

## Candidate Statements

### Student Elections 2025

Please find attached – the policy statements of all students running in the student leader elections for Western Sydney University Student Union Ltd.

In the below list, statements have been truncated to meet the 500 word limit, and where no statements were given the student has been omitted.

For the list of all nominees in each electorate please see the notice of nominations.

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### President

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| <p>Ali h Thejil<br/>Independent</p> | <p>Firstly, a primary focus of my presidency will be on strengthening specialised academic and welfare support tailored for nursing students. We navigate demanding theoretical content, rigorous practical assessments, and the often-stressful environment of clinical placements. I will advocate for enhanced access to clinical skills workshops, extended simulation lab hours, and peer-mentoring programs specifically for placement preparation. Recognising the mental and emotional toll of nursing studies, I will champion initiatives to support our well-being, collaborating with university services to offer targeted mental health resources that address burnout and stress, and establishing quiet zones at Liverpool for focused study and decompression. Ensuring every nursing student feels comprehensively supported in their academic and personal resilience is fundamental.</p> <p>Secondly, I am passionate about fostering a cohesive and supportive nursing student community right here at our Liverpool Campus. University life, particularly in nursing, thrives on connection and mutual support. I will work diligently to invigorate social and educational events that encourage interaction across all nursing cohorts – from first-year students to those nearing graduation. This includes organising campus-based study groups, informal networking events, and collaborative activities with other health disciplines at Liverpool. I will advocate for improved common spaces within the Liverpool campus that facilitate both collaborative study and relaxation, ensuring our physical</p> |
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|                                    | <p>environment fosters a sense of belonging and camaraderie. My goal is to cultivate an environment where every nursing student feels connected, valued, and has ample opportunities to build relationships and a strong professional network.</p> <p>Finally, my commitment as President is to proactive and transparent advocacy specifically for the UWS Nursing students at Liverpool. My role is to be your direct conduit to the nursing faculty and university administration, ensuring our voices are not just heard, but prioritised. I will establish regular feedback mechanisms, including dedicated 'President's Pulse' sessions on campus and anonymous digital suggestion boxes, to capture your concerns regarding placements, curriculum, campus resources, and assessment policies. I pledge to communicate transparently about faculty decisions and actively represent your interests in all relevant discussions. I will tirelessly champion issues critical to our success, from optimising placement allocations to ensuring our Liverpool campus facilities meet the evolving needs of nursing education. My promise is to be a responsive, accountable, and dedicated President, ensuring that the unique needs of Liverpool Nursing students are at the forefront of every decision.</p> <p>By focusing on specialised support, a strong community, and unwavering, targeted advocacy, I am confident that together we can build an even more empowering and supportive experience for all nursing students at UWS Liverpool. I am eager to listen, learn, and lead on your behalf, and I ask for your vote to represent our collective aspirations. Thank you.</p> |
| <p>Bailey Andersen<br/>Fire Up</p> | <p>We are Fire Up, a team of passionate students, many of whom currently serve on the Western SRC. Over the past couple of years, we have proven we can deliver real results for students.</p> <p>We fought for and won:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free printing for all students</li> <li>• Automatic 3-day extensions on assignments</li> <li>• Standardised 11:59 pm submission times</li> <li>• Removal of ProctorU from exams</li> <li>• Reduced fees for international student letters</li> <li>• Creation of the Western Sydney University Student Union</li> </ul> <p>These wins happened because we organised, spoke out and pushed for change.</p>   |

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| <p>Gurkaranpreet Singh<br/>Independent</p> | <p>Hey, I'm Gurkaranpreet Singh, and yep—I'm throwing my hat in the ring for President of the Student Rep Council at Western Sydney University. If you hang around Campbelltown campus, you've probably seen me hustling as an SRC rep or running events for the many clubs. Honestly, being out there with all sorts of students—different backgrounds, wild stories—it's taught me that strong leadership isn't just about talking big. It's about showing up, actually listening, and making stuff happen.</p> <p>1. Your Voice Actually Matters<br/>Look, university isn't just about cramming for exams. Most of us are juggling jobs, family, side hustles—you name it. I'm sick of seeing students ignored. If I'm president, I'll make sure you're not just a number. More open forums, easier ways to rant online (constructively, of course), and real talk sessions on campus. You should actually have a say in what goes down here, not just tick some useless survey.</p> <p>2. Wellbeing That Doesn't Suck<br/>Let's be real: university can mess with your head. Placements, money stress, trying to keep it together—sometimes it's brutal. I'm pushing for quicker, cheaper</p> |

