ELECTION OF GRADUATE MEMBER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CANDIDATE STATEMENT

(one graduate to be elected)

As at the close of nominations the following valid nominations were received:

Peter HOPE
Chris BULMER
Benjamin JONES
Rosemary ARNOLD
Kieran GINGES
Danielle LOGUE
Tim FERRARO
Kelly COLLESS

The following statements have been provided by the candidates. The order of the statements was determined by lot.

Peter Hope
I am nominating for this position as I would love the opportunity to give back to the University that has supported me since I first commenced tertiary study in the year 2000. I am passionate about the University and what it has to offer our Western Sydney Community, and I am keen to see it continue to grow with the GWS community, with strong connections, opportunities for our community, and innovative practices that drive the students and reputation of UWS into the future. I believe my time at UWS as a student helped to prepare me for many of the challenges I have faced over the years, and I’m grateful for all the opportunities it has afforded me, over the past 13 years. It would be an honour to serve UWS as a member of the Board of Trustees, and contribute to strategic direction of UWS.

After graduating with a B.A Music, I was able to further my study and commence a career in Community Development, focusing on Youth. In 2005, I became a part of the initial UWS School of Medicine (SOM) Community Participation Council, and was involved in the establishment of the “Network of Friends”, a partnership between the SOM and the Western Sydney Community. As part of this Network, I have had the privilege of interviewing future Medical Students, hosting SOM student placements and contributing where I can to the development of the school. In 2012, I became a guest lecture in “Youth Health”, and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our future medical professionals, while teaching them about young people and the community services sector. I am a strong advocate for the SOM amongst local community agencies, and always promote the university to young people considering their tertiary options. I plan to keep delivering these Youth Health Lectures as a volunteer as long as the school will let me. I have found them to be a great experience for me, and I am honoured to give back to the University in this regard.

I am also an Alumni member of the School of Communication Arts (Music) In late 2012 I organised a site visit for some young people from Pacific Island Backgrounds to visit the Kingswood Campus, explaining what it’s like to study music at UWS. This opportunity allowed me to reflect heavily on my time at UWS, helping me to realise everything I gained during that period. In 2013, more visits will take place to UWS with students.

I could bring a range of knowledge and experience that would benefit the Board and I could make a significant contribution to UWS. I am eager to represent the University that has supported me over the years. UWS inspired me to understand our GWS community and its diversity, it gave me communication and business skills, and an appreciation for education and the arts that has continued to this day.
Chris Bulmer
Chief Operating Officer – Hansen Yuncken & NSW President – Australian Institute of Building

With 28 years experience in construction, project management, capital transactions and development, Chris has a wide range of skills which underpin his senior executive role. Chris has worked for both private and public companies and has had extensive interface with major institutions and private investors.

Chris currently works for Hansen Yuncken and has responsibility for its national operation including the sector approach in business development, strategic HR initiatives, delivery of a consistent HSE platform and coordination of the regional divisions. Chris is an intrinsic part of business strategy and provides the business with leadership that inspires, motivates and engages.

The Hansen Yuncken business currently has in excess of $2.3 billion of forward workload and nationally, employs over 750 people. Since its inception, 4,500 projects ranging from $0.5 million to $1.8 billion have been completed.

In business, education and community, Chris remains actively involved in Western Sydney.

In business:

• Development Management - land releases at Erskine Park (Walker Corporation)
• Property Advisory - land release at Eastern Creek (Waterhouse Family)
• Executive Responsibility for Project Delivery:
  *Free Air CO2 Enrichment facility (FACE) project for UWS
  *Project Delivery - numerous Industrial projects in western Sydney - Stramit, Coles, Woolworths, Metcash and Toll
  *Children’s Hospital Westmead

Chris has worked with the following Local Government Authority’s in the region:

• Penrith Council
• Parramatta Council
• Auburn Council
• Homebush Council
• Blacktown Council

Chris services the community through his pro-bono work at the University of Western Sydney.

