

My name is Meg Ruyters, your Monash Student Association 2020 Women's Officer, and I'm running to be your undergraduate student member on Academic Board!

This year has provided some extraordinary challenges to our education, and more than ever we need strong, experienced advocacy.

Having served as a Monash leader through the MSA, I have seen first hand the inequities affecting students of all backgrounds. As a queer woman from rural Victoria, I believe it is integral to amplify all voices, and critical that education advocacy prioritises equity and accessibility.

Throughout my time at Monash, I have seen the importance of having knowledgeable, dedicated student leaders working hard to protect our education.

As part of this year's MSA leadership, I worked with our Executive, Education Officers and Student Council in fighting for and securing crucial policies, through lobbying every member of Academic Board, that supported us throughout this pandemic, such as the Academic Safety Net (pass/fail); saving SWOTVAC and stopping Examity.

The Federal Government's attacks on education undermine accessibility and fairness for students. The recent fee hikes have tried to reduce our education to a box-ticking exercise, which forgoes the incredible opportunities of learning and growth that the university experience provides. I will advocate against these fee hikes on the Academic Board.

I will work tirelessly to extend the Academic Safety Net into 2021, implement a universal assignment submission time, protect placement opportunities, and advocate for inclusive language in course material.

Vote [1] Meg Ruyters for a compassionate and experienced representative