

STUDENT ELECTIONS TO STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

APRIL 2021

CANDIDATES FOR THREE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

1. Daniil Rzhevskiy



Candidate Statement:

Are you worried about employment right out of uni?

Are you worried that your units will keep getting cut left and right and you will have to dodge them Fruit Ninja style just to finish your degree?

My name is Daniil and I'm running to give our graduates employment opportunities that they deserve.

As the King of MQU Love Rants and a black belt in Taekwondo I understand what **it's like to be attacked but most importantly I know how to go on the offensive.**

I will directly challenge the university and ensure that **YOU GET JOBS!!!!**

If elected I will:

- Defend students from cuts at ALL COSTS
- Expand the entrepreneurship program
- Restart Ubar parties
- Fix phone reception in buildings

Vote Daniil Rzhevskiy number 1 for the university experience you deserve!

2. Peshala Denagamage



Candidate Statement

I wish to run for SRC as an Undergraduate candidate without faculty representation. I hope to ensure members of the Macquarie University community have a better experience on campus. I wish to represent many students among the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) community. If elected to the SRC, I would ensure there are more opportunities for clubs and societies to increase cultural awareness. As a psychology student, I am inordinately passionate about student wellbeing and would like to see a mandatory rule for clubs and society executive members to access subsidised training for mental health first aid, first aid training and sexual assault disclosure training. This encourages students to be more comfortable at events which is vital for a better student experience. To foster the diverse and vibrant campus life, clubs and societies should be provided with financial subsidies that encourage environmentally friendly resources for sustainable events.

3. Danny Bechara



Candidate Statement:

Hi there!

My name is Danny Bechara, and I am running to be YOUR voice on the SRC. Currently in my second year of Law and Commerce, I, like many of you, began my degree as the pandemic began.

After a year of cuts that have impacted our degrees and a lack of social events on campus, your SRC should be there for you.

As your representative, I will work to shape the SRC as a force that improves **your experience on campus and also backs you up when you're trying to navigate** through all the changes to your degree. I would be honoured to have your support.

All the best,
Danny

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4. Aidan Ho



Candidate Statement:

Ever wished you could climb to Diamond.. I mean get High Distinctions?!

I'm Aidan Ho, I'm a third year Cyber Security student who spends most of his nights cramming late night hacking and a bit of League of Legends. I understand the pain of University students trying to find a job, do extra extracurriculars and try to maintain a work life baland.

I'm currently a full-time student, part of a club executive and work 20+ hours at my job. I've got the experience and the understanding to step up the quality of our SRC.

My priorities on SRC are:

- Run hackathons at Macquarie
- Fix internet and phone reception on campus
- Fight for a gaming lounge

Vote for me to for a better KDA.. I mean student experience!

5. Amy Lamont



Candidate Statement:

The Macquarie University SRC has for too long been full of people who are just interested in boosting their career portfolios and cozying up to university management. We think that a student representative committee should actually aim to represent the student body - what that looks like is defending students' education from cuts and letting students know about what management is planning instead of sitting on information (as the SRC has done in the past). Generally we would like to have more of an activist representation that is prepared to fight around many different issues - women's rights, indigenous and **racial justice, students' rights, against transphobia and bigotry against LGBTI** people. We think that the SRC should be an independent body not just a wing of the university.

6. Connor O'Heir



Candidate Statement:

I'm running for Undergraduate Student Representative to work to ensure that all students have the highest standards of education, services and teaching maintained at Macquarie University. If COVID has taught university students anything, it is the importance of the on-campus experience. For me, that means providing the best quality resources for students, developing events and occasions to enhance student life, and providing the funding and resources required to help our great student groups thrive.

Students pay hundreds of dollars per year in student amenities fees – even through the pandemic – and I want to ensure you are getting the services and **experiences they are paying for. I've been here for just over 3 years now and had** great experiences, but I want to make sure that everyone else gets the same experiences and opportunities that I have been fortunate to have, but I need your support.

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7. Claire Wescombe



Candidate Statement:

I'm Claire, I'm a 3rd year Public Relations and Social Media student here at Macquarie. Apart from relentless study, and my occasional instagram post, I enjoyed the cute Campus Wellbeing dog on Campus. I am running for General Undergraduate Member for SRC, so that I can push #bringingbackdogsoncampus

Here are my three policies:

Bring Back the Dogs for Student Wellbeing.

I want to bring back dogs on campus, to assist with student wellbeing and mental health - especially during exam times!

Support for New Societies

There are a lot of struggles with starting a new society. I want to change this, and provide resources and support for new societies.

Communication on Major Changes at Uni

I want to make sure that the student base is always informed when it comes to University changes.

Please give me your vote so that I can make a change!

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CANDIDATES FOR ONE OVERSEAS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

1. Sheel Bhansali



Bring back social life on campus!

The biggest aspect of student representation is being connected in our campus community. As an RA at the Macquarie University Village, I listen to and work with International students everyday to help them have the best campus experience possible.

