President — Mary-Pearl Chung

N/S

Vice President Education – Postgraduate — Vacant

Vice President Education – Undergraduate – Griffen Burgess

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

- Academic Senate 9:30am-12:30pm4th December

- Meeting with Michael.B and executives12pm-1pm8th December

- SRC December meeting4pm-6:30pm9th December

- Executive Catch-up1:30pm-2pm8th January

- Catch-up with Grant4pm-5pm8th January

- Discussion with SRC9am-10am13th January

- Campaign Hashout4:30pm-5pm15th January

- COVID-19 Taskforce #183:30pm-4:30pm18th January

- Catchup with Grant4:30pm-4:50pm18th January

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

During December, myself and the executives of the SRC have seen a growing concern about graduations from students. On our social media pages, we asked students about whether they liked the idea of a virtual graduation, and majority of answers were no. However, a lot of students have asked for graduations to be postponed and for it to be locked in on a date that was appropriate as well as following COVID-19 restrictions. I strongly agree that we either postpone the event to a later date or hold a face to face event following COVID-19 restrictions. This is something that myself and the SRC team are working towards to this year and hoping to achieve.

During January, we resumed back to our roles after the University black out period and started working on our strategic plan for 2021. With the first semester approaching, I’m ensuring that learning guides are to be posted onto VUWS, 2 weeks prior to till the semester starts. This will ensure that students have enough time to understand what is expected of them and what they will be learning throughout semester 1. Secondly, myself and the executives are currently setting up a meeting with Michael Burgess to further discuss the graduation issue. This is important for students who are graduating this year or have missed out last year, and the SRC team are hoping to show more transparency with the University’s plans.

Furthermore, with a lot of students losing jobs and having difficulty finding jobs that are available,

I’ll be developing and researching ideas on how I can hold careers events for students on campus. As face to face events are being allowed and accepted on campus, I want to provide students an opportunity to network and apply for positions that are available in their respective fields of study. Still in the early stages of developing an idea, but I am wanting to develop a small team that are dedicated to making this work.

**Vice President – Activities – Nikodin Matic**

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* Multiple meetings with CLO officers.

*The meetings I have attended above and below highlight the communication and engagement I have been involved in.*

* *Organised the purchase and delivery of 11 laser tag units, 9x6m inflatable screen and projector for movie nights, professional speaker systems, Car racing simulators, Bean bags, Foosball tables, Air Hockey tables, Tv stands for PS5 and 55” UHD TVs, Golf simulators etc to further enrich the student experience at WSU.*
* *I have implemented a plan on where to store all the purchases and what events to host with the products listed above.*
* *Submitted event requests with risk assessments done and everything only for the events to be rejected due to COVID and then I see those same events run by Campus Life which is disappointing but not surprising to say the least.*
* *Tried to put through a motion to raise the minimum standards and requirements of the SRC as there is too many members who are simply not representing their cohort.*
* *Analysing the Universities funding decrease of Student Clubs and how the SRC and Student Clubs can negate that as I believe it will result in a downfall of events, productivity and results in the Student Club scene that will affect all student Club leaders and members.*
* *Members of the SRC have begun actioning a response to the lack of SSAF funding consultation that is legally required by the University. It seems the University forgets the Students within the SSAF framework.*
* *I have participated in multiple meetings regarding graduations and what can be done to ensure students can have the event that encompasses their 4-5 years of hard work and dedication and which they deserve and should be entitled to.*

**General Secretary – Tyler Wilson**

Following Nov-Dec I have been working on a plan to ensure a smooth handover of the Gen Sec role in April as I have completed my degree and will be aiming to vacate the position within the next few months. I will be contacting reps to encourage budget committee membership and ensure that is established and functional prior to my departure as well as a few other administrative activities such as report/attendance tracking, budget function on WesternLife and templates for the Gen Sec role.

I have met with Grant to discuss my future with the SRC and have decided to stay on board for as long as I can which ideally would be up until graduation in April. Furthermore, we discussed ways to improve the Gen Sec role and how we can add more training and resources for the next person to fill the position.

