



Monash University Student Union Caulfield

2019 ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Wednesday 23 October –
Friday 25 October 2019

ELECTION GUIDE

President

Caitlyn Dunne (Students for Change)

I want to bring a strong and experienced voice to the role of President of MONSU. Students For Change believes in empowering students voices, and fighting for their rights to an education and a sustainable future.

In 2020 we will work to offer more opportunities to students, bring more to the Caulfield community while keeping MONSU free. The coming year the council will organise with Monash and local government to bring action to the climate crisis, as well as offering a more fair deal to international students.

Students For Change will proudly bring you:

- Advocacy around Climate Crisis
- More Study Spaces and 24/7 Library
- Fight for Concession MyKi for International Students
- Increase Club Funding by \$150,000
- More Club Cooperation with MONSU
- Cheaper Food Retailers on Campus
- Providing more Free Food, including Vegan Options
- Lobby for Cheaper Education
- Career and Employment Opportunities for Students
- MONSU stays free for ALL students



Eric Lee (Go!)

Hi, I'm Eric Lee and I'm running to be your President for MONSU 2020.

I understand that University can be hard and crazy, but this is where MONSU comes in. MONSU exists to serve YOU, the students. MONSU receives over \$1million in money through your SSAF Fees which goes to running events, programs and supporting clubs. With your support and vote, we can ensure that ALL STUDENTS (international, domestic, postgrad, undergrad, mature-age, queer and all) are being represented and heard.

Your support and vote will ensure our utmost dedication to bringing you the following next year:

- Free Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Programs
- More Clubs and Club Support
- Exciting and Engaging Events
- Sporting Events (Cricket, Badminton, Soccer, Basketball and more!)
- Loads of Activities
- Student Information Packs
- Improved MONSU Rewards System
- Academic Support
- Employment Advice and Assistance
- Legal, Tax and Immigration Services

- Volunteering Opportunities
- Support for those who have been assaulted or harassed
- Most importantly, a friendly and welcoming community

We want a MONSU for all students. Join us in making this happen. Go vote, vote for GO!

Vice-President

Nidzam Shah Hussain (Go!)

No Statement was received.

Daniel Stonehouse (Students for Change)

As Vice President under Students For Change, I would fight to ensure students find value in their education, while maintaining and improving their welfare.

In 2020 it is crucial for MONSU to be at the forefront of student advocacy, while remaining accessible and free. We will be vocal to the university and government to ensure that we can provide the best possible services to all students.

Central to this is protecting education from budget cuts and casualised staff, while organising for more mental and general health services.

In addition to providing our free services like Exam Help Desk and food, offering exciting opportunities to celebrate and destress, and supporting the faculties and clubs of Monash, Students for Change will proudly ensure the following:

- Fight Faculty Budget Cuts
- More study spaces
- Exam Help Desk at all venues
- More class options
- Better support for staff
- Maintain free services and advocacy
- Greater employment and career opportunities
- Keep MONSU Free
- More frequent and transparent conversation with students
- Protect course options
- Ensure voice of queer, women, and overseas students are heard and amplified
- Harm reduction policy and offer free pill testing kits
- Financial Counselling
- Safer partying training
- Self Care Training
- Cheaper books

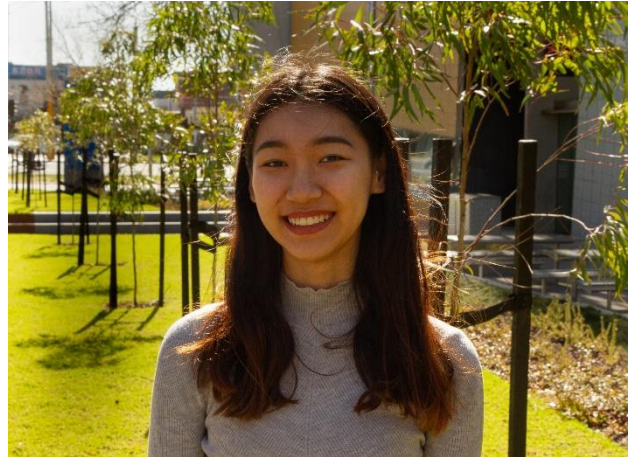


Overseas Student Service Officer

Qianhe Tan (Students for Change)

As part of Students For Change I want to make an impact for other overseas students by ensuring there are events and support available for all students. It is vital that MONSU provides a strong and organised voice for overseas students, and that we are connected with them. I will help provide this bridge, and better the ability for students to connect and access the support services they need.

