

Candidate statements

SSU by-election

May 2017



Education Officer (Council)

Abdul Rehman Khan

Will try my best to help up !!

Starr Guzman (EMPOWER)

With the current education climate nationally at boiling point presenting such an opportunity for focussed strategic action, Swinburne requires a dedicated and passionate education officer whom is able to advocate and lead the student body with vigour.

Understanding the importance of student representation on campus and across institutions nationwide, I would like to contribute my time, passion and expertise as Swinburne Student Union's education officer.

Having experienced first hand the power of advocacy and lobbying as the National Campaign Coordinator of Australia's Make Poverty History Campaign, I'm well empowered to support students of Swinburne in ensuring their educational rights are maintained and for advocating on their behalf when those rights are threatened.

It's an incredibly important time on the education front, both locally and within the federal framework. I believe I am well versed to be an incredible advocate if elected as the education officer.

A little bit about me: I'm an adult returning to study, a single mum and a professional creative. I'm taking some time to focus on my health and studies with my study aim being to diversify my career experience and to explore the incoming new digital frontier. I'm concurrently studying towards both a Bachelor of Business (Public Relations) as well as the Swinburne's new Bachelor of Screen Production course.

I have some barriers to studying/working due to silent disabilities and hope to advocate for other students with similar challenges.

As a cultural producer by trade I have led exciting projects and campaigns including Make Poverty History, Melbourne Music Week, Let Them Eat Cake and have also worked with a great array of some of the most well known creative brands in the world. I believe my professional experience can be of use with Swinburne's Student Union in increasing student engagement and support as well as activating some interesting programmatic events.

I hope to ensure Swinburne Students continue to have a non partisan and independant voice on campus, to support accessibility for students of all ages, backgrounds, cultures, identifications and abilities and to support the union to continue to provide essential services as well as roll out new services that can assist students during their time studying with Swinburne. Most importantly, I hope to advocate for students just like you as we face some pretty strenuous times.

I hope to be of service and invite you to place your trust in my experience and passion so that we may work together during our time at Swinburne.

Paris Konstadinu

I am passionate about student education which is so important in helping students reach their full potential in their studies. I am a current Bachelor of Health Science student and have committed to supporting student education in my roles as a Study Group Leader for first year health science students, a peer adviser, as well as a Student Learning Assistant at the LAS drop-in hub. I enjoy taking to other students about their studies and finding ways to better support them including communicating student feedback to faculty unit convenors and academic development teams. I hope in this role at SSU I can be a voice for students to communicate and facilitate the needs of the Swinburne student body.

Women's Representative (Council)

Brenna Dempsey (EMPOWER)*

Hello, my name is Brenna and I'm running for the position of women's representative in the upcoming SSU May by-election.

I am currently a volunteer leader with Girl Guides Victoria and I am passionate about providing the girls involved with the skills and confidence they need to become strong, confident and independent young women. I understand the importance of having a girls only space and an opportunity for common views and passions to be shared.

I am passionate about supporting the women of Swinburne by enhancing the women's space to provide all women with an opportunity to relax, to have their voice heard or to simply make friends. I think that it is important for us to be able to discuss the issues that are relevant to us and to have a way to express our thoughts and feelings.

With your vote I will endeavour to provide us with an opportunity to come together and celebrate all that makes women awesome whilst also ensuring our voices are not lost.

Ticket statements

EMPOWER

Our story is simple; we are a collection of students who want to enrich the Swinburne Student Union with cultural diversity and add to the growth of the services that students like yourself utilise and enjoy. We are non-partisan, motivated, and would love the opportunity to voice the needs and issues of students through a student-led platform. Authorised by B. Dempsey, Women's Officer Candidate, EMPOWER Ticket 2017, BB-ArtBus

*Elected unopposed

