Candidate Statement – Dimpy Kamani

My name is Dimpy Kamani, I am currently the Student Engagement Head of Monash Multicultural Indian Club and the newly elected People of Colour Officer at Monash Student Association. I am running to be your Coursework Graduate Student Member on the Academic Board.

The current year brought extraordinary challenges to the education system and more than ever we need a strong and experienced advocacy.

Throughout my time at Monash, I have seen the importance of having knowledgeable and educated student leaders working at the most to protect our education. As a part of MSA leadership in the coming year, I will help secure the crucial policies that supports each student.

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. Fight for international student’s fee reduction if they are still unable to return to Australia and abolish the enrollment verification fees, which disproportionately impacts students who needs the document for visa as well as personal purposes. I will advocate against these fee hikes and other issues 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, implement Anti-racism training and advocate for inclusive language in course material.