- Utilise WeChat
- Bollywood Night
- K Pop Night
- More free food
- Concession MyKi for International Students
- Immigration information sessions
- Multilingual Health Information sessions
- More interaction and exposure of cultural clubs
- Keep MONSU Free



Xiwen Sun (Go!)

Hi, my name is Jack Guo and I am an international student in Caulfield. Currently, support for international students are severely lacking, hence I would like to increase representation in MONSU and create a multicultural council that is reflective of the campus' diversity.

To accomplish this, my policies are:

- Establish an independent, multicultural OSS council (similar to MUISS in Clayton)
- Better advocacy and awareness for international student mental health support
- Lobby for a bigger, better OSS Lounge
- Provide non-academic legal advice
 - Migration advice
 - Working rights and wages
 - Tenancy dispute
- Welcome pack for international students
 - Myki, SIM card, Guide to Melbourne
- Internships and job opportunities specifically for international students
- Increase funding from University to cater for increasing number of international students (on top of SSAF)
- Culture Carnival (cultural event featuring the cultural clubs on campus)
- Becoming the face and voice for the international students

Support us in increasing international student representation in Caulfield! Go vote, vote for GO!

Activities Officer 1

Driti Thyagaraj (Students for Change)

Students For Change understand how important activities are in making a meaningful and exciting university experience, as well as connecting people. In 2020 I want to continue providing and improving our events like Midweek Meet, Tracks On Tuesday, AXP, and Bollywood Night, will make sure they are free or affordable. I look forward to making MONSU more inclusive through diverse events, while also ensuring safety through sensible venue choices and helping provide safer partying opportunities.

- Tracks on Tuesday to continue and get even bigger artists
- More free food and vegan food
- Cheaper food options on campus
- More opportunities for students to perform at events
- Free soft drink at parties
- More activities to make friends
- Introduce harm reduction policy
- Social media for connecting with other students
- Bollywood Night
- K-Pop Night
- Keep MONSU Free



Jasper Wells (Go!)

Hi there, we're Annika Han and Jasper Wells, representing Caulfield students for the Activities Officer roles!

Here's what we plan to do once we get into the council:

- Revive MONSU Rewards card – discounted clubs' membership and events
- Increase collaboration with clubs for events
- Continue current MONSU events
 - AXP
 - Safe & Sexy Week
 - Booze Cruise
 - BLNDR
 - Beach Day
- Promote weekly recreational activities such as sports and dance in collaboration with TeamMonash
- Move Caulfield's O-Week to coincide with Week 0
- Provide 1st years with a dedicated help desk: AskJaffy Desk
- Work with OSS Officer to have more inclusive and cultural events for international students
- New events
 - Weekly Esports tournaments (FIFA, LOL, DOTA, CS:GO, etc.)
 - Weekly board game and movie nights
 - MONSU Ball
 - Caulfield Night Market
 - Halloween Party/Okttoberfest

- Casino Night
- MONSU Olympics
- Weekly sports (Basketball, Badminton, Dodgeball, Futsal, etc.)
- And so much MORE!

We'd love more multicultural representation in MONSU. International students are under-represented, and we want to change that. If this sounds like you, act now! GO vote, vote for GO!

Activities Officer 2

Caitlyn Dunne

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Marketing Officer

Ryan Marks (Students for Change)

Marketing is vital to MONSU being able to reach students and connect them to opportunities to support them. As part of Students For Change I would be honoured to continue to empower this connection by expanding our platforms and developing relationships with services to provide opportunities and deals to

students. Having developed specialist knowledge of this field, tuned by an appreciation and understanding of what other students need, I would be able to provide the experience and expertise needed to serve this role.

In 2020, Students For Change will be proud to provide:

- Discounts for design student materials
- Uber, DiDi, and Public Transport discounts
- Connect students with employment opportunities
- Expand social media to offer services to more students
- Greater exposure of student advocacy focuses and involvement
- Development of students and clubs in promotion
- Keep MONSU Free



Duan Li (Go!)

I'm Duan Li (Ramona) and I'm running to be the marketing officer for MONSU. Your university experience shouldn't end when class finishes. GO! wants to bring you more events that are bigger, better, safer and more inclusive to make the most of your university experience.

