

Hello, my name is James Desmond and I'm running to be your representative on the Academic Board.

As an aspiring teacher heading into my 3rd year of my Education and Arts degree, fighting for increased accessibility to and the preservation of quality education is a deep passion of mine. Working with the MSA's Education Academic and Public Affairs offices, I will fight for your rights as a student when it comes to the variety of subjects you can undertake, the equity of the weighting of your assignments, the amount of feedback received, the ease of attaining an extension and the streamlining of accessing help via student services.

Time after time we witness more and more subjects cut from the syllabus, as well as an increase in casual tutors to supplement one or two full time staff members. If elected to the Academic Board, I vow to fight for more permanent tutoring to ensure students receive more feedback on their assignments, and receive a more holistic teaching experience.

Getting a two-day extension should be painless and automatic, for every faculty, for every assignment. However, increasingly there is ambiguity even within the same faculty. If elected to the Academic Board, I vow to advocate for revamped and simplified policy across each faculty, ensuring a guaranteed extension should you need it.

The Academic Board has a valuable and meaningful impact on the quality of the teaching you experience, and the excellence of your learning. That's why your vote counts. Vote [1] James Desmond.