

Student Program Committees



Welcome

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



"The student committee is a great opportunity to provide feedback and deliver continuous improvement to the programs we are currently studying, in order to align them with the corporate needs of the industry."

Anais Urbano (Master of Business Committee)

2019 Committee Achievements

This year has seen wonderful engagement and activity across the committees. Students have initiated and developed impactful events and activities to enhance the learning experience. 2019 has seen:



Over 100 student representatives across 11 programs



Representation at the School Education Committee

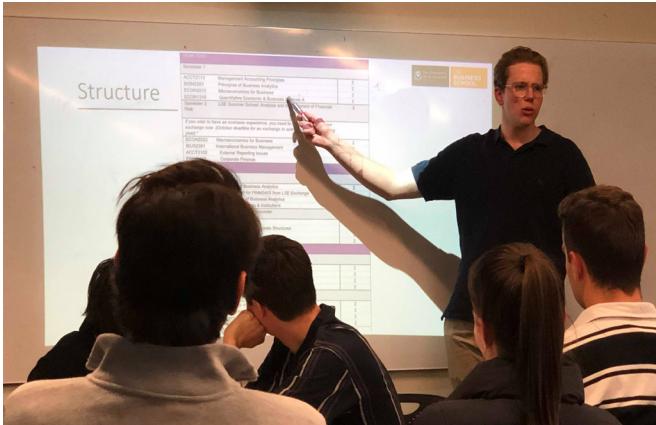


Employability, social, and networking events



Academic projects

2019 Projects



Bachelor of Advanced Business (Honours) **Academic Pathway Project**

The BAB committee organised an academic information session for first year students. Designed and presented by the committee, the session aimed to inform students of the different pathways possible in the BAB program, being mindful of the different majors and pre-requisites that may be required in later years. As a relatively new program offered by the School, the committee has worked closely with the Program Leader to provide feedback on the course offerings and structure.



Master of Business **Multicultural Workshop**

Identifying a need from their fellow students, the Master of Business committee organised a workshop entitled "Overcoming Barriers in a Multicultural Working Environment". The workshop was facilitated by Dr Andre Pekerti from UQ Business School and also featured an external speaker. Time was allocated for networking after the event to allow the large cohort of students on the Master of Business program to meet and get to know each other.



Bachelor of International Hotel and Tourism Management **"Setting the Table" Workshop**

The BIHTM committee wanted to offer students on the program the opportunity to gain a skill that would assist them in finding employment during and post-study. Committee president Philippa organised a "Setting the Table" course, which is particularly useful for students studying events and hospitality.

In previous years the BIHTM committee have also organised a "Responsible Service of Alcohol" course.



Master of Commerce **Welcome Party**

The Master of Commerce committee are a well-established group who run academic and employability events for their fellow students. In this welcome event, guest speakers arranged by the committee provided tips and tricks for the four core courses in the program. The students also had the opportunity to network and get to know each other.

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Master of Commerce Alumnus 2019

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As a student representative, I got lots of exposure to develop my soft skills such as public speaking, interpersonal and time management, which were practical in terms of personal development.

During my time working in the student committee, I expanded my network and learned how to interact with people in a professional way. Overall, the student program committee experience got me ready to start developing my own career.

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Facts and figures

Established in
2016

210



Student
representatives



56

LinkedIn
badges

18



Events and
workshops

Michelle Goward

Student Administration Manager (Acting)

"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.

As a result of the feedback we received, new program planning sessions were put in place for postgraduate students. This practice will be reviewed for ongoing semesters for all programs. The Student Program Committees' work in representing their cohorts is greatly appreciated by staff at the Business School, and truly makes a difference to the service the University provides to its students."



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 on the program or twenty? Are many of the students on the program from outside Australia? Consult the students, identify needs, and lead your committee to successful outcomes.

“I have developed my soft skills as a student including communication, time management and problem-solving skills. Also, I have met a lot of inspiring people through my student rep journey.”

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 such as the Brisbane Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Recognition

To recognise the efforts made by the Student Program Committees, each member will receive a Digital Badge to add to their LinkedIn profile.

This demonstrates to employers that you have been proactive during your time at the University of Queensland.

Being a representative counts also 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 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 SET 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 Market Day and other 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 Business Intelligence and Performance Unit 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@business.uq.edu.au with the following information:

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

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