ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF COUNCIL BY THE STUDENTS
(one student to be elected)

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MARION MONICA WILLIAMS

I am your current Student Member on University Council having been re-elected to the position this time last year. I am in my second year of the Bachelor of Social Work.

I have been fully involved and active within the Student Community. Matters of particular concern for 1992-93 include access to higher education, Austudy, protection of student interests, child care, accommodation, selection of the new Vice-Chancellor, transport and the Central Coast campus.

I have over the past six years worked hard to build up a rapport with the University administration, thus ensuring that the student view is put forward in an honest, forthright and intelligent manner, and, given the atmosphere of change now current in this University, my contacts and knowledge of how this University is run is now more important than ever.

I have during the past year, concentrated on representing you, the students, at University Council level and I have no other commitments. I am wholly independent and totally committed to bring up ANY and ALL issues that affect ALL students on ALL levels not just the select few.

CHRIS FOTEFF

Positions Held
1988/89 Student Representative on University Academic Senate
1989/91 SRC Vice-President and Acting

Experience - Chris has been involved in effective student representation on campus since 1988. He is most notable for his successes as Austudy Officer. He worked on over 200 Austudy cases and had a 100% success rate. As a member of the Student Assistance Review Tribunal, Chris' thorough knowledge of the complicated Austudy procedures allowed for more students to receive assistance which was otherwise denied them. In excess of $30,000 has been paid to students through Chris' effective representation.

Policies - Chris' main objectives as the Student Rep on University Council will be to support issues in the best interests of students. These include:
- Better Public Transport Facilities
- Re-introduction of Study Vacation (STUVAC)
- Improved Child-Care
- Safety on Campus
- Expand Sporting and Recreational Facilities

The Student Representative on University Council is an important position. Chris is prepared to put the time in to campaign for the Election and believes he has the skills, experience and dedication to properly serve students' needs and interests on University Council.

TONY HANSON

In 1987 I commenced a Bachelor of Economics and transferred to Business in 1990. I have been very active in the student colleges, being Chairman of Edwards Hall in 1990 and Resident Assistant for Evatt House in 1991.

In 1991 I was Convenor of the Student Accommodation Committee and an instrumental member of the Train Station Committee. I have addressed issues of safety and security on campus and fought for better lighting and pathways. I have been a delegate to the National Union of Students and National Australian Association of University Colleges, attending conferences and presenting papers.

I have been on many University and Student committees and have an excellent record of achievement. Current issues affecting students that I will tackle include:
- Increased childcare facilities
- Traffic lights for the East Gate Entrance
- Campus recycling
- Parking
- Part-time fees for part-time students
- Train station plus campus bus service
- Planting of trees at West Gate Entrance
- Increased funding for the Central Coast Campus
- Accommodation
- Bus shelters, paths and lights.
WILLIAM GEORGE WARREN

Bill Warren is an Associate Professor in Education and teaches philosophy in the University. He is President of the Academic Staff Association and in touch with the national University scene as Councillor to the Federation of Australian University Staff Associations' annual Council. He has served as elected academic staff representative on Council for the past two years where he has played a vigorous role in keeping academic interests in the foreground. He has also served in numerous other positions ancillary to his academic work, for example, Sub-Dean, Faculty Representative on Senate, EEO Grievance Advisor, Committee for Students with Special Needs. This experience is coupled with a sound record in teaching, research and scholarship, and a significant and continuing record of service to the community, particularly as an Honorary Clinical Psychologist at the Royal Newcastle Hospital. If elected he will continue to bring before the Council the concerns of academic staff and to work from the basis that legitimate academic staff interests constitute "the University" and all that this concept has historically connoted.

ARThUR JOHN McCulloCH

At the time of publication a statement from this candidate had not been supplied and as a result has not been published.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR TIMOTHY ROBERTS

I wish to serve on Council to present and to represent the views of academic staff to ensure that decisions made in Council support the development of the research capabilities of the University as a whole. I have been a staff member since 1974 and have had extensive experience of University committees and the committee system. I have served on Academic Committee, Scholarships Committee, Human Research Ethics Committee and have been Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Science and Faculty Representative on Senate. In 1991 I organised the University Open Day and became even more familiar with how the University really works.

I am an active researcher in reproductive and environmental immunology. My laboratory currently has four PhD students, one MSc student and two Honours students working on research projects.

I hold the strong view that the University of Newcastle should be a force within the Hunter Region and that it should contribute to the development of the community at large not only by being a centre of excellent research and teaching, but also by taking a leading role in new community initiatives. In 1982 I instigated successful moves to build a hands-on science centre in the University. In 1987 the University handed over the centre, now called Supernova, to the Newcastle Regional Museum where it now runs as an integral part of the Museum.

If elected to Council I will be an advocate for maintaining the strong research base of the University with a view to preventing this University being pushed into the mooted "second string" group of Universities.

FRANK MORGAN

Head, Department of Communication and Media Arts
Member, Academic Senate
Member, Standing Committee of Academic Senate

The University is at a watershed. With fresh leadership, it can either heal the wounds of recent years and take on the future or unravel into irrelevance.

A university is a community of scholars united by equality of esteem, not just their employer. It is concerned with the vital importance of the whole of human knowledge to modern life. It looks ahead, linking the past to the future.