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|  | <p>counselling, more peer support (because who actually relates better than other students?), and real resources for people doing tough placements—nursing, teaching, the lot. Support shouldn't be a mythical unicorn you hear about but can't find.</p> <p><b>3. Embracing the Wild Mix</b><br/> Western Sydney is basically the Avengers of multiculturalism—so many backgrounds, all together. I'm all in for that. I'll team up with cultural clubs, equity groups, anyone who wants to make campus less boring and more welcoming. No room for discrimination here, and I'll fight for policies that actually include everyone, not just stick a poster up and call it a day. International students, you're not getting left out on my watch.</p> <p><b>4. Uni Life = More Than Boring Lectures</b><br/> Uni should help you get somewhere, not just hand out grades. So, yeah, I'll push for more networking gigs, industry hookups, volunteering spots—stuff that actually helps you after you graduate. Plus, I want clubs, societies, and the SRC working together, not off in their own little bubbles. Let's make campus buzz.</p> <p><b>5. Keeping It Honest</b><br/> I hate leaders who go all mysterious and “behind closed doors.” Not my style. If I'm in charge, you'll get straight-up updates about what we're doing, where your money's going, and you'll actually see decisions being made. No shady business.</p> <p>I'm running for SRC President because I believe we can actually make this place better for everyone. I've been in the trenches with the SRC and all sorts of student groups, so I know what's up. If you want someone who gives a damn and gets things done—well, you know who to vote for. Let's make WSU a place that's got your back.</p> |
| <p>Jordan Pardoel<br/> Western Students 4<br/> Palestine</p> | <p><b>VOTE WESTERN STUDENTS 4 PALESTINE.</b> Vote [1] Jordan Pardoel for President! We need to up the pressure on WSU management and build a campaign that can force them to end their complicity!</p> <p>Our Student General Meeting (SGM) showed students will fight until WSU cuts ties with genocide. At the SGM, 150 students voted loud and clear: to halt the genocide and free Palestine we need genuine sanctions.</p>   |

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### Vice President

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| <p>Heliana Tavares<br/>Students for Campus Life,<br/>Sports &amp; Clubs</p> | <p>Hi, my name is Heliana and I'm excited to be running for the role of your new SRC Vice President.</p> <p>I'm heavily involved in campus life as part of my role in the Sports and Recreation team, where you may have met me at our free food pop-ups on campus. I also represent the University in football (soccer) and futsal at Unisport Nationals and social sport.</p> <p>It's my passion to empower student voices and create an environment where every student feels heard, included, and inspired. I advocate for greater community engagement and lively campus life so you can make the most of your university experience. You can trust me to bring fresh energy and exciting ideas to the SRC to make your time on campus more vibrant, inclusive, and connected.</p> <p>I'm devoted to promoting inclusive social events to bring people together across different cultures, interests, and campuses. I'll work to push for more accessible and</p>   |

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|  | <p>diverse support so that you can use the experiences you gain at university in other aspects of your life. Rest assured that you will always have my support during your time at Western and beyond.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. It would be my honour to represent you.</p>   |
| <p>Jasmin Ahmed<br/>Western Students 4<br/>Palestine</p> | <p>My name is Jasmin Ahmed and I am honoured to be running for Vice President of the WSU Student Union. I am an organiser with WSU4Palestine, the campaign that helped organise the historic Student General Meeting (SGM) earlier this semester. At the SGM, 150 students voted unanimously to demand that WSU cut research ties with Israeli arms supplier Syqe Medical, lift suspensions on student protesters, halt staff job cuts, and call on Anthony Albanese to sanction Israel. This was a breakthrough moment that showed the power of students organising together. I am running because I want to make sure this momentum isn't wasted. I want to build a democratic student union that fights for justice—one that represents students, not management. A union that stands up against repression, backs the fight for Palestine, and defends staff and students from the attacks coming from university bosses and the government. If elected, I will use the position of Vice President to amplify the voices of students who are fighting back—for Palestine, for staff, and for a university that prioritises people over profit. Vote [1] Jasmin Ahmed for Vice President. Vote [1] WSU4Palestine for SRC and NUS. Together, we can win. — Jasmin's Campaign Piece Turn up the pressure on WSU VOTE [1] WESTERN STUDENTS 4 PALESTINE I'm Jasmin Ahmed, and I'm running for Vice President because we need to keep up the pressure on WSU management. Our campaign has already forced them onto the defensive, but to make them end their complicity we need to build even stronger. At the SGM, 150 students voted loud and clear: to halt the genocide and free Palestine we need genuine sanctions. To help build pressure on Anthony Albanese to sanction Israel, we must force WSU to cut ties with Syqe Medical. Syqe Medical Syqe is an Israeli company that supplies therapeutics to the IDF. WSU is not only researching for Syqe through NICM but also recruiting participants for its clinical trials at Westmead Hospital. This makes our university and public health system complicit in Israel's war machine. Repression won't silence us When students protested for Palestine</p> |

