



**Tasmanian  
Electoral Commission**

Tasmania University Union

2017 elections

# Candidate Statements



## **COUNCIL:**

President

Postgraduate President

General Secretary

Education President

Societies President

Campus President South

Campus President North

Campus President Cradle Coast

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCILS -**

### **SOUTH:**

Regional Secretary

### **NORTH:**

Environment Officer

Women's Officer

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# COUNCIL

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## **GRANT Saffire**

Candidate for Council President



My name is Saffire Grant. I like Unicorns and engaging in Student Advocacy.

I am an Undergraduate Student, Majoring in Psychology and Business (Human Resources). I come from a working class background and the first in my family to go to University.

In 2016, I was a Disabilities Officer with the TUU and have been actively engaged in student advocacy and representation via Clubs & Societies since starting at UTAS.

My experience with TUU SRC and TUU Clubs & Societies has provided me the experience needed to do the job to the standard Students deserve.

I have built healthy working relationships with other Clubs & Societies, as well as, UTAS and TUU Staff and Management. I promise to build on these and put the Students, which I represent, voices before my own personal opinion.

I believe Students deserve better than they are currently getting and look forward to representing YOU!

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## **ROBINSON Jess**

Candidate for Council President



For two years I have been ensuring that each student at UTAS gets the experience they deserve. I have served in the TUU as the Education Officer North, and as the Education President. The Education Council was formed in 2016, and since then I have built it into a strong advocate for students at the state and national level. Additionally, I have held roles in Accommodation Services, and UTASLife - this year as the northern team leader.

In these I have transformed the student experience on the Newnham Campus, and played a large part in the improvement of the statewide experience too. As President, my team and I will continue to work towards a more professional and representative TUU which will ensure that your interests are heard at the highest levels of the University. These are issues I care deeply about, and I know that as your President, I can deliver this for you.

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## DUBOIS Arno

Candidate for Council Postgraduate President



The cartoon-style image of a post-grad student hidden in a small, dusty office in a faraway corner of a university / company doing research and writing his/her thesis all alone is archaic. The modern post-grad student engages with his peers, communicates his/her research in a clear and transparent way, is fully aware of the research and industry world surrounding him/her and looks beyond his study to future career possibilities and personal development.

Through our team we want to enable and help the post-grad students to do exactly that and be(come) a better, more complete candidate by offering network opportunities in both academic and industry context, writing and method groups with other post-grads and sessions aimed at personal (and career) development. After a year as International officer on the council, I want to use the gained knowledge as president.

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## **PROBERT Dan William**

Candidate for Council General Secretary



In 2016 I was Environment Officer North, and this year I am Campus President North. But with 900 characters, I don't want to talk about myself, rather Jess, who is running for President.

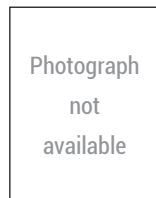
Jess is the rock on which Newnham Campus stands. Through work in Accommodation Services, TUU and UTASLife, she's done more for the North than any Vice-Chancellor ever has. And she doesn't just limit herself to Launceston - I can guarantee that, wherever you are, Jess has done something that has positively impacted you.

In student politics - a world dominated by hacks from either end of the spectrum - Jess stands apart as someone who has no agenda, no ulterior motives, beyond a burning desire to see everyone at UTAS get the experience they deserve. She has been my biggest help as Campus President, and, by becoming her General Secretary, I hope I can support her half as much as she has supported me.

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## **ROBINSON Thomas Andrew**

Candidate for Council General Secretary



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## ONG Dillon

Candidate for Council Education President



As candidate for Education President, I am committed to serving the needs of the student body here in UTAS. As a passionate individual who's motivated to maintain and progress the high standards of education we receive here in UTAS. As Education President, I will be the voice of the students towards the University committees, in regards to teaching and learning, and be a constant feedback towards the University on matter regarding student interests.

If elected, I will continue to fight for the students' welfare in the University in academic terms, and always be open to new ideas that will be progressive towards student learning. Being the main voice of student in Education, I will maintain views which are non-partisan and objective. Together with the Council, we will continuously push the TUU and UTAS in The Right Direction, maintaining our voice for the students, by the students.