Being an international student myself I understand how important a good social life, job opportunities and friendships are to enjoying your time in Australia. Due to COVID-19 many of our opportunities for all three have been taken from us. As a student representative I will always fight to bring back our campus, our parties and our job opportunities.

If elected I will:

- Resurrect campus social gatherings and parties.
- Introduce a “**students first**” hiring policy for on-campus jobs.
- Create International Student networking opportunities.

I am Sheel Bhansali, and I want to be the voice of International Students on campus.

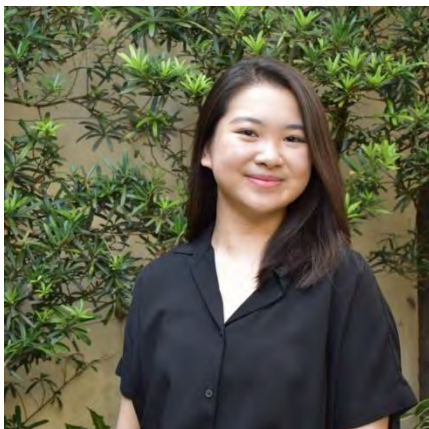
2. Nitya Alexander



Candidate Statement:

My name is Nitya Alexander; I am an overseas student from India. I am currently enrolled into MUIC, pursuing my Diploma in Commerce. I would like to apply for the post of Overseas Student Representative and I will make sure to do my duties well. Nothing would make me happier than having to represent students from various parts of the world, learning about different cultures and to show these students that they have a friend and someone to rely on. I am not the most academically smart student but, I realised that leadership does not require top grades, instead it requires skill and determination. I believe that I do possess the skills and qualities of a leader. I would love to learn and grow with you all. So, here I am and, I am more than ready to do this and I believe that I am worthy of this post.

3. Kristiana Chloe Palacios



Candidate Statement:

Ever since high school, I have always been passionate about giving back to the community through leadership and have worked under various roles and with various people. Currently, I am the Director of Socio-Cultural Engagement at the Filipino Student Society of Macquarie University as well as a current ambassador of the International Student Leaders and Ambassadors Program under the City of Sydney. Under both roles, I have been exposed to working with international students and have first-hand experience at creating events and opportunities for international students, both onshore and offshore, to reach their fullest potentials, to meet new friends and enjoy. If I were given the opportunity to be your overseas student representative, I hope to be able to help give every one of you a great university experience by putting your opinions, experiences and needs at the center of my leadership, especially for those who are still currently offshore.

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CANDIDATE FOR ONE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FACULTY OF ARTS TO THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

1. Alexandra King



Candidate Statement:

I am a long term activist here on campus, committed to fighting the cuts to staff and classes that have decimated our education here on campus. I'm a fierce defender of women's and LGBTI rights and have also been involved in the climate justice campaign for the past few years. We need a Student Representative Council that does not cosy up to Macquarie management but one that is committed to fighting for students' rights, and fight the sexism, homophobia and transphobia both on and off campus.

2. James Wilson



Candidate Statement:

G'day Macquarie students and friends. My name is James Wilson and I'm running for the Faculty of Arts SRC representative.

I'm a second year Law and Arts student from Bondi who actively enjoys sinking a beer at Ubar and reading a book by the lake. I have a passion for animals, reading and people; I've been lucky to participate in events such as the National Leadership Camp and the NSW Constitutional Debate, and now, with your help, I'm hoping to improve our campus life.

As your Arts representative I'll push hard to:

- Lift invalid COVID restrictions – Bring back hand holding on campus!
- It's time to bring back Ubar parties like never before.
- Create consistent and better WiFi throughout all the university grounds.

We only get one university experience - so let's vote #1 to give our uni life an adrenaline shot and bring it back to life!

3. Fatima Khan



Candidate Statement:

Hi there! I am Fatima Khan, a second year International Studies student hoping to have your support in being your voice on the Student Representative Council. Representation means a lot to me. After the cuts that affected our faculty, many students feel as if they have been left behind by their University or forced to wait a long time for any answers. I want to change that.

Should you give me the honour of representing you on the SRC, I would fight for greater transparency with the changes they are making to our degrees. When I first started my degree, the University provided tutoring and study support for units. This is no longer the case, and allocating funding to building these groups back up will be one of the many changes I want to see at Macquarie. I would be incredibly appreciative for your vote.

Best,

Fatima

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CANDIDATES FOR ONE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE, HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES TO THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

1. Suravi Rana



Candidate Statement:

Hey everyone!! My name is Suravi Rana, I'm currently in my first year doing a B of Cognitive and Brain Sciences with Psychology. Just recently Graduated Zoom HSC from St Marys Senior HS and a Cert III in Nursing so I'm now an Assistant Nurse and also a manager at my family's restaurant. At MQU I've had the honour of participating in MQU's Women in stem program receiving Deans Award for Innovative minds and being a member of the psychology society. I would be ecstatic to be your voice for our University as a member of our SRC and do anything and everything I can help you all out!

2. Zarah Sully



Candidate Statement:

Are you sick of logging into Estudent on Macquarie's slow internet?