I also attended a meeting with Michael Burgess to discuss graduations including those scheduled for 2021 and how they will be impacted. From the meeting, he assured 2021 graduations would largely be unaffected should restrictions continue to ease, however, as we have seen them tighten since December 2020, their future is uncertain at this point. We will be looking to push further action around this matter as their current stance is not acceptable to lots of students and their inability to consult the SRC and include us in this process is appalling.

I have also met with the Executive Committee to discuss these issues as well as some proposed plans for the SRC and the January meeting.

**Nirimba Campus Representative – Crystal R Ram**

N/S

**Bankstown Campus Representative – Vicky-Rae Renier-Clark**

December and January were shorter months due to the University shutdown from December 17th to January 4th. During this time, however, I do believe that I have still managed to fulfill many of the tasks assigned to my portfolio.

During the December- January period, I have achieved the following:

***Recognition for Community Groups during COVID-19***

This initiative saw the creation and framing of 16 certificates as well as the compilation of a recognition letter (as recommended by Daniel Jantos in order to keep the surprise) to accompany each certificate. These have been identified as received by all community groups involved.

***Participation at Bankstown Provost End of Year Awards***

***Return to Campus Consultation Meeting***

Tasked with action item to complete Easy English signage for SRC offices, Multi-faith & Equity Spaces complete with QR codes for COVIDSafe check in procedures. Consultation ongoing in relation to campus reps giving inventory in relation to hygiene items required for these spaces.

***Assistance with creation, collaboration and promotion of the SRC Student Services***

***Satisfaction Survey in WesternLife and on Social Media***

Results have been compiled into an Excel spreadsheet for distribution to the SRC post the closure of the survey on 11th December. This will also be compiled into a table identifying the issues at each campus for dissemination and actioning by the SRC Campus Representatives.

***Attendance at Student Leader’s COVID-19 Taskforce 2021***

***Assisting students with advocacy concerns relating to academic staff in collaboration with Equity Representative Disability, Robert Reed.***

***Bankstown City Campus Change and Communications Committee Meetings with architects as well as Office of Estate and Commercial.***

**Kingswood Campus Representative – Simon Preuss-Kearney**

N/S

**Parramatta City Campus Representative – Adeem Jiwani**

N/S

**Parramatta South Campus Representative – Razin Polara**

N/S

**Hawkesbury Campus Representative – Vacant**

**Campbelltown Campus Representative – Tracey Tran**

Meetings or training sessions I have attended:

13/01/2021- Discussion regarding accessing campuses for office spaces. We talked about SRC offices, utilisation in light of current advice/practices, building QR codes, equity spaces, risk management, and student leaders using other spaces.

Communication and engagement

In terms of the campus specific survey, I ensured to follow up with facilities on the potholes in the parking and food options. I got advised that the land/carpark belongs to Landcom and that it does not belong to the university or is outside the University site. I will continue to action the feedback by emailing relevant parties. This includes lockers, quality of tables in tutorial rooms, bathrooms, and online learning. Additionally, I keep in touch with and ask Grant questions if I was unsure about how to action the feedback.

I ensured to keep in contact with women’s collective representative and offered to collaborate on future events. Also, I ensured to actively communicate with members of the campus survey working group.

**Liverpool Campus Representative - Vacant**

Not submitted

**Online Representative - Vacant**

Not submitted

**International Student Representative – Manika Sahni**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Preparation for proposed agenda for January: Advice Clinics for International Students**

Researched about the problems being faced by international students where university is not in a capacity to help international students.

Had a conversation with more than 15 international students to understand what students need the most and identified that inviting a migration agent to provide personalised sessions to the university would be very helpful for students.

Took quotation from 6 migration agents for providing such personalised sessions to international students.

**Residential Representative – Vacant**

**Disabilities Representative – Robert Reed**

**I feel that i have adequately undertaken the roles and responsibilities of my role during this period by:**

* *Engaging students and student leaders in a discussion around relevant issues in the university*
* *Presenting disabled students issues at meetings of the src and being the voice of the disabled student population at western sydney university*
* *Chairing various sub-committees of the src as per schedule of student representative bodies and the actions resolutions of the src*

**assistive technologies & disability collective meeting with natalie mclaughlin & sally leggo**

       the disability collective was invited to have a meeting with the assistive technologies team comprising of natalie mclaughlin and sally leggo. These meetings have been postponed for december and january respectively due to the university shutdown period from dec 17th – jan 4th and are due to resume on the 1st thursday in february.

