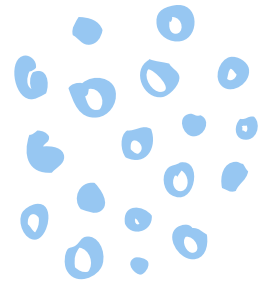


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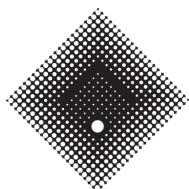


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INTRODUCTION

FARRIZ ROSLAN

Chairperson

My name is Farriz Roslan and I am an international student from Singapore. I am currently in my second year of undertaking a Bachelor of Laws. I have assisted, advocated and represented on behalf of VU's law students and international students to advocate change within VU and the surrounding community. Students as Partners is an initiative which I consider a huge step forward for student voice. I am excited to work alongside our student leaders and staff members to continue this unique journey.



ALICE GROWDEN

Deputy Chair and Coordinator

My name is Alice Growden and I'm a domestic student from Melbourne, in my fourth year of a Laws/Commerce (Applied Finance) degree. My experience in Student as Staff roles includes Senior Student Ambassador, Student Mentor, Student Assistant at Student Services and board- member of several committees. I have been appointed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as New Colombo Plan Alumni Ambassador, a role which supports students to study in the Asia Pacific. I am excited to coordinate Students as Partners and ensure every voice is heard and valued across the University.



LEON KERR

Director of Student Services

The most valuable outcomes are derived from working together to create the future. Students as Partners at VU provides opportunity for students and staff to work together in the co-creation of learning, teaching, administration and governance. I am pleased to be able to support the Student as Partners network at VU and look forward to seeing this ongoing work gain further momentum and recognition across the University



Reflection of 2020

The Students as Partners (SaP) initiative was created to provide an interactive platform for staff and student members to collaborate over a wide range of topics in contribution to co-creating the future of VU. Throughout the year, we hold events such as network meetings and roundtable discussions to engage with students and stakeholders from across the University community. This gives us the opportunity to establish the expectations and outcomes within membership and the VU community.

Students as Partners has officially been running for one whole year now. And what a year 2020 was. We are so happy with all of the positive feedback from our students, staff and most of all, facilitators. We successfully held three network meetings and our first ever Annual Roundtable. We worked together digitally on Zoom and managed to maintain student and staff engagement throughout the year. While 2020 was a very different year to our usual academic year, the blessing in disguise was being able to continue key topic conversations outside formal meetings. Programs such as Padlet, Answer Garden and Survey Monkey were engaging and helpful tools which we may not have gotten to know outside of this very digital world. Thank you to all of our members who attended our events and became involved in key conversations. All of you have contributed to the success of this program.

In recognition of our successful year, Students as Partners received a citation in the 2020 Vice-Chancellor's Awards. We were cited for Excellence in Student Engagement:



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S CITATION 2020

Awarded to

Miss Alice Growden
from the Students as Partners Team

Excellence in
Student Engagement

On the 17th day of November in the Year 2020

Professor Peter Dawkins
Vice-Chancellor and President

Reflection of 2020

If you haven't already, check out our new video. You can find this on our website:

<https://www.vu.edu.au/current-students/careers-opportunities/students-as-partners>

<https://youtu.be/vRpz65IFCMU>

Thank you to all those who were involved in the making of this video.





SaP gives staff and students an opportunity to engage themselves and ideally implement, solve and deliver resolutions about issues within the community. During meetings, we lead discussions and project the general student voice about their rights and opinions on certain matters. The key topic outcomes discussed are highly influential and taken seriously by executive and board members.

Annual Roundtable Event

We work behind the scenes to ensure that all voices are heard. VU's first ever SaP Annual Roundtable event was held on the 24th of September. Students, staff and key stakeholders who have contributed in 2020 gathered on Zoom to learn, reflect and absorb the journey we have had as a team and success in our collaboration through evident outcomes.

Our panellists for the event were the facilitators of past and future important topics:

- Planetary Health: Jeannie Rea
- Student Wellbeing Research Initiative: Sarah Dash
- 2020/2021 VU Student Mental Health Strategy (SMHS): Margaret Theologou
- VUHQ Renaming: Leon Kerr
- Student Precinct Building: Christon Batey-Smith of Melbourne DesignInc

The panellists gave a in depth overview of their initiative including the objectives, goals and overall results after collaborating with SaP. You can discover some of these outcomes on the next page.



