

Operational Group

SVA values and emphasises the importance of a collegial, collaborative and democratic structure of governance of the network. The network thrives when members both access and take advantage of the services, resources and events provided, as well as participate and contribute to the development of them. As a large network, which works from an institutional model (in which a member institution's staff and student body can all access and participate in SVA activities), the Operational Group provides an opportunity for members to stay informed, engage with decision-making and governance, contribute to outputs and events, and, importantly, act as the link between SVA's core business and their local context by championing SVA and supporting colleagues to make the most of their institutional membership.

The Operational Group is comprised of one staff person and one student from each institutional member. The Operational Group is co-convened by a staff member from SVA's host institution and a student from a member institution on a rotating basis.

Nominating your staff and student members for the Operational Group

- Please provide the details of **one staff person and one student** from your institution nominated to participate as members of the SVA Operational Group. Send your details to sva@usq.edu.au. Members do not need to be in any particular role; staff can be academic or professional, but should work directly with students and be interested in enhancing higher education through student voice and partnership approaches. Student members can be enrolled in undergraduate or postgraduate courses. They are not required to be in representative/elected positions, but should be passionate about advancing student voice and be available to participate in SVA activities throughout the year.

What does taking part in the Operational Group entail?

- Attend regular Operational Group meetings throughout the year (see calendar for dates)
- Hear about the work being done and bring your ideas and hopes for the network
- Disseminate SVA information to your institution (i.e., promote and encourage staff and students to attend events, access resources and register for practitioner sessions)
- Familiarise yourself and engage with SVA activities, events and resources available and champion them to your colleagues within your institution
- Volunteer to participate in smaller working groups to develop resources, convene sessions and support event planning