Council is responsible for the University's future direction, and for winning and allocating the wherewithal to get there. Has it asked for your vision of the future? Has it told you how priorities are set and resources are allocated? The University needs to see the vision of its academics and hear their voice. It also needs to know what they need right now, to teach and pursue their research to the highest standards.

Colleagues across the University have
encouraged me to stand for election. I did so to provide them, and those who share their concern for the future, a voice at the Council table. And to give Council the chance to share their vision.

ROBYN WALMSLEY

I currently hold the positions of Head of Department, Physiological Health Nursing and Deputy Dean to the Faculty of Nursing. My tertiary teaching experience began in 1984 when I became one of the foundation members of the nursing staff appointed when nurse education entered the tertiary sector in 1985. I have five nursing qualifications, as well as a Diploma in Nurse Education, a BA and a Masters Degree.

If elected to the University Council I will endeavour to represent the members of academic staff with a commitment, energy, perseverance and intelligence. Although we live in a complex era, I feel very positive about the future. I believe that we can overcome the problems that we face through a process of wise administrative and political judgement to produce effective programs which benefit all of us and achieve this with an honest and creative approach.

I am committed to principles of democracy, equality and justice. I have not held a previous position on the Council and would like to be given the opportunity to do so.

PROFESSOR JOHN HAMILTON

I have been an elected member of Council since July 1988 and have therefore been closely involved with all issues in the transition through amalgamation including key committees of Academic Senate. I have been Dean of the Faculty of Medicine since 1984 with experience in the United Kingdom and Canada. I am presently a member of the Selection Committee for the Vice-Chancellor. Previous and current responsibilities as a member of successive Area Health Boards at the Mater Hospital Board involves me widely in the community of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley, representing the University and its interests. My international experience is through the World Health Organisation, the World Bank and particularly in the establishment of new medical schools. I have been chairman or member of a number of national committees and founding Chairman of the Accreditation Committee of the Australian Medical Council.

Key priorities for the future of this University must be to sustain and develop its academic base in education, research and scholarship and to capitalise upon its regional opportunities of the Hunter Region to which it must contribute with work at a national and international standard. Continuity of purpose through the period of change in University leadership is crucial.

ROB IRVINE PHD

I am currently a Lecturer in the Department of Psychosocial Health Studies, having taken up an appointment as a Health Sociologist in 1991. Following my graduation from Edinburgh University, I have taught and carried out research at Universities in Scotland, Germany and at The University of Western Australia.

Throughout my academic career I have been interested in the link between the work produced within intellectual communities and issues related to equity and equal opportunity as they apply both to academics and non-academics. I have acted as a consultant to the Campaign for Freedom of Information (UK), was a member of The Executive Committee of such organisations as The Scottish Legal Action Group and the Southern African Scholarship Foundation (Perth. W.A.).

With respect to The University of Newcastle, I am currently a member of the Board of Community Programmes and the Health Research and Ethics Committee.

This broad range of policy related, issue focussed experience would be of significant value in representing the interests of academic staff on the University Council. The Council represents a setting where proposals germane to the interests of staff are discussed and ratified. In this context I would be committed to pursuing matters related to equity, not least among them equal opportunity and affirmative action.
ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF COUNCIL BY NON-ACADEMIC STAFF
(One member of staff to be elected) Statement Relating to Candidates
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SUSAN MCDONALD
I have been employed at the University since 1974 and am a Senior Library Assistant currently in the non-book Section of the Auchmuty Library.

I believe I have a lot of expertise to offer the general staff as their representative on the University Council. I have already served the general staff on Council, but my previous term was curtailed by “The Amalgamation”; although I was then a member of the Joint Committee of Councils which negotiated the amalgamation, the then Minister, Mr Terry Metherill, did not appoint me to the first Council of the “new” University.

My commitment to the General Staff is demonstrated through my role in the Public Service Association of New South Wales. The particular areas I will be addressing as a Council Member will be Human Resource Policies and Women’s Issues. My interest in Women’s Conditions led me to serve two terms as Treasurer of The Association of Women Employees at The University of Newcastle.

My “outside” activities include membership of the Executive of Newcastle Trades Hall Council, Secretary of Islington Public School P. & C. and membership of the Regional Committee of the Hunter Area Assistance Scheme.

RICHARD JOHN DEAR
I have been at this University for 19 years, during which time I have been employed as a computer programmer and have, in the course of my work, been able to assist many of you. Before amalgamation, I was mainly concerned with the Western Campus. Now I spend equal time on each of the two sides of the University. I was at Edwards Hall for seven years as resident, sub-warden and deputy warden, and was a Director of the Credit Union until it was amalgamated with the Universities’ Credit Union.

Accordingly, I feel that I have a lot to offer as a member of the Council. With amalgamation, and increasing student numbers, the University has grown and also changed. In many ways it has become more bureaucratic and impersonal, so that staff can easily feel disillusioned and neglected in their work. Some of my reasons for standing for election to the University Council are to give staff the human contact they desire, and to see the University overcome some of the problems of the last few years and regain its previous prestigious position in the Australian Tertiary education system.

If elected, I would strive to serve your interests and those of the University community.