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**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE
ELECTION 2019**
Candidate statements
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2019 TUU STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

Candidate Statements for the position of

STATE COUNCIL:

PRESIDENT

Braydon Broad



My name is Braydon Broad and I am running to be your TUU Statewide President for 2020. If I am fortunate enough to earn your vote for this position, I will endeavour to bring the same dignity and hardworking spirit that the TUU has enjoyed under both Sharifah and Jess in the past two years. Like them, I will place particular emphasis on keeping politics out of the organisation in order to fully promote the interests of students.

As a previous President of John Fisher College, I will seek stronger accountability and transparency from UTAS when it comes to residential accommodation. I will also ensure that the TUU continues to be a powerful advocate for environmental issues and I will continue to embolden the student led campaigns promoting awareness around mental health issues and advocate for more effective reporting mechanisms for instances of sexual assault.

Ben Dudman



My name is Ben Dudman and I am running to be #yourTUU President.

In 2019, I served as your Queer Officer on the SRC South and I believe I have the skills to best serve you and the university student community.

It is important that your university union serves your interests. That's why I will host more community student events across all university campuses. I will stand up for you and ensure that student issues are always put at the heart of university decision-making.

The **Connect #yourTUU** team will work to ensure you have the best experience studying at UTAS and we have a five point plan to achieve this.

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STATE COUNCIL:

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Matthew Clark



My name is Matt Clark and I am the current Deputy President of the TUU. I have decided to nominate for this position again as I believe we still have much to achieve in the coming year. Having been involved with the Transformation project of the TUU since it began,

I believe I am well placed to contribute to the positive future of the TUU. I am eager to ensure that the Union is as effective and representative as it can be.

Joel Philpott



Hello, my name is Joel Philpott and I am running for the position of Deputy President for 2020. I am currently in my third year of studying a double degree in Arts and Law and would love the opportunity to represent you on a vast array of issues including, but not limited to:

- Creating a safe University culture where all students feel welcome.
- Lobby for more student support programs and specially tailored programs for international students.
- Moving toward ecologically sustainable methods of achieving outcomes in an increasingly climate-conscious world.
- Advocate for student residential rights in light of the Hobart housing crisis that has affected the lives of many UTAS students.
- Ensuring that the TUU remain apolitical, continuing to strengthen the link between students and the University, moving away from party politics.

Thank you for your time and please do consider me for your Deputy President in 2020.

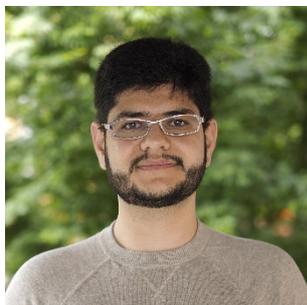
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STATE COUNCIL:

POSTGRADUATE PRESIDENT

Ali GHAHREMANLOU



I am a PhD student at the Tasmanian School of Business and Economics. I have been in the TUU for some time, holding different positions such as President of Sport Council and then the current Postgraduate President. Being the voice of students and representing them across different committees has been an honour so far.

Since the beginning of 2019, I have had the opportunity to run some networking events along with variety of workshops targeting different aspects of being a postgraduate student. I am going to continue having our workshops, networking and entertaining events with a particular plan to engage with different stakeholders to, first introduce a Career Expo week for better and practical employability opportunities and second, to provide small grants towards conference and publication costs.

I will be pleased to serve you all again and to provide you with the necessary facilities to broaden your horizons.

Davin Lui



Dear all,

I am Davin Lui, a postgraduate pharmaceutical science student. I have rich experience in operation of student clubs and societies. First as a president in a cultural society, then as a coordinator in an international student organisation, IPSF.

These experiences enable me to communicate well with individuals from various backgrounds and provide voice for the students at UTAS. And now I would like to bring these experiences to the Postgraduate Council to help senior students to engage more in their coursework or research and enjoy the University life.