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## **READ Morgan**

Candidate for Council Societies President



I believe that societies are at the heart of the student experience and that they are a great way for students to find their place doing what they love. I particularly found this when I moved from the North-West Cost to Hobart to study.

I have been on the executive of societies ever since my first year at UTAS in 2014. This has given me experience in the inner workings of societies. At the end of 2016 I was elected as the treasurer of the societies council by society representatives. Working with the society council this year has given me the opportunity to get a real idea of, and experience in the running of the Societies Council. This will allow me to help others with any questions or advice on their societies.

I look forward to being given the opportunity to represent and help you all with societies in 2018. If you have any questions feel free to email me at [morgan.read95@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.read95@gmail.com).

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## **SYED ROHAN Sharifah**

Candidate for Council Campus President South



I am currently studying a combined Arts/Law degree.

I am running for the role of Campus President - South as I believe that it is crucial that the views of students are represented to the TUU and the university. I believe student politics needs to move from being highly politicised, to become more representative and accountable to the student body.

As Campus President -South I hope to:

1. Advocate for the university to be more accountable for their decisions by encouraging greater consultation with students.
2. Work toward the establishment of a 'green university' by placing the environment at the top of our agenda.
3. Host more events to promote culture on campus.
4. Increase awareness and support for mental health at UTAS.
5. Encourage students from satellite campuses to engage with the TUU.

Vote 1 REPRESENT and Sharifah Syed Rohan for Campus President - South

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## **KEBBELL Sean**

Candidate for Council Campus President North



For 2018, I am running for the position of Northern Campus President. For my duration of the role, I aspire to address the concerns and ideas of the students of the north and be an avenue for their voices to be heard.

I plan on working constructively with the SRC's to ensure all their issues are addressed as quickly as possible; to work along side students and encourage participation from their behalf to assure that their troubles and problems during their time at university are resolved and introduce new and exciting experiences and amenities at the University of Tasmania

A vote for Sean Kebbell, is a vote in the Right Direction.

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## **ROBINSON Thomas Andrew**

Candidate for Council Campus President North

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## **SMITH Davina Shirley**

Candidate for Council Campus President Cradle Coast

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As the current secretary, I have been proud to be a part of the Cradle Coast Student Representative Council who have addressed student issue on a non-political basis. As Cradle Coast campus moves into a new phase, with the imminent construction of a large campus in the heart of Burnie, it is my wish to continue placing students needs at the forefront. This includes seeking a greater collaboration with the Hobart and Launceston campuses. Another area I intend to enhance through consultation is the ongoing representation and greater inclusion of distance students in all aspects of student life.

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# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL - SOUTH

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Representative Council (SRC) - South:

Regional Secretary

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## **BRANCH Jessie**

Candidate for SRC South Regional Secretary



My name is Jessie and I am currently in my fourth year of a combined Arts/Law degree.

The TUU in 2017 has had a very successful year.

However, there is always more that can be done to represent the students of UTAS.

As South Secretary I will strive to advocate for more accountability within the University; take a stand against the stigma surrounding mental health; work towards UTAS becoming a green university; continue the work of the #NeverOK campaign; and build strong relationships with the University of Tasmania to promote a supportive and encouraging environment and culture of success for all university students.

Vote 1 REPRESENT and Jessie Branch for SRC South Secretary.

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## **HOO Teng Keng**

Candidate for SRC South Regional Secretary



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# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL - NORTH

The following section contains statements for the following positions on the TUU Student Representative Council (SRC) - North:

Environment Officer

Women's Officer

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## **HUNT Rebecca**

Candidate for SRC North Environment Officer

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## **KIMLIN Eliza**

Candidate for SRC North Environment Officer

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## **JAKE DEVA SINGH Veenapreet Kaur**

Candidate for SRC North Women's Officer

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I would like to be a women's officer to assist those that need my service and to make a difference in my position where it is necessary. I would really appreciate the position as it will aid my exposure and development as a person.

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## **KEALY Mia**

Candidate for SRC North Women's Officer



It is vital to give a voice to women who don't have one and to create a holistic environment that encourages women to grow. By facilitating empowerment of women through education. By demanding safety and respect for women in all areas and aspects of their lives. By actively advocating for women to break stereotypes and expectations that reinforce inequality and by ultimately promoting equality for all genders I believe we can all positively contribute to the society in which we inhabit.

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