• Member of the Industry Advisory Committee for the Degrees in Construction and Housing - School of Computing, Engineering & Mathematics, UWS
• Member of the Course Accreditation Panel for the AIB which recently accredited the Degree in Construction, UWS
• Guest Lecturer of the Degree in Construction, UWS

In Western Sydney, Chris has worked as a part-time Educator:

• Tutoring at Miller TAFE
• Part time lecturing at Liverpool TAFE
Benjamin Jones

My name is Dr Benjamin Jones and it is with great pleasure that I offer my nomination for the graduate position on the UWS Board of Trustees. I have a long association with UWS having completed three degrees at the Kingswood campus. In 2004 I began a Bachelor of Arts specialising in history, philosophy and politics. In 2007 I completed an honours year (graduating first class) and in 2012 I completed a Master of Teaching degree. I also hold a PhD from the Australian National University.

At both tertiary and school level, I am a passionate supporter of education in Sydney’s west and I am deeply committed to seeing UWS empower local students through knowledge. UWS has already changed thousands of lives through providing quality tertiary education to many who are the first in their family to obtain a degree. I wholeheartedly support the vision and mission of the university.

During my time at UWS I actively contributed to campus life. I was a member of several political clubs and study groups and I represented the university as part of the 2005 student exchange program. I was also honoured on the Dean’s Merit List in 2007, 2006 and 2005. I am currently a member of the Alumni association and have volunteered to speak at events such as the What’s Next? Conference.

Since leaving UWS I have worked as a historian and writer. I have held teaching positions at the ANU and the University of Sydney. I have worked for the Museum of Australian Democracy and the Journal of Japanese Studies. I have had articles published in peer-reviewed journals and have spoken at several academic conferences. I am the co-editor of a collection of political essays being published by Black Inc and I have an academic monograph being published by McGill-Queens University Press. In addition to historical works, I write regularly on politics and philosophy through a number of online journals including The Punch, Independent Australia, Online Opinion, The Election Review and my own Thematic Musings.

UWS is an institution of vital importance to the people of western Sydney and it would be an honour to serve as the graduate board member. If elected I promise to be an active member who will prioritise this important role. I will strive to give thoughtful and considered responses to all issues and proposals and will contribute, when appropriate, my own ideas and suggestions how the university can grow and achieve its mission with even greater effectiveness.

The University of Western Sydney has been very good to me. I have studied under many fantastic and passionate educators and it would be a privilege to give back to this institution that has done so much for me. I thank the board and the greater UWS community for considering my nomination.

Kind Regards,
Benjamin Jones
Rosemary Arnold

“The years I spent at University Western Sydney are the most important in my life.”
An unusual comment, considering my life has been full of colourful achievements.

At 15 I was a High School drop-out; at 26 I was married with four children: at 35 I held Commercial Pilot’s Licences for Fixed-Wing and Rotary-Wing in Australia (later French & USA), at 70 I graduated as a Bachelor of Aviation UWS then taught five aviation degree subjects.

Inspired to research a hole in aviation history resulted in my unique publication, “First Females Above Australia – first 100 years of Australian woman pilot firsts 1909-2009” which I proudly distribute to schools/libraries, for it is material never-before published; I knew 70 of the 100 women pilots saluted. Contact me, if you are interested in this book, which I will have at Rosehill Racecourse when I speak on behalf of UWS recruitment at the Education Expo, 18/5/13.

In 1965, I became the first woman helicopter pilot in the Southern Hemisphere, which focussed an extraordinary limelight of public attention and media curiosity, continuing today; even featured in GradLife, December 2010 issue. I know, too well, the words prejudice, harassment, discrimination, and lack of opportunity due to sex, race, culture. In spite of these negative factors, my life has been rich in experience and I strive to make worthwhile contributions to improve life for others (see list of involvement below).