last year, WSU invited police onto campus to arrest us— and then suspended students. This shows management’s hypocrisy: they claim to support diversity and free speech, but they criminalise Palestine activism. We must keep fighting until all suspensions are lifted. Williams and management are complicit Vice Chancellor George Williams says he is “comfortable” with Syqe research, claiming it is far enough removed from Israel’s war crimes. That is the same excuse Penny Wong used to justify sending “non-lethal” F-35 jet parts to Israel. Whether it’s jet parts or medical research, these ties fuel genocide. We need sanctions, not empty recognition of a Palestinian state. The fight goes beyond campus Israel’s genocide in Gaza is fuelled by Australian-made jet parts and intelligence from Pine Gap. Albanese is also tying university funding to AUKUS and nuclear submarines, turning our campuses into factories for militarism. Meanwhile, 3,500 staff have been sacked and

## General Secretary

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| <p>Genevieve Reed<br/>Students for Campus Life,<br/>Sports &amp; Clubs</p> | <p>As the General Secretary of the SRC, representing “Students for Campus Life, Sports &amp; Clubs”, I am dedicated to strengthening student wellbeing and improving campus life, to ensure students feel supported to grow both inside and outside of the classroom.</p> <p>Support sports and clubs:<br/>Sports and clubs are the heart of Western Sydney University, connecting students to help them grow as individuals. Both social and representative sports deserve greater recognition and support on campus. As someone who engages in social sport through the university, I know how valuable the role Western plays in it, to provide accessible opportunities for all students to stay active, meet people, while balancing study. As a UniSport athlete, I have seen the dedication of our university’s representative students and the support needed to thrive. Our university has achieved multiple medals and the Spirit Award at national-level competitions. These achievements should be celebrated and matched with greater funding and resources so our athletes and teams can continue to excel.</p> <p>I will work to secure a greater investment in sports teams, clubs and societies, recognising their significant role in building a great community on campus, supporting student wellbeing and showcasing strengths outside of the classroom.</p> <p>Campus Life:<br/>Student wellbeing should be a top priority for the university by ensuring that there are accessible and inclusive events on campus that help enhance social, emotional and physical health.</p> <p>I will support current initiatives in place that help improve campus life and advocate for events and activities that bring students together to enhance their on-campus experience.</p> <p>SRC Transparency:<br/>As the general secretary, I will ensure that the SRC’s decisions are spoken about openly and clearly to the student population, so that students can feel properly informed. This will involve regular updates and</p> |
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|                                       | <p>accessible meetings to help make every student's voice heard.</p> <p>I will maintain open communication with the many clubs on campus to make sure their priorities and needs are being reflected in our decision-making about campus life.</p> <p>Promote inclusion and diversity:<br/> With the great range of opportunities at Western, it is important that everyone feels welcome and included. Exploring the university and engaging in campus life should be for everyone.</p> <p>I will push initiatives that engage a wider and more diverse range of students to ensure everyone feels respected and safe.</p> <p>Student Engagement:<br/> Activities and programs on campus should reflect the experiences, wants and needs of the students at the university. This is vital for engaging and effective programs to help improve the wellbeing of the student body.</p> <p>I aim to ensure that programs and activities in place at the university are appealing and exciting for students by making sure that they have a say in what we can do to help them enjoy their university experience more.</p> <p>I aim to make campus life, sports and clubs a proud foundation of the Western Sydney University.</p> |
| <p>Gina Elias<br/> Social Justice</p> | <p>I think WSU students need representatives who are going to stand up for social justice and our education. We're living through a genocide, cost of living and housing crisis, climate crisis, sexism, racism, and LGBTI+ bigotry, and so much more!</p> <p>I've been an activist for years on all of these issues, particularly for Palestine. I've been an organiser in Palestine Action Group Sydney since 2018. We're the group who called the historic harbour bridge rally for Palestine this year, the Nationwide march for Palestine, and every year before this current genocide we protested on Al-Nakba to mark the genocide that established Israel in 1948. I've organised student general meetings and student strikes for Palestine. We need more of us who'll stand up for justice even when it's not popular.</p>  |

