

## Candidate Statement: Naomi Drego

Hey everyone!

I'm Naomi Drego and I'm applying to be your representative on the Academic Board at Monash University from 2022 to 2023. I'm about to enter my second year studying a double degree of Science and Global Studies.

There's no denying it's been a challenging few years for us, between lockdowns and a fractured online and in-person delivery system, it is imperative now more than ever we receive strong support and advocacy.

As a queer woman of color, I will be able to offer fresh perspectives on issues to create meaningful change that we will all benefit from. Some of the things you can look forward to me advocating for include better content warnings on lectures and readings if needed, a better integration of the universal submission time for assignments across all faculties and the continuation of support systems such as the Academic Safety Net.

Additionally, I will endeavor to strengthen the academic support offered to students. Through my time at Monash, I have experienced firsthand how challenging it is to receive academic support, especially in an online environment. Applying for an extension to assignments should not be a convoluted process, that inevitably ends up causing a greater amount of stress to students. I will always endeavor to advocate for a uniform system across all faculties in order to streamline the process for us.

If you would like to help create real change, ensure real advocacy, and give us real academic support, vote for Naomi Drego.