Expressions of interest are invited to fill the undergraduate student position on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council (ATSIAC).

The term of office will be for two years from 19 June 2014 – 18 June 2016 (or until the student member graduates, whichever occurs first).

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council is an Advisory Council of the University. The Council has a broad regional and national focus and provides advice to the Board of Trustees and the University in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander matters including:

- advice on relationships between the University and government and education providers;
- advice on the direction, development and excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander academic programs and research;
- advice on external relationships, partnerships and opportunities for development;
- advice on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander matters referred to the Council;
- consultation and communication with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of Greater Western Sydney

As a member of the Council, you would have the opportunity to provide a student perspective on these matters, thereby contributing to the improvement of higher education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Committee normally meets 4 times each year, usually on a Thursday afternoon on Penrith Campus. Further information on the terms of reference and membership of the Council is available at:


Nomination Process
Nominations must be submitted using the online Expression of Interest nomination form on the University’s Elections website: http://www.uws.edu.au/elections
Eligible students self-nominate for the positions.

Interested students, who have not already done so, will need to complete the University’s confirmation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity document which can be found at http://www.uws.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/446540/Confirmation_of_Aboriginality.pdf

Nominees are requested to provide a candidate statement, of not more than 300 words, which will be made available to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council. This must be supplied electronically in WORD format. Statements not submitted electronically in WORD format will not be accepted and statements exceeding 300 words may be truncated. Your statement should include an explanation of how you would be able to contribute to the work of the Council.

Your online nomination form must be submitted by 4.00pm on 16 May 2014. The Committee may then make an appointment based on the expressions of interest received.
STEPS FOR SUBMITTING A VALID EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

STEP 1: DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY

Only persons who have completed the University’s confirmation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity document are eligible to nominate for the positions referred to in this Notice.

- An undergraduate student means a person who is enrolled at the University as a candidate proceeding to an undergraduate degree, but who is not a member of the academic or general (professional) staff* of the University.

* Staff member is defined as a person who is working half time or greater and who has accepted and started duty in a position with tenure of one year or more.

STEP 2: REVIEW THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE AND YOUR ROLE AS A STUDENT MEMBER

You should review the role and terms of reference for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council


You must also acknowledge on the online nomination form that you have read and accept the ‘Responsibilities of Student Members, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council’ and agree to sign and abide by the membership agreement as set out in the ‘Statement by a Member’.

STEP 3: PREPARE YOUR CANDIDATE STATEMENT

A candidate may provide a statement in support of their expression of interest of not more than 300 words containing information relating to the candidate that he or she wishes to provide for the information of the Council. That information may include, for example, the following:

a. Full name;
b. Course and academic year;
c. Qualifications and experience;
d. Positions or offices held at any time in public bodies, clubs and institutions (including University clubs and societies) with dates of tenure.

Your statement should include an explanation of how you would be able to contribute to the work of the Council. Candidate statements which contain more than the specified number of words may be truncated by the Returning Officer.

STEP 4: LODGE YOUR NOMINATION

You can complete the online Expression of Interest nomination form at: http://www.uws.edu.au/elections

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