**SRC President— Mary-Pearl Chung**

In the past month and since my last report, below is the summary of my involvement in SRC matters within my capacity.

Meetings:

* SRC Executive with Vice-Chancellor, Office of Vice-Chancellor
* SRC Executive meetings with Student Engagement (Grant, Richard)
* Student Representation & Participation directors
* COVID-19 Taskforce
* Respectful Relationships Taskforce

I maintain regular contact with SRC team members, especially the executive team, to ensure I am up to date with our progress on various issues and projects, and I engage in communication with SR&P to seek guidance as I settle into the role.

Regretfully, due to work and study commitments, personal health and familial matters I have not been able to participate as actively in other SRC events, meetings and projects as I would have desired.

I have an upcoming meeting scheduled with Pete Maggs, the Director of Library Services at Western Sydney University, to discuss ways for the Library to improve its dialogue with our students and best deliver its services especially with the current global pandemic.

Numerous SRC members and myself will be working with Chaplaincy (Student Engagement) on several projects (Soup Kitchen and a few others in the works). I will aim to have further information and solidified plans in place by September's SRC meeting.

In regards to increasing student engagement with the SRC, I am in the process of liaising with several other members and SR&P about media/communications strategies that the SRC will implement, as well as uploading member profiles and having active social media takeovers in the next few weeks.

There have been numerous students reaching out to the SRC regarding several different issues such as student dissatisfaction with their faculty/academic program, the cost of the uni gym membership, etc.

We are working on finding solutions and offering support for those students.

**Vice President Education – Postgraduate — Vageesh Jha**

**Meetings Attended:**

* Procedure Review Meeting
* SRC Monthly Meeting
* SRC Executive meeting
* International Students Collective Working Group
* SRC Executive meeting with the director
* SRC Executive meeting with the Vice Chancellor
* Meeting with the CAPA (Council of Australia Postgraduate Association) President and Vice President.
* Handover Meeting with SRC Residential Representative.

**Highlights:**

After the last SRC Monthly meeting I have officially formed the International Students Collective Working Group. The working group is in its early stages of bringing forward a survey that will be put out to the international student’s community and the data collected will be used to compile for our justification in the proposal to the SRC. The Proposal shall comprise of the data collected in the survey, additional data from services at the university and the collective structure.

Had a meeting with CAPA President and Vice President to discuss our affiliation. They have proposed some workshops such as diplomacy for science which they are keen on running at Western Sydney University. We also had a discussion over our affiliation fees and had to accept the amount that was finalized by the previous SRC President. The amount is $4125 and is pending Western Sydney SRC approval.

In the meeting with the Vice Chancellor asked him about the fee reduction for international students. The current 10% reduction will remain for the current year, though they don’t plan on increasing that.

**Vice President Education – Undergraduate – Griffen Burgess**

**Contacting other reps**: I previously reached out to Razin (Parramatta City Rep), Simon (Kingswood Rep), Adeem (Parramatta City Rep) and Nikodin (Vice President of Activities) in July and on the 6th August 4pm I was able to hold an informal zoom meeting with them all. Reason for this holding this meeting was because of how close the campuses are and the common grounds we all had with each other. I wanted a free-flowing conversation to get to know each other, generate ideas, collaborate, issues and discuss future plans. After the meeting we have created a group chat where we can help and discuss with each other.

