WAIKATO
STUDENTS’ UNION
2019
STATE OF THE UNION
2019 has been another solid year for the WSU as we have worked towards some ambitious objectives, and it is with some pride that I look over the many goals we have achieved. This annual report highlights the significant contribution the organisation is making towards ensuring that students have a voice in the University system, that they have support when they need it, and that they have the opportunity to create and experience all that University life has to offer them.

Although there have been many challenges, the WSU has been instrumental in keeping the student perspective firmly at the front of everyone’s mind. It has been my pleasure to serve alongside the Board of Directors, striving to ensure that my team of staff and volunteers support the hard work they do.

Some highlights this year include the SGM to review and amend our constitution, which has now provided for a Director to be elected from Tauranga campus, a Pacific representative, and the formation of a Student Advisory Council to give even more students closer access to the WSU. Also, the long-anticipated renovation to the Student Union Building (SUB) is finally under way and should be completed in time for an Orientation 2020 launch. Exciting! We also increased our support to affiliated clubs, rōpū and societies, with a noticeable increase in their activities on and off campus and invested in platforms to provide better communication.

Careful management of our finances has seen us come back into surplus after several years of deficit budgets. This is allowing us to replace resources, and plan forward for financial sustainability.

Thank you to my team of hard-working staff and volunteers who continue to support the WSU in so many ways. Good work everybody.

Thank you also to the management and staff of the University of Waikato. Your respect and goodwill are important to us.

I would also like to recognise the tremendous contribution of the President Nathan Rahui, and the Board of Directors. Your on-going efforts to improve the student experience make a difference.

Finally, thanks to all of you, the students. You are the reason we exist, and we appreciate your support.
Kia ora e ngā tauira a Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato, ka nui te mihi ki a koutou katoa.

We’ve nearly made it to the end of the year, and if you’re anything like me, you’re in total disbelief about how fast this year has gone. Coming into this role, I didn’t want to promise anything that I knew was unattainable (no one likes a build-up). However, I wanted us to be at the forefront of all student matters and not be afraid to have those hard conversations. As a team, we were able to continue the great work we began last year and become an organisation that has students at the heart of everything we do. I’m proud to report that the Waikato Students’ Union is stronger than it has ever been before. We’ve used the new funding opportunities to provide more services that students told us they needed. This is a place where you can be sure your voice is heard, and as the WSU we’ll always try to help you have a great experience while studying at this awesome University.

As a board of students, we wanted to create a good time. But rather than keeping things the same, we started a conversation with the University about how this place is more than just 9-5 classes. We upped our game with Orientation and Disorientation in the Den, including our first BYO on the Village Green. We started transitioning student media to video and digital. We introduced food trucks, comedy nights, seminars, and inter-faculty sports. We gumbooted up for mental health and even brought a few alpacas to campus for study week.

This year has seen a lot of changes and firsts both locally and nationally. We celebrated, laughed and cried with our tauira as we experienced the highs and lows this year had to offer. One of the most moving experiences I’ve had was seeing our students, of all backgrounds, come together to mourn Christchurch terrorist attack. We have such a diverse community of students so it’s only right that we work with our tauira to provide the necessary support.

Amidst all the changes at the University, we delivered on class rep training and student advocacy; and we provided better international experiences with noho marae, and with more celebrations of our rich and diverse communities. Most importantly, the board will be stronger than ever with a new position for our Pacific students, and a Tauranga representative for our students studying at the Tauranga campus.

(It feels like there’s still more to do and see, because there is.) There’s heaps of exciting things on the way for students at Waikato and I wish I was sticking around to see them. However, I am confident that the new board and the WSU staff will step up to the exciting new challenges including our brand new student space downstairs in the SUB, and the incoming Pā.

There’s a whakatauki “ehara taku toa, he takitahi, he toa takitini” which talks about how my successes are not done without those around me. So I want to take this moment to thank the great WSU staff and our manager Dave for all the behind the scenes work. And of course my 2 mana wāhine Vice Presidents and my awesome directors for challenging me, sharing laughs, and keeping me humble. It has genuinely been an honour to serve as your president for 2019, and I’m excited to see what 2020 has in store for all of you, no doubt I’ll be back here in the future.
TOMAIRANGI
ELLA McRAE
VICE-PRESIDENT

Talofa, mālō e lelei, bonjour, ni hao, hola, kia ora and many other greetings in many more languages to our students from all over the globe studying here at Waikato!

