

## **Candidate Statement – Adrian Chong Kai Yen**

Hi, I'm Adrian, a first-year student currently running for the position of being a student member for Monash University Malaysia (MUM) on the Academic Board.

Throughout my period in Monash serving as the secretary for the School of Business (SOB) alongside the school representatives, I've come to realize the different problems that students face throughout SOB and other schools. I am currently looking to further enhance the welfare of students in Monash by being the advocate for MUM students through the upbringing of issues faced by students on campus and university-wide level as well as providing sustainable solutions for complete resolution of such issues.

Acknowledging that the Academic Board is one level below the University Council, I believe that I can efficiently use this position alongside my network with MUSA to effectively contribute towards major decision-making processes, ensuring that the priorities of all students are being heard and regarded through this platform.

Should the pandemic persist, I'm looking forward to hold regular meetings with the Academic Board representatives to continuously fight for the extension of grading policy under the Academic Safety Net to Semester 1 2021 as well as to ensure a proper final examination invigilation system that will not jeopardize the safety and privacy of students. Furthermore, I am hoping to bring about a move for the university to collaborate with its industrial partners to provide internship opportunities for its students, helping them gain professional competencies and necessary skill sets needed for employment.