**ZOOM MEETINGS: I have attended these meetings**

* Strategic Planning: 2pm-3pm14thJuly
* Developing Conflict Management Style: 3:30pm-4:30pm14th July
* SRC Clubs and Activities: 1pm-3pm15thJuly
* Student Rep Procedures Review Meeting #6: 2:30pm-4:30pm17th July
* SRC executive Meeting:3pm-4pm21st July
* SRC meeting:12pm-pm (left at 1:30pm)23rd July
* Meeting for Follow up Complaint:2pm-2:30pm24th July
* Catch up with Grant:3:30pm-4:30pm24th July
* Executive Monthly Catch up meeting:3:30pm-4:30pm27th July
* Swarm Stand-up:9am-9:30am31stJuly
* Student Rep Procedures Review Meeting #7:3pm-4:30pm31st July
* Vice Chancellor and SRC executive:2:30pm-3:30pm6th August
* My informal meeting with Campus Reps:4:00pm-5:30pm6th August
* Swarm Stand-up:9am-9:30am7th August
* Rescheduled July SRC executive Monthly Catch up:3pm-4pm7th August
* Swarm Stand-up:9am-9:30am14th August
* Student Rep Procedures Review Meeting #8:2:30pm-3:30pm14th August

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

I’ve made some progress with reaching out to fellow reps this month such as Kiara, Josh, Tracey and Crystal to see how they’re progressing in the role and aiding if needed. I held an informal meeting with the previous campus reps that I mentioned in the June Monthly Report (Adeem, Nikodin, Simon and Razin). It consisted of generating ideas, providing suggestions on other ideas, discussing issues at each campus and how we can create solutions. Moreover, I was able to introduce myself to the Vice Chancellor Barney Glover to discuss issues the SRC have faced like ProctorU and International student fees.

***Ways I have engaged with the specifics of my role within the SRC this month****:*

I have been in contact with Grant Murray (briefly) to help me further enhance my skills in leadership, as well as gain feedback that will allow me to understand how I can be a more affective Vice President.

I’ve been able to attend majority of meetings over the past month, but my input in conversations are sometimes minimal. Reasons for this is my minimal research prior to the meeting, but over the past week I have been more engaging in my research like understanding ProctorU and the investigation the executives and I are conducting. Grant and myself have scheduled a meeting on the 19TH August, to further discuss my progress and suggestions in developing my research skills.

**Vice President – Activities – Nikodin Matic**

Nikodin Matic

Since my last report, I have attended 1 x Sports Department/Campus Life meeting, 3 x SRC meetings with Grant & Richard, 3 x Queer Prom meetings, 2 x Student Rep Procedure meetings, 1 x SRC Executive meeting, 2 x Drop in with Grant meetings, 1 x Official SRC July meeting, 1 x SRC Executive & SR&P Directors, 1 x Parramatta South Provost, 1 x Western Sydney Shooters FC meeting, 1 x SRC Select meeting, 2 x COVID Taskforce meetings, 1 x SRC Executive & Vice Chancellor meeting, 1 x WesSyd Media and School of Communications meeting,

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

* *I have undertaken training for my role as in the many meetings/forums etc attended above.*
* *After insightful discussions with CLO officers, the sports department, the SRC Executive, SRC members and a diverse sample of students, I have begun planning events to engage as many students as possible.*
* *I have updated a calendar online that can be used by Campus Life, the SRC, Provost, Sports Department and student clubs to prevent clashes of events and encourage collaboration.*
* *Have distributed information regarding student club events on the SRC social media channels.*
* *Organised and had a fruitful discussion with the Sports Department to see what events they would like to co-host and have come up with a plan on how to promote these events, maximise student participation and how to most effectively utilise our budgets.*
* *Helped facilitate the formation of a new Badminton club, along with help the process start on a Self-Defense Club and a few other clubs that are in the works.*
* *Discussed key issues with various student clubs and proposed solutions.*
* *Gained the support of the Sports Management Lecturers to organise their students to volunteer at some of the SRC sports events that would be beneficial to their CV’s.*
* *Continued discussions with key suppliers of items needed for the planned events.*
* *Completed the SRC Student Club Grant criteria and also the application forms for the grant on the SRC Western Life page.*
* *Updated the Events tab on the SRC website.*
* *I have increased the membership on the SRC WesternLife page from 300+ students to just under 28,000 students with the help of the WesternLife team. This number will continue to grow due to installed automations.*
* *Have planned and organised events and promoted them.*
* *Kahoot event hit 84 RSVP’s within a day.*
* *Sent out a SRC newsletter to al 27,000+ members.*
* *Planned and executed a video presentation with fellow members for the Western Fair.*
* *Followed up on action items from the SRC July Meeting.*
* *Have pitched the idea of a dedicated eSports Lounge at WSU and begun securing support from WSU students who would love to see it come to fruition.*
* *Have put out a solidarity statement on behalf of the SRC in response to the tragic explosion in Lebanon.*
* *Due to the recent outbreak of COVID cases, I have had to re-think some events and see which events to postpone and which events can be done online. I have also planned new events and discussed them with some of my fellow colleagues to get feedback.*