Some outcomes presented were:

- A strong student perspective on how they currently access or use wellbeing support along with any existing gaps. This has assisted Sarah in designing a student survey which was distributed to the entire student body via EDM. Sarah discussed the next steps of this project through interviews with key student stakeholders and co-design workshops to utilise changes and gain feedback.
- VUHQ's will be officially renamed as 'VUAssist' which was voted in by our members via consensus.
- An introduction to SaP's role in the SMHS covering 4 key principles: Inclusivity, Responsiveness, Literacy and Connectedness. The goal of this collaboration is to have our student and staff members promote, protect and intervene with the SMHS considering possible extension of COVID-19.
- The Planetary Health starting point was at the student forum which developed a network base to the wellbeing of people, communities, values and environment.

The feedback session at our network meetings provided our members with a space to share ideas, join activities and understand Planetary Health. This contributed to the establishment of the VU Planetary Health website and the opportunity for all stakeholders to take the pledge.

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Annual Roundtable

Event

The future of SaP's collaboration with Planetary Health will focus on a new project hub and continued conversation to be part of planning and decision making.

- The feedback and ideas SaP provided for the Student Precinct project was concrete to drafting the building with facilities in consideration to student preference. The next step for this project is to discuss where these ideas would best fit in the Student Precinct and why.

In conclusion, the meeting broke out into rooms and discussed how SaP can be improved and maintained going into 2021 and beyond. The feedback provided gives our coordination team valuable insight from our members which will help reach the goal of co-creating the VU way.

If you wish to watch our Annual Roundtable, please stream it here:

<https://vu.ap.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=b763cb0f-6c65-40b1-a2c7-ac47001cd9b1>

An opportunity for students to provide feedback on how they would like to receive support for their wellbeing:

https://vuau.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5urGO7AHMEuqTiJ

Please join Jeannie and Corinne and take the pledge for Planetary Health here: <https://www.vu.edu.au/planetary-health/pledge>



We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a very special guest at our first network meeting of the year. Our new incoming Vice Chancellor Adam Shoemaker will host the first half of the agenda. This will be an exciting opportunity for our students to network, ask questions, and learn about Adam's goals for VU. We hope to have as many of our members present at this meeting to showcase Students as Partners and welcome Adam with open arms.



Other exciting topics which will be discussed in 2021 are:

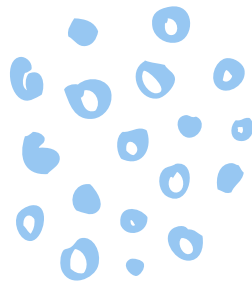
- Continuing our valuable conversations surrounding Planetary Health;
- Supporting Margaret Theologou with the development of VU's mental health strategy;
- Assisting Student Services with the development of a 'Final Year Advising' program;
- Development and student forum of the 2021 Employment Strategy;
- We hope to work with VU Employ, VU Sport, Learning and Teaching and lots more in the next year.

Expression of Interest

Show your interest by emailing us or fill up
the form given below!

Expression of interest link:

<https://forms.gle/RhHJjUW9h7Zh1w9W6>



2021 UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Friday 19 March 2021: Network meeting 1

Friday 28 May 2021: Network meeting 2

Friday 25 June 2021: Network meeting 3

Thursday 23 September 2021: Annual
roundtable event

Friday 19 November 2021: Final network
meeting





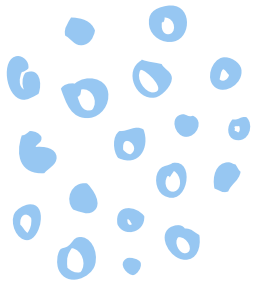
Students as Partners



Victoria University is committed to creating a space where students and staff work together on teaching, learning, curriculum, administration and governance. This way of thinking is called Students as Partners. It is increasingly adopted around the world to transform how things are done, and create positive outcomes for students and staff.

Throughout the year, we hold events such as network meetings and roundtable discussions to engage with students and stakeholders from across the University community. These events allow the aims and outcomes of the Students with Partners program to develop in line with expectations and needs from the community.

The ideology of Students as Partners is to 'co-create The VU Way'. As the program expands and more students become engaged with this important program, so too will the program's scope, and its reach will develop and grow.



For further information about Students as Partners, please [visit our website](#).

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