

Student Program Committees



Welcome

The UQ Business School Student Program Committees give students the opportunity to represent their peers and have a positive impact on their degree program.

Committee members have an important role to play in providing a voice for their cohort. Such enthusiasm, ideas and expertise are invaluable to improving the student experience. We encourage students to make the most of these opportunities. Be prepared, be innovative and be bold - this is a chance to make a difference!

Mission and Purpose

The mission of the Student Program Committees is to:

- Provide a student voice
- Enhance the student experience
- Create opportunities for continuous improvement
- Foster transparency and collaboration
- Build student engagement



“Not only does the student committee act as a bridge between students, and the school to enhance learning experiences, but it also offers a wide range of networking events for students to create connections with both their peers and industry professionals.”

Ken Kwok
(Bachelor of Commerce Committee)

2022 Committee Achievements

This year has seen the student committees revitalised after the lockdowns during 2020-21. Students have initiated and developed impactful events and activities to enhance the learning experience. 2022 has seen:



Over 100 student representatives across 11 programs



Representation at the School Education Committee



Employability, social, and networking events



Academic projects

2022 Projects



Bachelor of Advanced Business (Honours)

Morning Tea & Mingling with KPMG Event

The committee organised an exclusive networking event with KPMG for 35 students. At the event, students were welcomed by the Chairman of Partners at KPMG Queensland. During the event students networked with BAB alumni who were undertaking KPMG's Graduate Program. The students were able to gain useful insights into how their coursework transferred into work at KPMG.



Bachelor of Commerce

Career Connections Event

The committee worked with the BEL Careers & Employability team to host a networking event for their cohort. Over 70 students and alumni attended this event. During the event, students had the opportunity to connect with recent alumni over pizza and games to gain insights into various majors and their future career prospects after graduation.



Master of Commerce

Careers in Finance Event

The committee offered students in the program the opportunity to attend a careers in finance event. This event provided students with the opportunity to navigate the pathway to getting a job after they graduate. Over 90 students attended the event and heard from three speakers: a banking and finance industry student recruiter, the accounting firm BDO, and the audit, tax and advisory services company KPMG.



Bachelor of Business Management

Red Cross Blood Donation Drive

The committee partnered with the Australian Red Cross to go one step further to include not only students in their cohort but also the wider UQ community.

Donations had dropped dramatically over the last few years due to the pandemic and this was a way to spread the word on the importance of donating to help save someone's life. The initiative saw 137 donations over the four-day drive with 43 new donors.

Ally Fulton

Bachelor of Advanced Business (Honours) Alumnus 2022

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Being a part of my program's student committee was an extremely rewarding experience. Our committee worked hard to bring exciting events to life - from the Advanced Business Ball to a Morning Tea and Mingling Event at the KPMG Brisbane office. Not only did these events help to improve program satisfaction amongst our peers, but they also helped our committee members to build useful, transferable skills, like time management, teamwork and many more.

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Facts and figures

100+



Student
representatives

Established in

2016

18



Events and
workshops

Allanah Yu

Student Administration Manager

“It was great to have representatives from the Student Program Committees attend the Business School Education Committee meeting. The Education Committee is made up of senior academic and professional staff who oversee all matters relating to the quality of teaching, learning and assessment across the School.

A total of eight representatives from both undergraduate and postgraduate programs came and presented their views. Some of their feedback and topics discussed included; building better connections between staff and students, increasing ethics content in programs, improvements to tutorials, and the need for better awareness and information around majors.

The Education Committee will continue to engage with the Student Program Committees, and look forward to the representatives sharing their knowledge, insights and experiences to inform and guide our student experience within the School.”



Why get involved?

Being a student representative is an exciting opportunity that will enable you to expand your professional networks and develop personal and professional skills.

Represent your fellow students

Connecting with your cohort is the key to a successful committee. It is also a great way to expand your network! Different programs have unique needs depending on whether they are undergraduate or postgraduate, new or existing, large or small. Think about the demographics of the cohort - are there a thousand students in the program or twenty? Are many of the students in the program from outside Australia? Consult the students, identify needs, and lead your committee to successful outcomes.

“Being a student representative on the Business Management Student Committee has helped me develop job-ready skills and has given me great experience in working with people.”

Jaafar Jabur

(Bachelor of Business Management Committee)

Develop new skills

As a committee member you will have the opportunity to improve skills such as: communication, collaboration, negotiation, management, decision-making, public speaking, and leadership. These are valuable skills for life as well as for your CV.

Employability

Developing yourself personally and professionally through committee work is a great way to boost your employability. Many committees also organise events with industry speakers, enabling you to gain knowledge and make contacts which may be useful in the future.

Access events

As a committee member you will be automatically added to the Business School's mailing list for free tickets for events.

Recognition

To recognise the efforts made by the Student Program Committees, each core member can receive a certificate to add to their CV. This demonstrates to employers that you have been proactive during your time at The University of Queensland.

Being a representative also contributes towards the UQ Employability Award. If you'd like more information on the Employability Award, please contact the Student Employability Centre: employability@uq.edu.au.

Committee Structure

Each committee has a president (or two co-presidents), elected by the members. The president acts as the main point of contact for the committee.

Membership of the core committees is limited to four students from each year of the program. Representation from a diverse range of students is desirable (e.g. domestic/international, male/female, and representation from different subject majors).

There are Student Program Committees for both undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

How much time commitment is required?

The Student Program Committees are led by you - the students - and as such you have the freedom to decide on the nature and scope of your projects.

We ask that you hold at least one meeting per semester with your Program Leader to provide feedback and suggestions for improvements to the program.

It is also important that you maintain regular communications with committee members and your cohort (for example, via a social media group). We suggest that you use the committee as a forum to share opportunities and events that are relevant for your program, for example, BEL Careers & Employability sessions, or events held by clubs and societies.

At the beginning of the semester, we will ask you to assist us with promoting the student program committee initiative to new students by attending welcome events.

Aside from this, the amount of time you commit will depend on the events and projects you undertake. As a guide, we suggest that committees prioritise two activities to focus on per semester to ensure a healthy balance between committee work and your studies.

Support and Resources

The Business School Strategic Projects Team are on hand to help you bring your projects to life. We are more than happy to book rooms, source alumni and speakers, and allow you to make use of our network of suppliers. Financial support can be provided for some projects if suitably justified with a business case.

Further information

If you would like to get involved, please email student.committee@uq.edu.au with the following information:

- Full name
- Program of study
- Year of study (e.g. 1st year, 2nd year).

Have your say. Make a difference.

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