**General Secretary – Tyler Wilson**

Having recently stepped into the role of Gen Sec following Hollie’s resignation, I have spent the last two weeks liaising with Grant and the Executive team in order to effectively transition into position and become familiar with the policies and procedures of the SRC. I have since participated in two ‘catch-up’ sessions with Grant to discuss any issues I had had in taking up the position as well as a ‘handover’ meeting with Hollie to discuss the best way forward for General Secretary. I also participated in an executive meeting in which I introduced myself to the executive team and began discussions surrounding a number of issues currently being considered by the SRC.

I am very much looking forward to becoming more active in the role once I am caught up to speed and I am interested in creating greater efficiencies regarding the administrative requirements of the Gen Sec role and streamlining the process for which representatives submit member reports and agendas.

I am excited to be a part of the SRC and am keen to have a more proactive and engage role within the student experience at Western Sydney university. I thank everyone for being so welcoming and providing me with support especially considering many reps have also only recently stepped into their respective roles.

**Nirimba Campus Representative – Crystal R Ram**

Not submitted

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

Over the month of July I have been involved in many events:

•Meeting I have been involved in this month have been: Multiple student Rep procedure reviews, Strategic Planning session, Conflict management, the Student civic participation meeting, and the Webinar with the SRC event.

•I have continued with my involvement in the regular SRC related meetings which occurred this month, such as the Student Rep Procedure Review and the July SRC monthly meeting.

•Lastly, I am working with Hollie (SRC general secretary) to develop suggestions for the Penrith Provost regarding encouraging more action on mental health. We are exploring ways that we can get in touch with students on things they would like to see, or think would be helpful to have.

I know I am certainly not the only one in this pursuit for better mental health, so I have continued in the pursuit to support and collaborate with other SRC members and student clubs to achieve this goal. 

Over the course of August I intend to:

•Add to the Western Sydney University Penrith Facebook group. This will improve information accessibility for Kingswood. I need to work on building the page and connecting student with it in order to use it to encourage more involvement with campus groups.

•Continuing my involvement in the SRC related meetings which are approaching this month, such as the Student Rep Procedure Review and the August SRC monthly meeting.

•I will also be attending the Students as partners seminars in late August to compliment my current training, and to foster further skills and collaboration from this training.

•Finally, the plan is to run the first informal SRC discussion prior to the next monthly SRC meeting. This is to ensure everyone who wishes to learn more about the agenda items put forward in the meeting are understood, and more broadly facilitates more time to ask questions.

**Parramatta City Campus Representative – Adeem Jiwani**

I was working on the agenda I had proposed during the July SRC meeting. For the same I had a meeting with the CLO officer at parra city and the VP Activities (Nick). I also had frequent discussions with the Nick regarding the same. I’ve also had conversations with Grant regarding the same. I also met the officers at Parra City, regarding my agenda which was improving the printing services at the campus. I am a working member for the international student collective, for which I am looking closely at the facilities made available by the university in regards to the COVID crisis. I am also working on a survey towards the international students. I also attended the Webinar with SRC.

* Meetings I’ve attended: -
* SRC Monthly Meeting for July.
* Student Representative Procedural Meeting.
* Meetings with several SRC members.
* International Students Collective Meeting.
* Webinar with SRC.
* Meeting with CLO officer and Nick.
* Drop in with Grant.

