Hamidreza Arash Araghi

I am Hamidreza Arash Araghi and I am currently a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Engineering. I have been the former leading member of the PG Student Committee at the school of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering in 2018. “I established a student oriented committee, which aimed to create a friendly environment with focus on student engagement, inter-ethnic mingling and expanding the line of communication among the PG cohort. Producing monthly newsletters and reforming the committee’s constitution has been part of my active strategic planning and improvements. I am seeking to be elected as I’m confident I can bring about new and robust ideas in order to boost strong student engagement at the University”.

Abhiraj Das

My name is Abhiraj Das.

AISECS, Student Ambassador:

Organised different webinars with the opposition Leader Jodi Mckay & Hon Minister Jason Wood, Min Dr Geoff Lee, Minister for Skills and Tertiary education to bring about a positive change in the lives of all international students in the covid and post covid era.

Some of the key webinars which helped me raise a voice on behalf all international students

Webinar on the kinds of support needed to be provided to all International students

Key outcomes: Temporary crisis accommodation- rental assitance, reaching out to universities and education providers for special offers and help for the International Students

Webinar on unravelling experience of International Students in Australia

Key Outcomes: New easy grant of 300 dollars for International students, reaching out to telecom companies to help student stay in touch with dear ones, family, and friends, and get access to unlimited internet at a very subsidised rate.

Webinar on Postcode Assistance

Key Outcomes: Supported needy International students by connecting them with individuals at the same or nearby postcode who could afford to help the community with required donations/groceries/mental support.

Graduate Student Advisory Committee, The University of Sydney Business School, Member of the team for the past three Semesters:

Developed procedures and guidelines and made recommendations in relation to admission, recognition of prior learning, enrolment, progression, and coursework award course requirements.

Overseeing the strategic development of new award courses that address the School’s strategic priorities, which are aligned with the industry, professional and community expectations.

Conducted quality assurance reviews of the curricular within and across categories of coursework award courses in accordance with university policy and third-party accreditation requirements.

I am a passionate individual currently enrolled with the University of Sydney Business School pursuing Master of Commerce specialization in business analytics and marketing.

I completely believe in the balance of being a go-getter and a go-giver and I have always observed that the later has impacted more positive changes in not only my life but in the life of others as well.

“To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.” -Winston Churchill

I strongly believe in change, have implemented it in the past, and will keep on doing it in the future irrespective of my title.

I thank you all for your attention and patience

Lachlan Finch

We deserve better from our University.

Better Education. Better Service. Better Representation.

We deserve a review of the SSAF fee so we only pay for what we get, flexible course fee payment options for international students, an overhaul of the Student Centre, and so much more.

Now more than ever, as we recover from COVID-19, we need an EXPERIENCED, HONEST, and NO BULLSH\*T Postgraduate Student Representative. I promise to be that representative.

As a past Board Director and Vice President of the University of Sydney Union (USU) who has spent almost 5 years studying at USYD, I have unrivalled experience improving students’ lives, deep knowledge of the Uni administration, and a proven track record getting the kinds of results we need.

Demand Better for Postgrads at the University of Sydney.

Vote [1] Finch for Senate.

<https://www.demandbetterfromusyd.com>

Carmen Maatouk

First, a little about me, I studied Bachelor of Commerce at USYD and am now in my first year of my Juris Doctor degree as a post-graduate student. So, I have been at the university for a few years now and that puts me in a strong position to understand the needs of the student body and represent their best interests.

My vision in one sentence is to ensure USYD is an inclusive environment and to celebrate the differences that make each student, at our university, unique.

I want to listen and echo the voice of all students. I want to ensure the greatest possible university experience for everyone. I believe that all university students - no matter who they are, where they come from, what they look like, or what language they speak - deserve access to a stronger support network. I want to make sure that all students feel they are encouraged by the university to achieve their personal best, be that by: improving their academic performance, enjoying a diverse social life, or strengthening their professional experience to enhance job prospects. I want to see more decisions that reflect the diverse needs of the diverse student population at Sydney University. Vote for Carmen Maatouk to secure representation of your voice.

Many thanks for your time regarding this matter!

Carmen Maatouk.

Sayan Mitra

My time as an elected General Councillor at the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA, 2019 – 2020) and being a current Peer Learning Advisor (PLA) at this university allows me to bring forward the views of current students and push for changes where it is for the betterment of the student experience. In this role (PLA), I also work closely with the Educational Integrity Team to help students who have been pulled up by the Academic Integrity Unit for instances of plagiarism and/or academic dishonesty (or near misses). As a PLA, I have participated in a few podcasts (Peerpod) and I am sure that for those of you who have listened to it, that there was always something new that you got out of it!

Liaising with the other members of my faculty in organising events, preparing the agenda, and holding meetings for the Toastmasters Society at our university has given me an insight into the world of administration and in helping students by really listening to the issues at hand.

After doing medicine, I enrolled in Public Health where I was the Student Staff Liaison Officer for the School of Public Health (USYD) and that position allowed me to convey grievances and feedback to the faculty which was instrumental in the changes that have been made to the whole Public Health Program.

Currently, I am a member of the HDR liaison committee, where we are deeply motivated to address issues which research students face, which often go unheard and sometime takes ages to address. Our greater team has also secured two spots on the Academic Board for better student representation. The postgraduate students’ experience can be quite different, but given the right guidance, as I have found, can be fun too!

I have also had the privilege of being a student member of the Academic Board (elected) for two non-consecutive years where the non-political discussions for the betterment of the student experience has been gently ingrained into how I think about policy and its long and winding effects on how a student experiences all aspects of university life.

I believe, with this experience, I shall be able to fully satisfy the requirements for this role and support you, the students at this university, by being your representative at the university Senate.

Yours,

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