If there’s anything that has made this year memorable for me, it’s seeing the vibrant and diverse student population that we have here at Waikato come together to work like a well-oiled machine. From coming together in solidarity to support each other after the terrorist attack in March to working with a quirky, talented, passionate, hard-working and culturally diverse board of directors to deliver the best experience, services and support for you all, this year has been a success.

I’ve had the privilege of being a part of important decision-making and feedback sessions that involved talking about important academic issues that affect us students, exciting campus space developments and changes to our constitution to ensure future WSU boards work better to serve our students in the best way possible. We even provided some sick parties on the green to help you all get warmed up to come back to uni in the middle of the year.

The year has also been incredibly humbling by having weekly chats with students over a snag or two (I had to test them for quality assurance you know?), contributing some sincere articles to our sassy and scintillating student magazine and even experiencing some trying times myself to remind me of the struggles that we go through as students. These experiences helped me to understand how to overcome hurdles and also learn how we, as a student union, can best help you as well.

My biggest learning has been how to work with my new found favourite group of weirdos (your 2019 WSU Board of Directors) and a team of dedicated staff who’ve worked tirelessly to deliver not only what we’ve asked for, but also what YOU, the student population, have asked for too. I take my hat off to the board and WSU staff, and thank you for making this experience unforgettable. It has only fuelled my fire and passion to be involved in our student community even more and I’m excited to see what next year may hold for us all in this space.

Ki te hunga e hoki mai ana i te tau e heke mai nei, noho ora mai, ā, ki te hunga a wehe ana, haere haumaru atu!
Ka huri taku reo ki te Hiku o te Ika
Ki te hiku o te rangi
Ki runga rawa e
E hine, e tama
E koro, e kui
Tahuri mai, whakarongo mai!
Ka piki, ka hoka, ka rere whakararo, ka tau taku manu ki te riu o Waikato, te tūrangawaewae o te Kingitanga. Nā ngā wai o Waikato tēnei mōrehu o Hokianga e waiora ai.
E ngā manu kai mātauranga o te motu, whakarauika mai ki te pae o WSU. Nei rā a Kyla Campbell-Kamariera e whakamihi atu nei, tēnā tātou katoa!

It has been my greatest pleasure to be of service to the students of the University of Waikato in 2019. From wānanga, kai tahi, hākinakina and kapa haka, among many other kaupapa, I have engaged with tauira Māori across campus and I couldn’t be happier with the Māori student participation in advocacy and politics. Mā tātou anō e hanga o tātou ake nei whare! The endgame is sovereignty, e hoa mā. Tēnei te whakatakotoranga o te mānuka, ākina!

My experience in the Union this year has been incredible and the support I have received from the Board of Directors and wider WSU office has been immeasurable to the mahi I’ve been able to do. Wherever I’ve been and whatever I’ve done, I wouldn’t have been able to do anything without my hāpai ō. I may have inherited many personal gains out of my time on the board, but there has been no bigger satisfaction for me than knowing I have the belief and confidence of my fellow peers.

My goal, which will always exist in some way, shape or form, has been to acquire a Māori student space on campus. Over the years, many discussions have taken place about obtaining a space. Finally in 2019, despite many ups and downs, I am proud to say that this space is looking more fruitful than ever before. The foundation has been laid, mā tātou anō e hanga o tātou ake nei whare. Although my time in the office is drawing to a close, my passion to deliver to the needs of our tauira Māori will never lay down without a fight. He rā ka tō, he rā ka puta mai anō.

Tihei mauriora!
DONELLA NGOHE

NICKNAME: Dee

MOST LIKELY TO: Be the most “Buzziest” Board member ever elected JS.

ACHIEVEMENT: Shedding light on mental health through arranged meetings, gumboot day activities, podcasting, and incorporating what I’m learning from my own personal initiative into these gatherings.

NELSON COOPER

NICKNAME: Nelly Boy

MOST LIKELY TO: Ask you to join the mullet community

ACHIEVEMENT: Murals at the Uni (they’re coming I promise)

EULAH DE WITT

NICKNAME: Eulah

MOST LIKELY TO: have a beaming smile that’ll brighten your day

ACHIEVEMENT: Alpacas on Village Green

KEMI HUGHES

NICKNAME: Kemayo

MOST LIKELY TO: Determine the next Prez...as a budding political godmother.