**Parramatta South Campus Representative – Razin Polara**

Not submitted

**Campbelltown Campus Representative – Tracey Tran**

I attended the eCongress ‘Strategic planning’ session, which involved learning the importance of asking the WHY and one’s intrinsic motivations and the ‘Developing your conflict management style’ session on 14/07/2020. I also attended the monthly SRC meeting on 23/07/2020. I joined the International students working group and on 10/08/2020, I attended the first meeting. We are working on creating a survey together to compile data related to academics, mental health etc. to support the need for the creation of the International student collective. I also joined the Queer Prom working group and attended the 4th meeting on 10/08/2020. I helped brainstormed ideas for the event. I emailed and had a phone call with Grant regarding my ideas for the Kind project/movement. Additionally, on 10/08/2020 I attended the meeting with Daniel, the Chaplaincy Coordinator and discussed the idea of the Kind project/movement.

For communication and engagement, I submitted a member profile as part of the ten-week plan to increase social media presence and engagement. I also communicated with Larissa, the Campus life coordinator and volunteered to transport and distribute the sanitary items to Campbelltown campus. In response to Grant’s feedback on my ideas regarding the Kind movement, I reached out to Rosina, the Women’s representative and we are talking about how to get ideas up and running soon.

**Hawkesbury Campus Representative – Josh Newton**

Over the past month I have continued working on the proposed Queer Prom event, I have also began investigating the possibility of investing in a new surface for the basketball courts at the Hawkesbury Campus (following on what Nikodin has proposed for Penrith). I believe that I will be including this as a motion at the next SRC meeting. I have also reached out to my cohort, in the hope of gaining more insight into what students would like to see on campus.

I have been attending the Covid-19 student task force and championing the fight against the use of ProctorU. I have added a few agenda items for the next SRC meeting, which hope to address this issue, although I hope to have these motions discussed at a special meeting, prior to the next scheduled SRC meeting.

**Online Representative – Leanne Markovic**

This month (to 31st July 2020) has been very busy for the Online Representation space. During this period, the online student cohort have been studying through weeks 3-7. This period included a consolidation week which hasn’t previously been offered. This is equivalent to the Intra Session break offered to on campus students.

During this period I attended the following:

1/7/2020 – Attendance at Operations Management Group (OMG) meeting with digital futures and OES (Online Education Services). This meeting discussed student results and strategies going forward for Online students. This meeting includes DAPS, Deans and 2 student representatives. As part of this meeting, we also looked at creating a new platform for Online students to interact as most Online students do not use WesternLife.

3/7/2020 – SRC Procedures meeting

7/7/2020 – School of Business Student Academic Committee (SOBSAC) – within this meeting I am the undergraduate student representative. In particular I brought forward issues which the Online students were facing with Proctored exams and accessing welfare and support opportunities.

14/7/2020 - SRC Strategic Planning Meeting

24/7/2020 - Student Representative on panel for event titled “Student Success Through Assessment Design” hosted by National Association of Enabling Educators of Australia (NAEEA). As part of this panel I gave feedback and answered questions on the experience of online students and proctored exams. I also gave feedback on future assessment design.

I have also advocated for a number of students in the Online space who have had some issues with regards to Learning Guides, access extensions, access to support services.

I also had a case of a student becoming triggered in a session which lead to them needing some mental health support of which I am a trained MHFA (mental health first aider). I collaborated with the student and a staff member to find a safe outcome for the student.

August 2020 sees the Online students undertake teaching period 2 exams. Once these exams are done, I will look to create an event on WesternLife to engage the students and have a ‘forum’ style setup.

**International Student Representative – Manika Sahni**

**MEETINGS ATTENDED**

* SRC Monthly Meeting for July
* Drop in with Grant
* International Students Collective Meeting
* Meetings with Vageesh Jha: International Student’s Collective
* Meeting with Chaplaincy Coordinator: Daniel Jantos
* Developing Conflict Management Style: 3:30pm-4:30pm14th July

**HIGHLIGHTS**

* **Formation of International Students Collective**
* Working group: Working closely with Vageesh, VPP for managing the formation of the collective
* Building survey to identify the key challenges being faced by International students
* My focus area: Challenges faced by new students in the virtual scenario and career services provided by the university
* Attended various workshops by career team to understand the services being provided by them

* **LinkedIn Campaign**
* Regular posts to highlight key services provided by the careers team at the university
* Organised a LinkedIn challenge aimed at encouraging students in utilising these services. The challenge will be launched shortly.