I know I can make a difference, if elected to the UWS Board of Trustees, for I present a different perspective with a great passion of purpose.

HIGHLIGHTS:
2013: UWS Education Expo, Rosehill Racecourse, featured speaker – May 18th.
2012-2013: Local community involvement in Port Fairy, 3284 Victoria.
• International Contest Most Liveable Community 2012; Submission Contributor.
• 1st Prize won by Port Fairy, “the most liveable Community in the World, under 20,000pop.”
• Committee Member: Business, Professional Women International – Warrnambool.
• Committee Vice-President & Newsletter Editor: Port Fairy Combined Probus Club.
• Committee PR Contact: Port Fairy Community Coastal Challenge (East Beach Erosion Action).
• Founder: Women’s Aviation Hall of Fame - History Centre, Port Fairy, Victoria.
2011-2012: Distributed my new aviation history book to schools, libraries, museums throughout Australia. Travelled 20,000km throughout six States, donating books to remote schools, etc. up to Darwin and to the School of Air Network in outback Queensland/ Northern Territory.
2011: Winner of the Australian Women Pilots' Association 2011 Nancy-Bird Walton Memorial Trophy, “for the most noteworthy contribution to aviation by a woman in Australasia”.
2004-2006: Lecturer, University Western Sydney - five Aviation Degree subjects.
2004: Winner, of the UWS Loretta Touzell Scholarship for “the female aviation student who had successfully overcome significant challenges in academic and flying studies.”
2004: Graduated, Bachelor Aviation Degree, UWS, age 70.
Kieran Ginges
I seek to be nominated to the Board of Trustees as a graduate representative. I commenced my studies at UWS in 1996 and graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. For the past 9 years I have practised as a barrister based in Sydney, with a broad practice ranging from commercial disputes to criminal jury trials.

I maintain a strong connection with the University. I currently serve as a member of the External Advisory Committee for the School of Law which provides collegial advice on the relevance of courses to prospective students, the community, to industry, and to professional bodies. In particular, I have facilitated networking opportunities with business, industry and community figures to leverage consultancy ventures, foster support for the University, attract donations for scholarships, provide opportunities for research collaborations, and provide vocational experience for student placements. After graduation, I served as a founding member of the UWS Law Alumni Association, a body of which I have twice served as President. As a student, I was a founding member of the Law Students’ Society also serving as President.

I was born and raised in Western Sydney and now enjoy a thriving practice at the Bar and the challenges and joys of a young family. Relevantly, I wish to call upon these experiences as I continue to demonstrate my commitment to meeting the challenges of the University into the future. I wish to be involved at Board level to contribute to the future strategic direction, progression and continued success of the University.

My sense of commitment is not only on behalf of the graduates from Arts and Law; I believe that I can fairly represent the interests of graduates as a whole. Through my involvement with the External Advisory Committee, Law Students’ Society and the Law Alumni Association, I believe that I have attained skills and experience appropriate and necessary for the graduate representative on the Board of Trustees.

Danielle Logue
I hereby nominate for the Graduate Position on the UWS Board of Trustees. I completed a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) at UWS Campbelltown in 2001, and also a Graduate Diploma in French. During my time as an undergraduate at UWS I was a recipient of a National Leadership Scholarship, P&O Berkley Scholarship and graduated with first class honours. Upon completion of my degree, I worked for several years in both the public and private sectors for the Department of Industry, Department of State and Regional Development, and then for IDP Education Ltd. During this time I maintained strong connections with my honours supervisor and faculty, who, knowing my interest and aptitude for research, encouraged me to apply to the University of Oxford.