ACHIEVEMENT: Becoming a sustainability champion and managing to stay sane with all the juggling!
EULAH DE WITT
Alpacas on Village Green
have a beaming smile that'll brighten your day

TAYLOR HAMLIN
NICKNAME: Tayz
MOST LIKELY TO: Get a drunken hummus tattoo
ACHIEVEMENT: Convincing Dave that he has a taste for cosmopolitans.

CONVINCING DAVE THAT HE HAS A TASTE FOR COSMOPOLITANS.

SPENCER LOWE
NICKNAME: Spence
MOST LIKELY TO: Vomit in a tip bucket
ACHIEVEMENT: Staying up until 4:30am on O-Week driving freshers to town and listening to their high quality chat.

ZAIRA NAJAM
NICKNAME: Zaira
MOST LIKELY TO: I said we will make sure your voice is being heard! There will soon be suggestion / complaint boxes next to Nexus stands.
ACHIEVEMENT: Bringing in a cultural twist.

ZAIRA BRINGING IN A CULTURAL TWIST.

SPENCER STAYING UP UNTIL 4:30AM ON O-WEEK DRIVING FRESHERS TO TOWN AND LISTENING TO THEIR HIGH QUALITY CHAT.

MIKAYLA APITI
NICKNAME: Bubby
MOST LIKELY TO: Do anything I can to avoid being the MC
ACHIEVEMENT: Fastest seconder on the Board and getting the most growlings for making full size pancakes, not bite sized ones

MIKAYLA FASTEST SECONDER ON THE BOARD AND GETTING THE MOST GROWLINGS FOR MAKING FULL SIZE PANCAKES, NOT BITE SIZED ONES.
With the help of over 20 staff and student volunteers, the streets of late night Hamilton become a sea of 18-20 year old culture in its rawest and real form. Students are drawn from their Hillcrest homes by the intoxicating sound of pounding bass, the smell of lime cruisers, and the taste of a faithful and sobering sausage from our safety zone. Each night blurs into the next with a different theme: Jungle party, Beach party, Toga night, Beerfest and performances from Drax Project and Deadbeat. Entry stamps are worn like badges of honour, faded and replaced from the previous night, and ID cards are lost alongside both pride and dignity. For most of the University students, this is a look into what the rest of your student-life might look like - putting your brain and body on the line in the name of youth, education and a bloody good time: O’Week 2019.

One of the reasons our Orientation Week is such a hit is our WSU Safety Zone. Over six nights, the University Bus Stop is buzzing with the hum of excited students, eager to get to town. Before jumping on a bus to town for a mere $1, students can grab a free bite to eat and a drink. Once dropped off in town at our Safety Zone, students are greeted by over 20 staff and volunteers there to make sure everything runs as best it can. At the Safety Zone students can come and go as they wish, grab some free food, charge your phone or simply lounge out on the bean bags. If you’ve got a mate who’s unwell, the St. Johns Ambulance is ready and waiting. We’ve also teamed up with the Hamilton Police, the City Council and the Lawrenson Group to make sure the Safety Zone is everything you need and more.
Orientation 2019 was the perfect start to the student year. Each day is packed with student events, activities and a celebration of student culture at Waikato. Running from Monday to Sunday in the first week of the academic year, the WSU gave away Xbox’s and TV’s everyday, including one in Tauranga. We fired 50 “Waikato Sausage Union” and Nexus “No Sleep Club” tees out of a teeshirt cannon, continued the cata-pong tradition, and had three days of DJ’s and performers on the Village Green. As it always is, the biggest events were our Macca’s Meat Pie Mile (which saw more vomit than previous years) and our Clubs Day which packed out the green for the biggest Clubs Day yet. With five food trucks on site, students weren’t short of options or reasonably priced food, but the old standard of the WSU BBQ was as popular as ever.

O’Week was also the first introduction for many to student life. The WSU delivered 3000 yellow bags across the Halls of Residence, the Māori Student Orientation, Pasifika and International Orientations. On top of packets of noodles, cans of energy drink and cookies, these packs also contained information about our student support and voice services, sexual health, health and safety on campus and a special edition of Nexus Zero to help students acclimatise to campus life.
On March 15th 2019, the very concept of what it means to live in New Zealand was shaken to its core by the actions of a few fundamentalist white supremacist morons. This university, like the rest of the country, was shocked and saddened by the senseless and tragic events that took place in Christchurch. As a nation, we collectively experienced a loss of innocence and for the first time in a long time, we didn’t know that everything was going to be alright or what would happen next. We were hurt, exposed, and vulnerable and six months later that profound sense of loss still resonates in everything we do today.

