UNSA SRC Election - Candidate Statement Template Instructions

Please complete the blank template (pages 3 and 4 of this document) following the instructions below and in conjunction with the Candidate Statement Guidelines.

When you have completed all mandatory sections please save as a word document and attach to your Nomination Form. A completed Candidate Statement forms part of a valid nomination.

Word limit for the combined mandatory sections is 200 words

This information will be provided to voters so that they can make an informed choice when voting, some is included as part of the ballot and some will be used by student interviewers as background information when interviewing you for student media and other *Know Your Candidates* material.

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| Name | Include your full name here |
| Preferred Pronouns | she/her he/him them/they |
| Position | Identify the position you are nominating for |

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| **My Experience** |
| Use this section to outline any previous experience you have in leadership, governance or representation, any committees or boards you have been a member of, or any work experience or volunteering you have done that will assist you in your role on the UNSA SRC.Please note - Your name, program of study, year of enrolment and campus location will be included on your Statement. Do not include “*Hi, my name is Chris and I’m enrolled in my third year of a Bachelor of ……*” – that uses 20 words of your count.This is the most important section of your Statement – it outlines what you bring to the role.It is suggested you will need approximately 100 to 120 words of your count for this section. |

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| **Why this role?** |
| Use this section to explain why you are applying for this position. What it is about this role in particular that appeals to you? Let the voters know why you are a good fit for this specific position.Don’t waste your word count by saying “*I am standing for this role because…”*It is suggested you will need approximately 20 to 30 words of your count for this section. |

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| **What do you hope to achieve for UON students?** |
| Outline what you would like to do or change - let the students know what you stand for – what your priorities will be during your term of office.Be specific. “*I want to support the students*” doesn’t really mean much unless you outline exactly how you want to support UON students, what you feel UON students need, what it is that you as a member of the SRC will do for them:* Make sure that the statements you make are practical and will not mislead.
* Don’t make promises that can’t be achieved – be genuine.
* These should be changes that can be achieved by UNSA and in your term of office with UNSA. Please note the next section asks for abstractions for the future and more aspirational goals.

It is suggested you will need approximately 50 to 70 words of your count for this section. |

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| **The Big Issues (this section is optional and is not published as part of your Candidate Statement)** |
| Use this section to list up to three issues at the University of Newcastle (or in the Higher Education Sector more broadly) that you want to work on with UNSA and the University to effect change.These may be matters that are not able to be achieved during your term of office, but that you can work on and drive during your time on the SRC.The Big Issues section is optional and is not counted in your word limit - a limit of three dot points and up to 100 words is suggested.This section will be used by student interviewers as background information when interviewing you for student media and other Know Your Candidates material. It is not published as part of your Statement. |

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| **Declaration of Interests** |
| You are required to list affiliation with, or membership of, all UON clubs or societies and other UON student based groups. The Declaration of Interest content is not included in your word count and will be used by student interviewers as background information when interviewing you for student media and other Know Your Candidates material. It is not published as part of your Statement. |

You will be required to confirm that the Statement is your own work by deleting one of the two following statements and typing in your full name:

YES, all work in this Candidate statement is my own.

NO, the content of this statement is not all my own work.

Your Name:

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| **My Experience** |
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| **Why this role?** |
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| **What do you hope to achieve for UON students?** |
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| **The Big Issues**  |
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| **Declaration of Interests** |
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Please confirm that all work in the Statement is your own (delete as appropriate):

YES, all work in this Candidate statement is my own.

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Your Name: