniel Jantos when I can at Campbelltown Campus with his Wednesday Pizza Nights. These include actually making the pizza, putting it into the oven and serving it at the campus for staff and students.

### Student Club Leadership

I am part of the student club Nursing & Midwifery Student Society (NaMSS) and I am the Secretary of the group. The purpose of the club is to actively create a stronger nursing community between staff and students. I have been keeping in touch with my team in terms of creating Kahoot Quizzes for the students in preparation for their exams. I have been allocated to marshal and coordinate the event, once it's all been finalized an approved by student clubs.



**LIVERPOOL CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE: MARIA MANOS**

*Not submitted*