To achieve that, I wish to cooperate more with the student societies to provide the networking events. Also, holding career talks, supervisor-candidate relationship workshops and migration seminars for all the students to prepare for their future. It will be my honour if I can be given a chance to serve you all.

Best wishes,

Davin Lui

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Candidate Statements for the position of

STATE COUNCIL:

SPORTS PRESIDENT

Josh Rowlands



Hey everyone!!

I am nominating for Sports President and I need your support to make it happen!!

I absolutely love sport! Sport has created my best memories and friendships and I'm sure this is true for you too. I'm here to promote a positive sporting culture at UTAS, that includes advocating for fun AND competition. I want to hear from the you, so we can improve and develop sports here at UTAS! I want to be a servant and transformational leader that demonstrates humility but also has passion and drive!

I'm currently the Vice-president of the Launceston Ultimate Frisbee Club. In 2018 I was an active member of the UTAS social sports playing basketball and futsal. I thrive in new learning opportunities, achieving goals and taking on new initiatives which is why I believe I would be a perfect candidate for Sports President!

Please vote for me - Josh Rowlands!

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STATE COUNCIL:

SOCIETIES PRESIDENT

Ruby Burgess



Broaden Your Horizons: Societies President

My name is Ruby Burgess and I am an Arts and Law student. My time at UTAS has shown me the importance for students to be involved in life at University and how important their wellbeing is for them to do their best.

My time as Vice President of a society over the past year has given me experience in working with students and understanding their issues and helping them overcome struggles. It has also allowed me to see the important work that TUU societies do and how important they are for students.

This is why I have chosen to run for Societies President, to help continue and improve the great work that societies do for students at UTAS. If elected my focus will be on:

- Promoting the student wellbeing and ensuring a safe environment for all students
- Expanding student's opportunities for further involvement and experiences
- Expanding opportunities for societies

Gabrielle Carswell



My name is Gabrielle and I am running to be #yourTUU Societies Council President.

I am in my fourth year of a Business and Law degree. In 2019, I served as your Societies Council President on the TUU State Council. This has enabled me to strengthen relationships with representatives from each society and create great communication channels. My involvement with the Tasmanian University Law Society for 2 years has enabled me to perform autonomous roles as well as providing a voice for the students at UTAS. I am a resilient leader that provides professional communication and negotiation skills.

I believe that our 2020 policies will prove some significant but great changes for all Tasmanian and Sydney Campuses. I believe that representing the voice of students through a range of roles is paramount, that's why I want to ensure we place student opinions at the centre of our decision making.

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STATE COUNCIL:

CAMPUS PRESIDENT SOUTH

David Bester



I am undertaking a BA in Social Work with Honours, and actively participate in activities that focus on increasing student engagement through recognising the strength of difference, and what empowers students to thrive. I advocate for the continual respect for all students voices on campus. I have collaborated in strategic planning for the University, and mental health awareness. Additionally, I hold a student accommodation leadership role where I am at grass-roots level to observe and gather feedback on current student impacts and needs. As a Tasmanian Aboriginal I am currently the ATSI Officer for the TUU. My role gives me insight and TUU knowledge that assists in working with any minority group on our diverse campus.

As campus president my commitment would be:

- To work along-side the University for transparency, fairness and accountability in its dealings with all students.
- Prioritise the importance of the health and well-being of our students.
- Be available and approachable for all students, and action campus events that meet with identified student needs.

A vote for David Bester would bring student's voices 'out-loud', and heard on campus, and ensure transparent and fair communication pathways for all stakeholders.

Ben Bromfield



My name is Ben Bromfield and I am running to be #yourTUU Campus President in the south.

As a fourth-year student I understand the difficulties associated with university at all levels; and I believe that I have the skills to best serve the student community at UTAS.

It is important that your university union serves the interests of students first and foremost. That is why I am committed to getting more engagement and feedback from all students both those in large but also smaller faculties. I will also ensure that your rights as a student are not infringed upon by giving you a voice in major decisions.

