

BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

DIRECTORS (ELECT TWO)



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What inspired me to run for an elected position?

I am running for the role of Director in Sigma. I am keen to play a part in the next chapter of Sigma as it moves forward to a new level. Since working with Sigma to establish and act as President for the Phi Delta

Chapter in Australia and then working with Sigma as the first Oceania Regional Coordinator role, I have seen tremendous opportunities and potential for Sigma to be an influential health force globally and specifically in Australia and the Asia-Pacific regions. Sigma has the opportunity and flexibility to adapt to the ever-changing environments both internal and external to Nursing. This, I believe is a key strength of Sigma and where I see a good fit with my leadership, teaching, research and community engagement experience.

What attributes, strengths and qualifications do I bring to the position?

- An accomplished academic leader with a distinguished research record and global influence in the field of women's health and the prevention of chronic disease through lifestyle modifications. Recognised for being a visionary, supportive and inclusive leader; I engage teams in strategic goals, empower leaders to take accountability, and bring measurable success leading the accomplishment of goals and transformation projects.
- National and international research projects have attracted millions of dollars in funding and collaborations with the world's most respected research institutions including: The World Health Organization, Peking University, Kings College London, University of Massachusetts and key organizations including Diabetes Qld, Cancer Australia, Cancer Council Qld, and Stroke Foundation. A proactive networker, I build and leverage deep relationships with industry,

Government and health organisations.

- Success is founded on an outstanding record of teaching and learning with a demonstrated commitment to innovation and continuous improvement through reflection, student feedback, market research and external engagement. My experience includes leading the development of accredited programs and integrated clinical experience to optimise learning outcomes and student engagement.
- Complementing my academic and research success, I bring strong financial, business and operational leadership skills to deliver commercial success and operational efficiency within large, complex organisations. I am committed about inspiring and mentoring the next generation of academic, and research leaders whilst creating a legacy through my work and impact in health.

Experience with Sigma

- I have worked with Sigma to establish and then act as President for the Phi Delta Chapter in Australia,
- Regionally: I then took up the contested appointment as the first Oceania Regional Coordinator role for Sigma.
- Internationally: I have worked in a leadership role as, a mentor for the Global mentorship groups a member of the Sigma International United Nations Advisory Council currently a member of the Sigma Foundation Board
- While working with Sigma to establish and act as President for the Phi Delta Chapter in Australia, I saw an opportunity for Sigma to become an influential force in the Oceania region. I worked with the then global development manager to establish the first Oceania Regional Coordinator role. This has set up tremendous opportunities and potential for Sigma to be an influential health force globally and locally.