In the embers of the tragedy, we managed to do something that should have happened more before that day. We talked, and we listened. We started to have a national conversation that will continue for years to come. We talked about freedom of race and freedom of religion. We talked about colonisation, assimilation and oppression. We questioned the very tenants of what it means to be a New Zealander and whether our country truly had been one that had rejected intolerance and hate or allowed it to foster beneath the surface. Mostly though, we questioned whether this was the New Zealand we wanted to live in and what could be done to start a new dialogue.

While our leaders in parliament across the board started to ask the hard questions about safety and our rights, the leaders on our campus started to work together to do whatever we could, no matter how small or insignificant, to help our communities feel united and work toward a common purpose.

The WSU and the University hosted multi-faith prayer sessions, supported infrastructure needs at the local mosques with PA’s and marquees, and worked with club leaders on a pan-society mural to display the diversity of our campus and collectively start a grieving process.

In the days and weeks that would follow the Christchurch shootings, we would set up counselling services, attend and host candlelight vigils, and work with our Muslim students on a project to get better access to prayer spaces for men and women.

Almost without needing to vocalise it, the WSU President, Vice-Presidents, Board and staff decided to focus the rest of the year on promoting the rich and diverse student population at the University of Waikato and we are proud of the fact that as you look through the rest of these pages you will see events like Muslim Week, Indian Independence, Noho Marae, Pakastani Independence, Te Huinga Tauira and Hakinakina.

We thought, debated, and discussed exactly what we would say in this section of the State of The Union. As the months have passed we still don’t have any real answers, any resolution or anything we can point to and say this was how we moved forward. What we can say is that we are talking and that it is a start.
Many of the students weren't happy with the quizzes we had to do as part of the course. After a series of discussions, the tutor changed some of the marking for the questions that weren't well worded. The students were a lot happier after that.

I have learnt how to communicate ideas and thoughts of both mine, and others’ effectively and concisely. I have also learnt how to filter information and establish successful relationships with my peers and lecturers.

I’ve met everyone in my class. I get lots of emails for small things that have helped me better understand the paper and my biggest success is forming a great bond with my lecturer.

I was able to effectively collect feedback which had an impact on how our classes worked later on.

I managed to extend the due date of an assignment so people had more time to complete it.

We gained an important extension for the class.
The WSU Student Voice is a term we use to cover everything from consultation and feedback to class rep and academic training and support. As a student owned and run organisation we recognise the importance of making sure your voices, and ideas, are heard. That is why our team is lead by 10 directors you elect each year including a President who has a seat on the University council.

CLASS REPS

929 CLASS REPS
IN HAMILTON
+ TAURANGA

19 INTRO
TRAINING SESSIONS

2 ADVANCED
WORKSHOP SESSIONS

5 SCHOLARSHIPS

2 WAIKATO
UNIVERSITY
CHANCELLORS

30 STUDENTS ATTENDED
TE HUINGA TAUIRA
Every so often, we like to shake things up on the Village Green. This year we decided a live gig was the way to go. As the sun shone down, students chilled out to New Zealand beats and free ice blocks. Ngati Dread, Lost Tribe Aotearoa and Skinny Hobo’s entertained the crowd of students chilling on bean bags, with a few lucky enough to score seats in the VIP area - elevated views from a couch in the tray of the infamous WSU Beast. The reggae and rock beats were heard from Management School, and students continued to message us for weeks asking when the next gig was on.
12.4.19
LOG’O’WOOD
The annual Log of Wood competition saw around two hundred law students from Waikato, Auckland and AUT descend onto the field to compete in a variety of sporting activities, all the while in a costume of their choice. Cricket, soccer, touch, basketball, netball, dodgeball and tug o’ war have been popular fixtures in the Log of Wood competition. With Waikato University winning the first three events there was hope for Waikato University law students to bring the trophy home for the second year in a row. Unfortunately, the Log was snapped up by Auckland University.

