

## SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS STUDENT-STAFF LIAISON COMMITTEE

### Year In Review - 2023

#### **Preface**

We went into 2023 aiming to raise awareness of the SSLC amongst School of Economics students, improve the student experience, and contribute positively to the running and administration of the School.

Over the year we have run and participated in several events, actioned a number of administrative items that have been resolved effectively, which reflects well on the ability of SSLC members, and the committee as a collective to make change and positively impact the student experience.

#### **February**

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**Recruited 13 new student members.** This new recruitment resulted in the largest student body to sit on the SSLC in its history. A high number of enthusiastic applications were noted – the SSLC remains a valued opportunity for student development and engagement.

**Market Day.** Market Day engagement remains a unique opportunity for the SSLC to directly engage with students in person, and was a success, particularly in raising awareness of the SSLC and receiving in-person feedback.

#### **March**

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**BEL First Year Festivities.** This was the first year that the SSLC has participated in the “BEL First Years Festivities” event. It was another fun opportunity to engage with first year BEL students and raise awareness.

**UQES x SSLC Social Mixer.** This year the SSLC wanted to improve its ability to meet students where they are and engage with them in fun and interactive ways. By partnering with student societies, in particular, with UQES, we managed to raise awareness of the SSLC and engage the student body effectively.

**School Review.** The School of Economics underwent a School Review, and the SSLC received details and provided feedback on this. This represents a more formal way in which the SSLC acted to improve the student experience, and act as undergraduate and postgraduate representatives for students in the school.

#### **April**

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**Development of Introductory Writing and Coding Courses.** The SSLC suggested the development of introductory writing and coding courses for economics students. These were developed by the School in conjunction with UQ Library, and were implemented to the benefit of students.



## May

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**School Review Interviews.** Some members of the SSLC participated in interviews for the School Review and gave testimonials for the student experience, and feedback for ways to improve it, acting as direct channels for student feedback to reach the highest levels of administrative review.

## July

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**Market Day.** As with Semester 1, Market Day provided a unique opportunity to engage with the student body and raise awareness of the SSLC.

**BELfest.** BELfest provided a more BEL-centric environment in which we could individually and effectively connect with students and gather feedback.

## August

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**Course Feedback – ECON2030.** The SSLC evaluated feedback in Meeting #3 regarding assessment items. The feedback was passed onto the course coordinator and subsequently acted on appropriately.

**Course Feedback – ECON2103.** The SSLC evaluated feedback in Meeting #3 regarding course teaching methods and course staff. The feedback was passed onto school admin, and subsequently the course coordinator for evaluation and course review.

**Student-Staff Partnerships.** The SSLC was informed of three different student-staff partnerships occurring within the School of Economics, and encouraged members to suggest new partnership ideas, and promote the SSP program to the wider BEL community.

## September

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**UQES x SSLC Mentorship Mixer.** Another new SSLC event, the UQES x SSLC Mentorship Mixer provided students the chance to discover how other students navigated the recruitment process and to garner insights into their experiences pursuing higher studies in the field of Economics. This was another great initiative that aimed to promote the SSLC and contribute to the student experience, utilizing the BEL Club and Society Grant.

## October

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**SSLC Dinner.** The SSLC dinner was another new SSLC event that aimed to thank the current student membership for their hard work and contributions throughout the year and provide an opportunity to provide feedback on the running of the committee for next year.

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This year, the SSLC has improved its outreach efforts immensely. At the same time, it has maintained a strong focus on the student experience and its role as the primary conduit between staff and students within the School of Economics. In many ways the SSLC has succeeded in achieving its mission and goals this year – some examples are listed above. We hope the SSLC continues to see the success and growth of 2023 in years to come and wish the committee all the best for 2024.



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SSLC Chair 2023



Samuel Weir  
SSLC Secretary 2023

### Student Members

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### Staff Members

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