2013 Election for Student Members on Academic Senate 
and its Standing Committees- Candidate Statements

Poll 1 Undergraduate student member of Academic Senate (two positions)

Michael ROBERTSON
I'M FOR ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT AT UWS.

Hi, I'm Michael Robertson, a 4th year Engineering student. If you're like me you feel that Academic issues are very serious and sometimes in the past students have been treated by UWS as customers and not students. You may also feel as I have, that UWS is sometimes operating more like a business and less like an educational institution as of recent times.

For a University like UWS to remain a world class educational institution it is imperative to ensure that its academic governance is put first and has the appropriate people in the academic governance to put the quality of education as the #1 priority.

I guarantee you if I get elected to the Academic Senate I will always put the quality of the education that you're paying for first and I will not sacrifice the quality just to save a couple bucks.

Have a great day and Vote 1 Michael Robertson.

Dean Walker
Bachelor of Social Science

I am a third year full time student. As students, we encounter the managerial issues which affect university life, seemingly with little voice to bring on change. It is through the SRC that change can be brought to the attention of the university. Following a survey last year, UWS prohibited smoking in most area on campus. It has not been enforced, and the no smoking on campus policy was put to sleep. Other issues like units appearing late on vUWS, sometimes as late as mid-week 1 of each semester need to be brought to the attention of university management. It is my view that a UWS web site to assist students to locate high achievement private tutors would help students. Another web site to assist students sell used text used books would also help.

As a mature age student at Bankstown, I bring management experience and I am genuinely keen to improve the day to day experience of university life.

Peter HORSFIELD

I consider myself to be the old fart of the student body here at UWS. I am located at Penrith (Kingswood) campus and I am also a member of the Penrith Student Campus Council. I have been a ‘volunteer’ since I was 15 years old. So now, many years later, I am no different. My concern is student welfare; and also academic fairness and respect. I believe that I can bring a life time of experience to the Senate and work closely with the other members of the senate to ensure that the academic outcomes at UWS continue to improve and outdo the ‘sandstone’ universities. Through my role on the Penrith Student Campus Council, and as an undergraduate
student, I am well aware of many of the academic issues facing the undergraduate students at UWS; and I hope that I can address these issues on behalf of the undergraduate student body.