5.4.19
GUMBOOT UP
Mental health is a key focus for both the University and the WSU. We partnered with The Warehouse to provide students with discounts on gumboots as part of Gumboot Up Day. Gumboot Up Day is a part of the I Am Hope Campaign; a nationwide event where people are encouraged to wear gumboots to represent the metaphorical walk through mud that mental health is. We jumped on board and asked people to do the same by wearing their gumboots to show their support for an important cause.
Open Day is a great opportunity for potential students to spend a day on campus, explore study options, and gain an understanding of what it means to be a student here in Hamilton. Each year, students and their families are invited to spend the day with us at the University of Waikato where they can grab a sausage from the WSU BBQ, chat with staff and current students, enjoy live entertainment and participate in a bunch of activities. These activities include attending information sessions and mini lectures, learning about a number of scholarships, touring the campus and visiting one of four Halls of Residence. Students can also chat with members of sport and cultural clubs and learn about the free support services available across campus. This year’s Open Day also saw a tonne of sponsors join us on campus including the Waikato Rugby Union, ZM, BurgerFuel and Red Bull - who literally gave away enough Red Bull to fill a car.
**24.5.19 - 25.5.19**

**NOHO MARAE**

A regular fixture on the WSU calendar, is the bi-annual Noho Marae weekend trip. It’s held in conjunction with the University to give our international students a better understanding of Tikanga Maori. Volunteers from our rōpū Māori clubs teach students te raku, waiata, pepiha, and marae protocol. The Semester A Noho Marae took place at Papa o Te Aroha in Tokoroa with over 40 attendees.

**30.5.19**

**I.F PUB QUIZ**

The second annual Inter-Faculty Pub Quiz with the Lawrenson Group was everything you’d expect it to be, with subsidised drinks, questionable costumes and piss-poor answers in the Science and Technology category. It was a massive night featuring a twerking competition and push-up contest between quiz rounds. Over 200 people joined us in an effort to walk away as the 2019 Pub Quiz Champions, or at least leave with a slice of Sal’s pizza and a Nexus bottle opener. The pub quiz wouldn’t have been such a success without our sponsors ZM, Sals, and the Lawrenson Group. By no surprise, with 6 teams entered from Management alone, they walked away with the Inter-Faculty Pub Quiz trophy for 2019.
CULTURE ON CAMPUS

In 2019, the WSU are proud to say we’ve provided more support for rōpū Māori, Pasifika, International students and diverse community cultural groups than ever before. It was the year we celebrated both the differences we had and the things that united us. With a second Noho Marae, Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, and the Kīngitanga Day all taking place in the last few weeks, the WSU has a strong foundational platform to build on for 2020.
INTER-FACULTY SPORT

Three years ago, the WSU President and a friend from the Management School had an idea that would eventually become the WSU’s Wilf Malcom Shield for Inter-Faculty sports. In partnership with UniRec we have expanded this competition to include Dodgeball, Netball, Basketball and other sports in both Hamilton and Tauranga campuses.
What do you get when you combine the famous Red Bull crate drop and alpacas on the Village Green? WSU Study Week. We know that studying isn’t the first thing you want to do when classes finish for the semester, and there’s always better things to do than hit the books. So, we opened a pop-up study hall to combat the overflow of studious learners from the library, and to act as an escape from the annoying flatties. Lollies lined the tables, tea and toast was on offer and Nexus provided a procrastination station for well-earned study breaks. The real stars of the week though were the Cornerstone alpacas who relished in pats and became stars of many a profile pic. Food and beverages didn’t go amiss with Red Bull dropping a giant crate of drinks on the Village Green - anyone and everyone could grab a handful and be pumped for the week ahead. The WSU was churning out hot chocolate and cheese toasties, while acoustic music filled the air.
We believe that University should be more than just grades, exams and tests. That stuff is important too, but it isn’t going to be what you talk about 20 years from now. Our student experience team is responsible for activities, o’weeks, club experiences, bands, study weeks, and anything else they have time to do. They are also pretty decent behind a BBQ.
CookieTime. A sea of yellow dissapeared as students helped themselves to our Disorientation goody bags and the treats inside. By night, our marquee illuminated the Village Green - a low and distant rumble could be mistaken for traffic on Knighton Road, but with each step closer to the Village Green it became obvious that the Den was the place to be. With pulsing strobe lights that reflected against aluminum cans, music from Matt Hicks, Jamin-I and DJ Dubsonic rung in the ears of over 400 students. Through the week we gave away 2 XBoxs, 3 TVs, 2 Speakers, a Tablet, Bluetooth Headphones and a trip for two to the Gold Coast. With help from our sponsors ZM, The Lawrenson Group, Red Bull, Escapist NZ, and McDonald’s Hamilton, we threw everything we had into a massive 3 nights of alcohol-driven antics and we couldn’t be happier with the outcome.