The **Connect #yourTUU** team will ensure you have the best experience possible at UTAS through innovate programs and ideas.

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CAMPUS PRESIDENT SOUTH

Sophie Crothers



My name is Sophie Crothers, and I am running to be your Southern Campus President with Broaden Your Horizons. I hope I can be a personable, approachable face to make the TUU's services more accessible to all students!

As a Psychology/Law student, I am extremely passionate about student representation and advocacy and I believe I have the leadership experience and skills to represent the students of Hobart. Our university is an incredibly diverse community, which is why we will ensure de-politicised and impartial policies that represent all students.

If elected, I hope to:

- Advocate for the accountability of the university by improving and increasing student consultations
- Increase culture and inclusivity on campus through hosting free, fun events
- Continue to improve sustainability and environmental awareness on campus
- Advocate for a university wide focus on the pastoral care of students

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STATE COUNCIL:

CAMPUS PRESIDENT NORTH

Lloyd Burch



After spending the best part of four years at the University of Tasmania I've been privileged to meet many bright, respectful intelligent people from all over the world, many with varied and interesting lives and very prospective and exciting futures. This time at university has developed within me a deepened understanding of myself and of the world around me.

I have experienced massive personal growth in these last four years. I've nearly completed an Engineering degree with the AMC after leaving school to work as a labourer at the age of 15 - something which as a young man, I never would have thought possible. The University of Tasmania has provided this change for me and for thousands of others and for this reason I am enormously proud to be representing students as a current representative of the TUU.

As Campus President I will work closely with student societies and key stakeholders with the aim of developing and facilitating lasting change within this Campus. I will aim to further develop existing initiatives and work with pragmatic, insightful and dedicated effort to represent the students of UTAS on this campus and throughout the state.

"Do you know why I have credibility? Because I don't exude morality."
- Bob Hawke

Joji Kinivuwai



I'm a current third year student studying Bachelor of Engineering (Specialisation) at the National Centre for Maritime Engineering and Hydrodynamics (NCMEH) and I will be running for the Campus North President position for 2020. I may be a new face in the TUU but I believe my leadership experience will benefit in representing the University community.

Many more, my primary focus for TUU North would be to help the societies in delivering their goals for the year and ensure that they maintain their focus on providing for the students.

TUU is meant to be for the students by the students and sometimes that is taken for granted, which can certainly be improved.

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CAMPUS PRESIDENT NORTH

Samuel Mangalathu



Making good action contagious is my life moto. Getting into right opportunity and utilizing it for spreading good cause is what makes a leader responsible and visionary. I'm here to spread that fragrance through the opportunity TUU is offering. I promise to all students to be a true leader and a friend at all circumstances they need me.

Samuel Mangalathu Raj

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STATE COUNCIL:

CAMPUS PRESIDENT CRADLE COAST

Angela Cannell



I'm a 45 year old mother of 9 that has been attending Cradle Coast Campus for 14 months. I wanted to get involved as soon as I saw the amazing community of the TUU. So, I started helping out and learning about the way the TUU helps students. With years of experience on other committees, I understand the work involved behind the scenes to offer students the services they need. Transparency, honest and loyalty are also values that I hold dear and I believe that we are all one large amazing family, it is important to support each other in our endeavours.

It is my goal to Improve our linkages between the other campuses and give all students a voice. It is my desire to lead this campus to positive outcomes for all students.

Shirene Munday



I am in Year 1 of a four-year Bachelor of Social work with honours. I study full time at the Cradle Coast Campus. When I am not here, I am a busy mum of four young girls. When I moved to beautiful Tasmania from interstate a year ago, I didn't know anyone.

I have found the Cradle Coast Campus to be an inclusive space where I have met many people and I now feel part of my community. I would love to share that inclusiveness and be a voice for you.

If you feel like that is something you can get on board with, please give me a vote and come and say Hi to me.