

# STUDENT ELECTIONS TO STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE OCTOBER 2021

## CANDIDATES FOR ONE (1) POSTGRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FACULTY OF ARTS TO THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

### 1. Elizabeth Christie



#### *Candidate Statement:*

My name is Elizabeth Christie. I am currently completing a Juris Doctor and am running for the position of the Postgraduate Student Representative from the Faculty of Arts.

I am incredibly passionate about optimising the university experience for postgraduate arts students. Having studied as both an internal and external postgrad, I understand the factors which affect postgrad learning. Through collaboration with my fellow Juris Doctor students, we established an unaffiliated Juris Doctor student society and attended the drafting session with MULS for constitutional amendments leading to the establishment of a Juris Doctor and postgraduate portfolio.

If elected to the role I will: support the return of on campus lectures and tutorials and improving library access; oppose further staff cuts; design social events that are marketed to postgraduate students who are often isolated from the larger undergraduate cohort and work with the university to ensure students graduate from Macquarie job ready.

### 2. Jamie Hallam



#### *Candidate Statement:*

I am a part-time Master of Planning student, and a former undergrad in both the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Business. I am a former Vice-President of the former MQ German Society (Deutsche Ecke) and a former committee member of the Macquarie University Greek Association (MUGA).

Currently I am also a public servant at Transport for NSW, and I work in high stakes strategy and service delivery with skills I learnt from my Bachelor of Arts and now from my post-grad in Planning. I understand the value that an Arts degree brings to the workplace.

I am passionate about the Faculty of Arts as I use those skills every day in my professional life. I have also had my specialisation cut at the end of 2020, and I am motivated to make sure that the Faculty is not making cuts at the expense of our education.

### 3. Benjamin Larkin



#### *Candidate Statement:*

As an MRes student in the Faculty of Arts, I would relish the opportunity to represent my peers on the representative council. The needs of postgraduate students are often very different to those of students still in undergraduate degrees, particularly those in Higher Degree Research courses, and I feel that these students need a voice on the SRC.