

Kurt Cheng**Student ID:** 13538881**Position:** Vice-President (Sponsorship)**Why am I nominating myself?**

I am incredibly excited to nominate myself for the position of Vice-President (Sponsorship) for the 2020/21 UTS LSS Council as an individual who is passionate about enhancing the social, vocational, and educational experience of over 3,000 law students at UTS. Tenaciously dedicated with organisation, strategy, and teamwork, I believe the UTS LSS possesses the ability to not only be the largest student-run organisation at UTS, but a leader among higher education student societies across Australia. Our innovative, dynamic, and forward way of working has made us who we are in the littlest time of 38 years, and I would like to foster that continuity as we enter a post-pandemic recovery.

What experience do I bring?

Having served as the Careers (Activities) Director on the 2019/20 UTS LSS Council, I present an in-depth understanding of the operation of the society and its common purpose of enhancing, elevating, and enriching the experience of UTS: Law students. Outside of my role on the UTS LSS, I am a member of the University Academic Board, Faculty Board in Law, Student/Council Liaison Group and related committees at UTS where I represent the Faculty of Law in forums with the Vice-Chancellor, Senior Executive and Faculty Deans. Beyond UTS, I work in Client Success in regulation technology, liaising with professional clientele via email and phone, in addition, I operate my own business, Restore The Straw, where I liaise with stakeholders throughout the commercial supply chain. All of these roles have allowed me to develop and enhance my interpersonal and professional skills in liaising with internal and external stakeholders to best meet objectives. In addition, these positions have allowed for experiences in policy, governance, negotiation, managing feedback and communicating ideas, recommendations, and overseeing projects for implementation.

What will I bring to the role and how will I assist Council?

As we enter a post-pandemic recovery, the UTS LSS will be instrumental in harnessing our annual sponsors which enables a large number of events to occur. I would like to continue work in this area to maintain stellar relationships with our sponsors. However, financial pressures and budget constraints will be unavoidable. I would like to harness established networks to introduce non-monetary models of sponsorship in partnership with CLC's to offer voluntary experiences to UTS: Law students. In addition, I would like to expand sponsorships to include commercial goods and/or services with external partners, such as CampusGroup, to include items in Orientation tote bags or giveaways throughout the year, such as non-perishable food items, vouchers or discount codes in light of any financial impacts the Society is experiencing. Overall, I am committed to furthering the objectives of the Society to place our best foot forward in 2021 as we emerge from a global pandemic.