**JULY**

**8.7.19 - 12.7.19**

**DISORIENTATION**

Disorientation Week gave its older and more established sibling O’Week a run for its money this year. By day we lined the stomachs of students with free fries, sausages, soup, pies and cookies with the help of our sponsors BurgerFuel, Oxford Pies and
22.7.19 - 26.7.19

ISLAM WEEK

To celebrate Islam Awareness Week, the Muslim Students’ Association facilitated a week of culture and food to bring people together to experience the diverse mixing pot we call the University of Waikato. Students representing different nationalities competed in a shawarma cooking challenge and put on an ethnic food festival, where cuisines from around the world were devoured. Hijabs were tried and henna applied. A day of culture wrapped the week up, allowing students the chance to experience a day in the life of a Muslim.

30.7.19

BEN HURLEY @ THE DON

What’s better than comedy and cheap drinks? This year we achieved some pretty epic things. One of these was getting Ben Hurley to headline a comedy gig at the Don, our very own campus bar. Backed up by four other comedians, the room sunk beverages and giggled the night away. A mixture of students and staff came together to fill the room, the focal point being the blind date arranged by Nexus.
STUDENT SUPPORT

Student support is at the very core of why we exist. For over five decades we have been providing an independent advocacy service, social safety net, and food parcels for students when they are at their most vulnerable.

This year our student advocates have been working on significant tenancy cases involving both international and domestic students. We have also been instrumental in cases that involved assessment standards, Panopto recordings, and student hardship.

The WSU now has a full-time Student Support and Advocacy co-ordinator and two part-time student support advocates. We have also further integrated into the community with renewed partnerships with legal and budgeting services and supported our new wellbeing hub on campus.

BREAKDOWN OF SUPPORT CASES

- Visa and Immigration: 0.6%
  - Tenancy: 15.7%
- Studylink: 9.6%
- Personal: 2.4%
- Panopto: 2.4%
- Other: 6.0%
- Misconduct: 2.4%
- Legal issue: 9.0%
- Academic: 16.3%
- Accommodation: 0.6%
- Budgeting: 0.6%
- Complaints: 7.8%
- Financial Assistance: 26.5%
Since the day we were founded the principle goal of the Waikato Students’ Union has been to provide a student safety net. We call that our Student Support team. Dealing with everything from academic issues to hardship or tenancy problems we are the first call for students who don’t know who to call.
30.7.19
PAKISTAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Pakistani Falcons invited all students to join them on the Village Green to celebrate what was the 72nd Independence Day of Pakistan. A burst of green and white decorations, the celebrations were hard to miss with Pakistani national music and a cake cutting ceremony. Pakistan’s Independence Day also pays homage to those who have devoted their lives for Pakistan’s freedom and made sacrifices to attain Pakistan’s independence. Pakistani students were dressed in traditional clothing, encouraged passersby to speak with them on why Independence Day is so important, and take a piece of cake. We joined in the festivities by providing corn fritters fresh from the BBQ and chatting with Pakistani students. It was awesome to celebrate an important day with a diverse group of students.

30.7.19
INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Waikato Indian Students’ Community hung their flag with pride, celebrating their 73rd year of independence. As music reverberated throughout the awning, students danced in traditional dress to a growing crowd of appreciative onlookers. The WSU jumped on board to provide Okonomiyaki - a Japanese cabbage pancake to add to the celebration of culture and freedom.
People who say it is impossible to get students passionate about anything should try using the three key pillars of Pizza, Beer, and monotonous constitutional reform leading to electoral change. It worked for us as 392 students packed into PWC and a simulcast to Tauranga, to help us create our first-ever director seat for Pacific students and a Tauranga based director. We also changed campaign rules, set up an independent complaints authority for the board, and a student representative council for more accountability.

(Ok this one is cheating a bit but...) We officially closed the bottom part of the SUB in September and the construction crew is busy ripping things apart to build a brand new unnamed student space fresh for O-Week. A new stage, performance area, student kitchen, charging ports, wifi and a few big screens of the must-see sports events or that sly game of Fifa with a mate. We are excited and you should be too!
NEXUS

Nexus launched it’s digital classroom this year. The new Nexus production of Grace Mitchell, Kim Sare, Todd Harper, Scott Granville, Madison Macinnes and Ashlea Curran worked with a team of six extremely talented students from the third year design class to give them projects for academic credit. Nexus ‘19 was filled with unique perspectives, engaging content, interviews, debate and blind dates. Most importantly it was the individual opinions and sometimes collective voices of over 60 student writers and content creators.
Nexus began its next big evolution to become a full media production. 2020 is already looking positive with a range of video and photography schedules, as well as another Nexus Design Classroom and more award-winning Nexus magazines. Nexus is now proudly offering work-integrated-learning credit for its contributors.
WSU has been our backbone and supported us with love, affection and care for all our events. We owe it to WSU for being quick in their response and decision-making process that allowed us to arrange and celebrate all our events in such a short time.