**student advocacy**

      i have assisted several students since classes resumed on 4th january with issues surrounding aips in addition to academic and mental health issues. I have also been able to assist a student with accessing the university counselling services for additional support.

**mask mandate information surrounding students with an identified exemption.**

I will be organizing meetings with the dap/aca of the schools to discuss the issue f mask use and protocols for those with exemptions i.e. Non-essential use of masks in tutorial spaces.
I will also be continuing the advocacy of vicky-rae renier clark and maria lagadinos at the student leaders task force in relation to this issue as there has been no official communications from the wh&s team in relation to students and staff with mask exemptions. I also wish for sr&p, disability services and equity and diversity to form part of the collaborative team to address this issue with wh&s. It is not equitable to enforce a mandate on students and staff to wear masks when they have an exemption as outlined by nsw health.

**src strategic plan meeting**

        i have registered to attend the strategic plan on jan 29th via zoom, to mitigate any potential issues surrounding my mask mandate exemption.

**i feel that i may not have adequately undertaken the roles and responsibilities of my role during this period by:**

* *Undertaking training to fulfil their role*
there have been no compatible training opportunities available at this time.
* *Undertaking tasks assigned to them as per the actions and resolutions of the src*

       the src has not assigned me any tasks at this time

**Additional information:**

I was under enforced medical leave for a period of 8 weeks from my surgery date november 11th, to allow optimal recovery from a laparoscopic cholecystectomy.

**Women’s Representative – Rosina Armstrong-Mensah**

From my last report I have been in contact with Campbelltown rep (Tracy) upon how best to get a project going and brainstorming over other opportunities for the year.

I have also been updating the women’s collective new social media to ensure it is active including western life. This is the link if you want to join the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/wsuwoco>

I had a meeting with Grant and the chaplaincy (Daniel) on how they can support the collective and possible collaboration with the collectives together.

**Queer Representative – Angel Balandra**

N/S

**Environmental Representative – Danielle Wolf**

Happy new year everyone!

**Meetings** – The Collective held its final meeting halfway through December last year as well as a brief planning session for January. This also involved preparing, packaging and posting all the ingredients and supplies for our DIY beauty product workshop on the 20th. We will be holding our first meeting for 2021 at the end of the month, which will include a scheduling and budgets for the first half of the year, hopefully meaning I can get our agenda items in nice and early to avoid the funding rushes the SRC has lol.

**Workshops** – We’ve held two online workshops since we last met, the one mentioned above December 20th, and one on making Beeswax Wraps on January 10th. These have been a huge success, with us running out of places and waiting lists for the ones to follow. While having to prepackage and post everything does tend to add a bit to our workload, it’s also helped think outside the box a bit. Our next workshop is planned for February 7thmaking a body wash / scrub. At this stage we’re hoping to be holding workshops each fortnight, or at least every 3 weeks, especially as they are proving so popular.

**Gardens** – The Croft (HW Campus) has been active throughout the holidays, with the first produce finally being ready, so that’s fantastic. We’re currently working on a budget and plans for it moving forward, with working bees to be held each week. The Grove (KW Campus) ran into some issues with the wild weather at the end of the year and is forcing us to figure out how to improve it for the future before doing any planting. Now that campuses are open again and we have the right hardware we can finalise the wicking bed conversions as well which means we can at least plant som hardy/sun loving things in the meantime. We also have a couple of composting examples now meaning we can get Costa out to run his workshop.

**Promo stuff** – We developed and purchased some promo stuff for the Grove, so now we have a big outdoor banner which we’ll hang permanently, and advertising signs for events. Both the Croft and the Grove now have a logo too.

**SSAF** – As I think most of you know, significant contention has arisen over the Uni’s lack of transparency and consultation regarding SSAF spending. There was a last minute, ad how meeting the SRC was invited to at the end of last year where we were essentially told what was being done, but without being provided with any documentation, etc. We had a day or so to provide feedback despite having no further information and this was supposed to count as satisfying legislation requiring student consultation and also transparency. A few of us are pretty furious and will be putting together an argument and demands regarding this moving forward. We’d obviously love as much engagement and input as possible.

**Ethnocultural Representative – Rameez Parkar**

N/S