Do you wish all your university resources were in your pocket?

My name is Zarah Sully, and I am pushing for Macquarie University to have its own mobileapp to improve student engagement and streamline communication.

I am seeking election for the position of Undergraduate Student Representative from the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences. I am currently pursuing a double degree of a Bachelor of Cognitive and Brain Sciences and Psychology and value student wellbeing.

I firmly believe that I am the passionate voice MQ students deserve to represent them on the SRC.

If elected, I will also:

- Campaign for more live music events and extended hours at Ubar
- Fight to stop course cuts
- Advocate to bring back face-to-face lectures.

Vote [2] Zarah Sully for a more tech-savvy, accessible, and enjoyable university experience!

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CANDIDATES FOR ONE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING TO THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

1. Jack Morris



Candidate Statement:

My name is Jack Morris, and I am a fifth-year Environmental Science student with plans to continue studying at Macquarie. I am running for the SRC Faculty of Science and Engineering representative position. Over my years at university, I have been involved in various activist campaigns on campus. Climate change is one of the biggest issues facing our society, and I have been involved in mobilizing students at Macquarie to attend Climate strikes and protests. Additionally, I have been involved in fighting against university and government cuts to higher education both on and off-campus, building and leading some of the recent protests at Macquarie in recent years. I believe that the SRC needs to be an activist organization that fights for student rights and demands, whether that be issues of social justice or direct attacks on our education.

2. Kaitlin York



Candidate Statement:

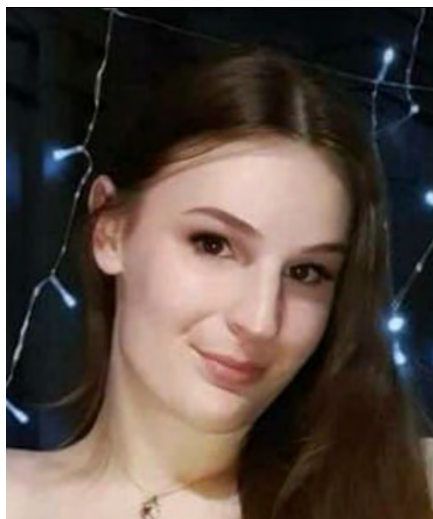
Hi there! I am Kaitlin York, a candidate for this election hoping to have your support in being the voice of Science and Engineering Students on the SRC. Having graduated last year in Arts, and wanting to pursue a career in STEM, I am now in my first year of Medical Science. Throughout my time at Macquarie, I have seen the effect that cuts have had on our faculty and many students feel as if they have been left behind by their University. I want to change that.

Should you give me the honour of representing you on the SRC, among the changes I would fight for would be a greater transparency with the changes they are making to our degrees as well as improving access to study support and equipment. I would be honoured to have your support.

Thank you,

Kaitlin

3. Rosina Steller



Candidate Statement:

I'm Rosie, I'm a Biology student, top fan on Love Rants and I spend most of my time studying and commuting from my home in Newcastle. I understand the pain of University students trying to find a job, doing extra extracurriculars and try to maintain a work life balance.

I'm currently a part-time student, so I have the free time and moxie to get the job done for you

My priorities on SRC are:

- improve data and phone reception on campus
- fight for a gamer lounge
- implementing a love rants regime to rule the student cohort
- memes to distract you from your studies uwu

Vote for me for a better student experience!

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CANDIDATE FOR ONE POSTGRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MACQUARIE BUSINESS SCHOOL TO THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

1. Aakanksha Jadhav



Candidate Statement:

Hello my fellow under-employed postgrad students!

I'm Aakanksha, an international student from India, currently pursuing masters of International Business Degree, running for the position of Postgraduate Student Representative of Business School. I'm also the Secretary of the Macquarie University Philanthropy Club.

Issues I'm most concerned about is most of us all not having prior professional experience which we need to have to get in the industry. Creating more opportunities for us students to get 'Industry Ready' and have more networking events to allow us to be more 'employable' as advertised by the business school needs to be addressed.

I'm here to deliver and create a change to represent you, I'll work towards:

- Get us all professional prior experience before graduating,
- Better networking opportunities,
- Accessibility to Internships.

If Elected I'll Help you getting your foot in the door!

2. Nishant Agrawal



Candidate Statement:

I, Nishant Agrawal, am applying for the Postgraduate Student Representative for the Macquarie Business School. I am currently pursuing Master of Banking and Finance. I believe that my accomplishments and hard-working skills accentuate determination, diligence and conscientiousness. For instance, I have attained various laurels in the domain of Sports (State Level Badminton) as well as in the field of Co-curricular Activities. I was the Vice-**Captain of my school's** Badminton team. I actively took part in student clubs while pursuing my undergraduate degree. Helping the clubs raise funds and decisions regarding the events were some of my contributions. Being part of these clubs helped me gain confidence and boost my morale. Therefore, embarking upon the venture of being a Postgraduate Representative, I intend to be a voice to my peers and **make a positive difference that escalates the student's experience in the university.**