Varun Vartak - Waikato Indian Students Community President

The Waikato Student Union aided STEM Pacifika and Māori to grow and become an amazing club. They are always available to assist us with everything needed for our events and all our club activities.

Achatz Ott - STEM Pacifika and Maori President

The WSU have been nothing short of wonderful. Their patience, advice, support and institutional knowledge has been incredible and I am so grateful, TaylaDee in particular has been wonderful during the (many) frantic phone calls she has had to deal with. WULSA is truly indebted to her and to the WSU as a whole. We look forward to many more years of improving this relationship in to the future.

Ben Wilkins - WULSA President 2019

I can say that our involvement with WSU has been nothing short of excellent. This group has always gone above and beyond what we needed, and has exceeded anything that we could have asked for from a student support association. Our club has always left feeling like we had the support to achieve whatever we sought out to and the staff have always been friendly and approachable. It is also worth mentioning that our society especially loved the WSU van - fantastic for (professional) road trips - a lot of awesome memories were made. WSU helps bring people together.

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50 CLUBS
34 CLUB GRANTS
112 VAN BOOKINGS

173 WSU + CLUB EVENTS

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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

FULLY AFFILIATED
11 LARGE CLUBS
16 MEDIUM CLUBS
23 SMALL CLUBS

CLUB GRANTS $22,218.67

KOHATA PAID $6,850

162 ROOM BOOKINGS

12,200 STUDENTS TAKEN TO TOWN DURING O’WEEKS

7 INTER-FACULTY SPORTS

1 ESPORT ARENA

Sadly, one of the most frequent things we still hear is about students wanting to find people who have similar interests. That is why our network of rōpū and clubs is one of the most important services we deliver. With clubs ranging from cooking to Law Societies we are confident we can help you find like minded people. We are also constantly working on making it easy to start new clubs for yourself all the time.
In 2019, not only did the WSU change its rules to give Tauranga their first Tauranga elected Director position but we also employed a staff member over there for 30 hours per week. We were delighted to name Katerina Clark as the first WSU Tauranga Student Support and Engagement leader. It’s a decision that has paid off every day since, with more engagement and growth happening in the Bay every day. Notable highlights included a McDonald’s burger eating competition, quiz nights, TV and Xbox giveaways.

Often though the measure of the Waikato Students’ Union’s success comes in the things that go unseen. One of Kat’s most important roles this year was proving a shoulder to cry on and a reassuring support person for students who previously had to wait for our Student Support team to visit or to conference in via skype. As of August 2019, Kat has opened and worked on 31 different cases with students ranging from tenancy to academic challenges and hardship.

Kat also started the Good Neighbour Food Collection, feeding 50 students a week and collecting over 2,500kgs of food. With everything going on, she still found time to star in her own TedX Talk in Tauranga. We are excited at what the future holds for Tauranga and confident that Kat and a new Tauranga director can lead us to exciting places in 2020.
TAURANGA

The WSU is committed to the Tauranga campus and building an experience comparable to Hamilton but unique to its own campus. In 2019 we established four student-led clubs: Mana Ake, Pacifica, Mature Students, and Disability. We are at the start of a long journey and one of our big challenges in 2020 will be creating platforms that allow taurira to establish Tauranga chapters of their thriving clubs societies and rōpū, as well as unique student groups.

4 CLUBS REGISTERED
60+ CLASS REPS
31 ADVOCACY CASES

2 TED X TALK GIVEAWAYS

3.5KG PANCAKE MIX
3.2KG GOLDEN SYRUP

2678KG OF FOOD GIVEN TO STUDENTS FROM GOOD NEIGHBOUR

4.2KG OF PUMPKIN SOUP

600 TOASTIES

2 QUIZ NIGHTS
100 CHEESEBURGERS EATEN IN O'WEEK
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## Statement of Financial Position

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