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|   | <p>I've also been part of protesting WSU's 400 staff cuts, Trump's transphobic agenda that inspired conservatives here, for abortion rights, climate strikes, for refugee rights, and affordable housing.</p>  |
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| <p>Rowland Jackel-Fitzgerald<br/>Western Students 4<br/>Palestine</p> | <p>My name is Rowland and I'm proud to be running for General Secretary of the WSU Student Union with WSU4Palestine. The past semester has proven that students at Western Sydney University are ready to fight for justice. At the historic Student General Meeting (SGM) in Week 5, more than 150 students voted unanimously to demand that WSU cut its ties with Israeli</p>  |

arms supplier Syqe Medical, lift suspensions on student protesters, halt staff job cuts, and call on Anthony Albanese to impose sanctions on Israel. This was a breakthrough moment — the biggest show of student democracy in years — and I am standing to make sure that momentum is not lost.

**Why General Secretary Matters** The General Secretary position is one of the most important roles in the Student Union. It is responsible for ensuring that the union is transparent, democratic, and accountable to students, not management. The university has deliberately stacked our so-called “independent” Student Union with five unelected management-appointed directors alongside only six elected students. Nearly half the board is unelected, which means management has an enormous influence over decisions that should belong to students. As General Secretary, I will fight for a fully elected, fully student-controlled union. No more rubber-stamping management decisions. No more silencing students who stand up for Palestine or against job cuts. We deserve a union that answers to us — the students.

**WSU’s Complicity in Genocide** Right now, WSU is complicit in genocide. Through the National Institute of Complementary Medicine (NICM), the university is carrying out research for Syqe Medical, an Israeli company that produces therapeutics for the Israeli military. WSU is even recruiting participants for Syqe’s trials at Westmead Hospital. This ties both our university and our public health system directly into Israel’s war machine. Vice Chancellor George Williams says he is “comfortable” with this research, hiding behind excuses that it is far enough removed from war crimes. But we know the truth: whether it’s jet parts, intelligence from Pine Gap, or medical research, all of these ties help sustain Israel’s genocide in Gaza.

**Repression Won’t Silence Us** When students protested against WSU’s complicity last year, management invited police onto campus to arrest us — and then suspended student activists. These repressive measures are designed to intimidate us into silence. But repression won’t stop our campaign. If elected General Secretary, I will make lifting the suspensions and defending the right to protest a top priority.

**The Fight Beyond Campus** The Albanese government is pouring billions into militarism — from F-35 fighter jets sent to Israel to nuclear submarines under AUKUS — while universities slash arts courses and sack thousands of staff. Students at WSU know what this

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### Welfare Officer

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| <p>Amy Lamont<br/>Social Justice</p>                       | <p>I believe that WSU students deserve a Welfare Officer that fights for social justice issues and students rights. Education should be free! Why should domestic and international students alike be put into exorbitant amounts of debt while our university cuts up to 400 staff jobs? This year I set up Stop WSU Cuts to protest staff sackings, to stop the increases to campus parking costs and to stop the cuts to the campus Shuttle Bus service!</p> <p>I have been a socialist activist for many years, fighting for Palestine, student rights and social justice. I have been a part of organising Palestine activism on and off campus for over six years. I was a part of encouraging WSU students to vote in the NUS National Student Referendum for Palestine. I want all weapons companies complicit in the genocide in Gaza off our campus! I believe we should tax the rich and distribute their wealth to fund education, healthcare, housing and higher wages.</p> |
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