* **Western Sydney International Student Association**
* Liaised with newly elected members to plan collaboration in their future events and activities

* **U by Kotex**
* Volunteered for distribution of sanitary items to Parramatta City and South campus

**Residential Representative – Sean Vierik**

Not submitted

**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

**Design Thinking for Competitive Advantage: Accessibility on Campus Guest Speaker – invited by Dr Sasha Alexander PhD (DAP Industrial Design)**

Both myself and DC Secretary, Vicky-Rae Renier Clark, were invited by Dr Alexander to speak on the topic of Accessibility on Campus during this lecture series. This is a continuation of the Campus Maps project that was led by the Disability Collective during the last term, which had us working quite closely with Dr Alexander and the Office of Estate and Commercial. The class at this time also asked us several questions regarding other accessible features for students with a disability such as inherent requirements, AIPs and processes for accessible spaces on campuses such as the Spoons Room.

**Assistive Technologies & Disability Collective Meeting with Natalie McLaughlin & Sally Leggo**

The Disability Collective was invited to have a getting to know you session with the Assistive Technologies team comprising of Natalie McLaughlin and Sally Leggo. The focus of these conversations was to create a collaborative team as we advance through the Spring semester following the issues raised between the Disability Collective and the Assistive Technologies team following the COVID19 scenario during the Autumn session. The AT team and the Disability Collective have committed to meet monthly to discuss the issues in this space.

**Study Smart Accessibility Consultation with Claire Urbach**

The AT team have invited the Disability Collective to collaborate with Clare Urbach ( Academic Literacy Advisor) to give their input for the Study Smart website refresh. The team looks forward to meeting with Claire to discuss matters of accessibility and provision of service to the disability cohort on August 18th at 1:30 pm.

**ESM SEO Accessibility Consultation with Ian Sharpe**

The Disability Collective has been supporting DC Secretary, Vicky-Rae Renier-Clark, in her position as a student consultant for the University’s Service Now project alongside the Student Experience Office and the Assistive Technologies Team. She has been a part of this team since May 19th ensuring a high level of accessibility within the University’s move to the Service Now platform. We have consulted with Ian Sharpe (Associate Director Business Transformation) to ensure that these considerations (font size, colours, layout, etc.) are consistent with the Australian Network on Disability’s guidelines found here https://www.and.org.au/articles.php/59/resources-to-use-and-share-this-global-accessibility-awareness-day

**SRC Procedures Meeting**

I attended a recent meeting about the welfare and wellbeing officer position. The conversations were quite interesting for me to see how this position has evolved from its proposal at the cross-campus equity network meetings. I was however quite perplexed as to why there was the need for the role descriptors to be modified when the 2019/2020 SRC approved it in its original form.

I look forward to learning of further progress in this area.

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

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

Following on from July report I have been working on creating some survey for students in knowing their view and expectation from the women’s collective. Also, I am preparing a constitution draft for the women’s collective. During this period, I was able to organise a chat with Grant about Women’s collective constitution, Facebook page, events, budgets and others.

Below are some dot points of events and meetings I attended were:

* SRC July meeting
* Strategic Planning
* Conflict Management
* SRC webinar event
* Student representative procedure review
* Drop in Q&A
* SSAF workshop

Recently the Campbelltown Rep (Tracey) and I are planning on making some collaboration to create a project.

