

Dear fellow students.

In 2009 all of Victoria state Universities got new legislation by our state parliament. The minister who introduced the bills in the legislative assembly at the time said “ the primary purpose of the template legislation is to rationalise existing seperate pieces of legislation, remove obsolete provisions and provide each university with its own current act reflecting best practice and a consistent approach to governance and reporting requirements”.

I've read/skimmed all 8 Universities acts for Uni's in Victoria. All include a history about their past but all the legislation is basically the same. Except for Vic Uni. Our Uni is the only one of the eight University's that has an additional objective. Part J of the Vic Uni objectives is “to develop and provide educational, cultural, professional, technical and vocational services, and, in particular, to foster participation in post-secondary education for Persons living or working in the Western Metropolitan region of Melbourne”.

I completed a Diploma of Legal Services during Covid at VU in the second half of 2021. I enjoy/ put up with reading legislation. I was excited and impressed when I read that VU has an objective by parliament to foster participation in post-secondary education.

Reading that made me feel I can commit to VU, not just being a student and completing a Double Bachelor of Law and Psych Studies but an interested participant at this Uni in the research that Vic Uni does around fostering participation in post-secondary education.

Fostering interest in secondary education and primary education is obviously a prerequisite for fostering interest in post-secondary education.

Research into education or the science of education, Pedagogy, is an interest I have had for a very very long time.

Being at VU makes me hopeful I can use the academic skills I get from my bachelors and use these skills to do research at VU within the area of education while still a student. This is one reason I would like you to vote for me so I can have the opportunity to be the Student who is the elected Student member on the Vic Uni council. Being the elected student would give me an unique opportunity to research how this Uni wants to foster participation in education.

An opportunity to operationalise Vic Uni's unique objective is **one** of the of the reasons I wish to be on the council.

Kind regards Callum