

Academic Board Higher Education (Coursework) student representative – candidate statements

Candidate 1 – Danielle Sinadinovic

Hello, my name is Danielle Sinadinovic, and I am a second-year Bachelor of Business student at Federation University's Berwick campus. I am applying for a position on the Academic Board to advocate for my fellow students and to contribute to a more enriching academic environment.

My journey to Fed has been far from conventional. After exploring different courses, attempting to enter the workforce through non-traditional pathways, and even beginning studies at another university, I eventually found where I truly belong at Federation.

In my first year, I was honoured to receive the Ros Ryffe Memorial Award for Academic Excellence as the top-performing business student. I also proudly serve as a Student Ambassador, representing Fed at career expos and school events, where I help prospective students discover their place at our university.

While I represent the School of Business, I have also gained insight into many other disciplines and the broader operations of the university. These experiences have deepened my passion for Fed and opened my eyes to some of the challenges myself and other students face.

It would be a privilege to serve on the Academic Board, where I can be a voice for students, advocate for positive change, and work to enhance the academic experience for everyone. My goal is to listen, learn, and help ensure that every student's time at Fed is as rewarding and supportive as it can be.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my nomination.

Candidate 2 – Mohit Prabhakar

Hello, my name is Mohit Prabhakar, and I am currently studying the Bachelor of Nursing at Federation University in Ballarat. As an engaged coursework student, I believe that every student's voice deserves to be heard in shaping the quality of our education and university experience.

I am nominating for the Academic Board because I am passionate about contributing to decision-making that directly impacts students. Having transitioned internationally for my studies, I understand the diverse challenges students face—from navigating academic expectations to balancing work, study, and wellbeing.

Through my experiences in group projects, part-time work, and university life, I've developed strong communication and problem-solving skills. I am approachable, open-minded, and committed to listening to peers across disciplines to ensure their perspectives are represented at the highest level of governance.

If elected, I will work to strengthen transparency between the Board and students, advocate for fairness and inclusion, and ensure that coursework students' needs remain central to academic decisions.

Thank you for your support.

Candidate 3 – Jase Squires

Hi, I'm Jase, a mature age student. I am seeking election to the Academic Board to broaden my existing skillset and learn a new array of skills that will help me professionally develop and strengthen an already strong CV in student leadership across the university.

I already hold a number of positions within the University student leadership within LASS, including PASS, I'm also a team leader within that role. I am a former SAL and Mentor and currently hold office as Chair of your Student Senate. I am deeply focused on the student experience, advocating for your journey and working to get you the very best outcomes. I have developed strong professional working relationships with a number of university senior executive management and want to continue to pursue the best interest of our number one asset – you!

I am highly approachable, always around for a chat electronically and will continue supporting your cause. If you need help, I will listen, take on board your concerns and work on your behalf to get you a better result.

I am the level-headed, logical, analytical, critical thinking problem solving student you need on the Academic Board.

Warm regards,

Jase Squires