Upon acceptance to Said Business School, University of Oxford, I was awarded a prestigious University of Oxford Clarendon Scholarship, and was then awarded a Doctoral Scholarship from Green Templeton College, University of Oxford. My Masters of Science (MSc) involved consulting and research at the World Bank, Washington DC, where I examined the role of universities in managing scientific brain drain from developing countries. This was followed by my doctoral thesis on the corporatization of university leadership teams across the British Commonwealth, where I also spent time as a visiting scholar at Stanford University. I received support from UWS during my time at Oxford, and always kept in contact - from sending back news
articles for alumni brochures, and also meeting with the Vice Chancellor, Professor Janice Reid on several occasions in Europe and Australia. After graduating from Oxford with distinction, I returned to Australia and was contacted by Professor Reid to conduct research on the feasibility and need of creating a stronger voice for Western Sydney, possibly through the establishment of a ‘Centre for Western Sydney’ or other platforms. This research, conducted before taking up my current position at UTS Business School, enabled me to speak with a range of internal and external stakeholders across the university, providing a very current understanding of the role of UWS in the region, Australia and internationally, from the perspective of faculty, administrators, industry and the wider community.

I believe this experience, in addition to my ongoing relationship and support for UWS for over 15 years, professional employment experience in private and public sectors, and many achievements (which emanate from early opportunities provided by UWS), make me a worthy nominee for the UWS Board of Trustees, one who is committed to the University, internationally knowledgeable and locally aware.

Tim Ferraro

I’m delighted to be nominated for election to the UWS Board of Trustees (BOT) and look forward to the opportunity to further contribute to UWS.

About me
I’m a relatively rare breed of graduate from both Hawkesbury Agricultural College and UWS. During my time at Hawkesbury I was heavily involved in student life, including being elected as the student representative to the forerunner to the UWS BOT, the Board of Governors, and working as Executive Officer of the Hawkesbury Students’ Association (former SRC).

After leaving Hawkesbury, I worked in various public sector management roles for about 18 years, including nearly eight years as General Manager of the Central West Catchment Management Authority.

About 18 months ago I joined GHD as a Principal Consultant in Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Outside of work I’m very committed to my family, run marathons and half marathons and contribute to my community via roles on several Boards and Committees.

I’ve also completed an MBA, majoring in Strategic Management.

Why me?
For most of my working life I’ve reported to Boards or committees. I’ve also had a range of Company Directorships and been a Company Secretary of a small national NGO. I’ve maintained a strong connection with UWS for nearly 20 years, including serving on the Board of uwsconnect more or less since its inception in 2004, and as its Chair since 2012. (uwsconnect assumed the role of the former Student Unions and Sports Associations and provides food, retail, bookstores, sport and fitness services across UWS).

My formal education and long term experience managing and chairing Boards and Committees has given me an excellent understanding of contemporary strategy, corporate governance and the role of Board Directors. In addition, my ongoing involvement with UWS means I am across many of the key challenges and opportunities for UWS and the tertiary sector in general.

My ability to combine strategy and corporate governance with a commitment to, and understanding of, UWS will allow me effectively contribute to the BOT and to ensure the important views of its alumni are well represented.

I also hope that my perspectives on natural resource management, agriculture, sustainability and tertiary education will help UWS address its current and emerging challenges as it educates and stimulates graduates to solve the big problems of our complex and challenging world.

If you want to contact me, email is the easiest: ferraro.tim@gmail.com.
Kelly Colless
I am happy to be nominated to serve as the graduate member of the board of trustees for the University of Western Sydney and should I be elected I would be excited to accept this position.

My integrity, passion for education and learning and desire to help make education accessible aligns with the universities practices and motivations. I strongly support the university in continuing to encourage diversity within all faculties across gender, race, religion and economic standing.

With my personal dedication to study having completed a Bachelor of Commerce, Master of Business Administration and membership to the Certified Practicing Accountants I aspire to contribute to an educational body that is striving to be the international benchmark for tertiary education.

Having been a member of the senior management and leadership teams within a commercial environment I believe I can offer insight from a commercial perspective as well as from a student’s perspective.

I bring an ethical and objective outlook that I believe is necessary for a position on a board of trustees.

I look forward to being considered for this position