**Queer Representative Clare Da Silva**

Not submitted

**Environmental Representative – Danielle Wolf**

Here’s a brief rundown of the last month or so for the Environment Collective, much of which is a continuation from July:

* **#CutAllTies**: We have recently joined a coalition of other university Environment Collectives who have teamed up with the UNSW Collective and [350.org.au](https://350.org.au/) to demand that PwC (and others) withdraw their membership of the Mineral Council. There is a [petition](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/petition-students-of-western-sydney-university-call-on-pwc-to-cutallties-with-the-coal-lobby?source=direct_link&fbclid=IwAR3pGXr4AJBj1wh9Wbt3I9kwHHfPl90Wv6v_ArsqLI3gfKZEuv0xYXSsIiA) which will be delivered by Universities across Australia on August 18th, the ‘[Day of Action](http://cutallties.350.org.au/event/students-of-sydney-demand-pwc-leave-the-minerals-council/)’. We will be hosting the protest for the PwC offices conveniently located in the 1PSQ campus building, joining with UNSW and 350.org.au to provide education around the environmental damage lobbied and legislated for by the [Minerals Council Australia](http://cutallties.350.org.au/the-dirt/). We will combine this with discussing with staff and the public the need for PwC to act swiftly if they are to meet their global sustainability commitments, pointing out that they can’t do that ***and***remain part of the MCA. [According to PwC Australia](https://www.pwc.com/gx/en/corporate-responsibility/pdf/pwc-environment-global-strategy-map-fy19.pdf), they believe healthy environmental ecosystems are critical to healthy economies and are committed to accelerating the pace of change towards a lower carbon future.
* **Membership**: We recently held internal elections and are excited to now have a General Secretary, Engagement Officer, and 2 general equity officers. Even more exciting is that we have filled our last general equity officer position, meaning we now have a full team across a diverse range of studies to help us achieve our mandate.
* **Addressing Ecological, social and economic sustainability**: [Farm It Forward](https://www.lyttletonstores.com.au/farmitforward), an initiative of the Lyttleton Gardens Co-op, is a social enterprise connecting Blue Mountains landowners and local young people who are passionate about growing food. The [Hawkesbury initiative](https://www.facebook.com/events/1514816448722851/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%5b%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22search_results%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22search%22%7D%5d%7D) (behind the Secret Garden) is being launched August 22nd, with site inspections and planning for the Kingswood garden to follow. The plan is to engage the residential students in activities, and help provide them with fresh produce, especially important during the current crisis.
* **Cumberland Plain Woodland** – The Woodland is a critically endangered ecological community, and Western has a notable stand on its KW campus. We are developing a plan to create a demonstration site, which will include restoration, workshops, tours and tree planting. The best part is the construction of a [Frog Hotel](https://www.australiangeographic.com.au/topics/wildlife/2020/04/a-guide-to-making-a-frog-hotel-with-frog-expert-jodi-rowley/)!
* **Procedures Review (ongoing)**: These meetings have been pretty much what they sound like – we are currently reviewing the SRC’s policies and procedures docs, to correct, amend and propose changes where necessary. This is something open to all reps, in fact, I highly recommend and encourage everyone to have as much input as possible – these are the policies and procedures by which the SRC operates and is held accountable.

**Ethnocultural Representative – Rameez Parkar**

I have set up a meeting with previous SRC Ethnocultural Officers to get a better understanding of the role. Have accessed Ethnocultural Collective Facebook Page

**Contact with other reps** :

Have had discussions with Manika (International Students Rep) regarding overlapping interests in our portfolios.

Have had discussions with the Hawkesbury Representative regarding issues regarding Hawkesbury Campus and issues with the Student Legal Service.

**Zoom meetings/e-congress :** I have attended these meetings.

* Student Rep Procedures review meeting #2 (22/05/2020)
* E-congress: student leader “info duction” (09/06/2020)
* Meetings Masterclass: Meet like a pro (09/06/2020)
* SRC Induction (10/06/2020)
* Get to know you meeting (26/06/2020)
* Get published with W’SUP (30/06/2020)
* SRC handover meeting (30/06/2020)
* Cultural Responsiveness (01/07/2020)
* Be the influence: leadership training (02/07/2020)