With your vote and support, we will do the following for marketing:

- Update the MONSU website regularly
 - Add Clubs and Events section
- Assist clubs in advertising and promotions
- Reach out to more social media platforms (Whatsapp, Wechat etc.)
- Continue to publish Esperanto with the latest happenings and events on campus
 - Make the Esperanto blog be up to date
- Revive and improve MONSU rewards card
- Weekly newsletters via email
- Sell MONSU merchandise
 - Hoodies, sweaters, caps etc.
- Advertise internship and job opportunities all over campus and online
- Have promotional and informational materials in multiple languages

I'm excited to bring my experience in clubs to MONSU, to restore our campus and events to their former glory! We will work to be a student union you can rely on and give you the experience you all deserve. Go vote #1 for GO!

Education Officer

Omar Alkanter (Students for Change)

Students For Change will fight to protect and improve the quality of education at Monash. We believe that students have a right to be able to study and to feel supported. Cuts to faculty budgets, a heavily casualised staff workforce, and the loss of classes to Clayton all threaten this. This team will stand up against this, while continuing to provide and improve crucial support services like Exam Help Desk and Breakfast Club.

- Fight faculty budget cuts
- Cheaper books
- Cheaper printing
- Better support for staff
- Protect degree options
- More study spaces
- Smaller class sizes
- Expand class times
- Keep classes at Caulfield
- Placement opportunities
- Support on placement
- Exam Help Desk at all venues and times
- Better access to English Connect
- Guides for studying
- Keep MONSU Free



Yi Jia Hao (Go!)

Yi Jia Hao here, and I will fight for improved rights for Caulfield students! I am currently undertaking my Bachelor's degree in Education, so I know exactly what students want and need, and how to achieve it.

Here are my policies on Education for MONSU:

- 24/7 Caulfield Library – the Education council will lobby the university to make this happen!
- Better internet coverage
- Collaborate with Faculty based clubs for professional events
- Textbook Exchange program
- Mid-Semester (MST) and Final Exam support
 - Loan calculator & stationery
 - Study snacks and water
- Continue to represent students @ APC hearings
- Monitor & publicise faculty changes for students
- Continue current Education efforts
 - Student Survival Week
 - Stress Less Week (with puppies and petting zoo!)
 - Student Survival Guide
- End of Semester MONSU survey – so your voices are heard, and we can make the relevant changes to your studying

The Student Education experience is extremely important and the GO! team will continue to advocate for better support and services. Go vote for Education, vote for GO!

Welfare Officer

Hexin Dai (Go!)

Hi, I'm Hexin Dai and I will be running as your Welfare Officer for MONSU. Student welfare is a serious issue which I take very seriously. Through my extensive experiences through volunteering, I understand the support systems that need to be in place for effective student welfare.

Here are my proposed Welfare policies:

- 24/7 Caulfield library – the Welfare council will work closely with the Education council to make this happen!
- Improve mental health awareness and services on campus
 - Increase the number of qualified counsellors in Caulfield
 - Bring awareness to stigma around men's mental health
 - Better support for international student's mental wellbeing
- Better services and support for all Disabled students
- Conduct fundraising events for charities and get students to volunteer
- Expand the MONSU pantry
- More frequent Breakfast Clubs
- More dietary options during Midweek Meet
- Work with Coles and 7/11 to donate food surplus to students
- Healthy lifestyle workshops with MonashSport
 - Regular Yoga and Zumba
 - Healthy diet program
- New events:
 - Cooking classes for students
 - Brunch with MONSU
- Assist students with temporary accommodation and/or financial loan

With me as your Welfare Officer, your basic needs are taken care of. Now GO vote, Vote for GO!

Nils Bellarts (Students for Change)

Students for Change want to make sure that the Welfare of all students is protected and improved, and I would be proud to serve this office to ensure MONSU is able to continue to do so free of charge.

We want students to have access to life saving services such as pill testing, as well as proper education on safe partying and self care. In addition to this, academic welfare is a chief concern for us, so we will advocate for better learning and teaching conditions as well as Exam Help Desk at all exam venues.

In addition to

- Consult with cultural clubs for specific welfare opportunities
- Grow the current Exam Help Desk program to all campuses



- Continue Mental Health training for Mandarin students and across more languages
- Ensure findings of Change The Course are implemented
- Introduce harm reduction policy
- Provide free pill testing service
- Offer Financial Counselling and welfare services such as laundry supplies
- Discounts for international students with Student Government services

Women's Officer

Isabella O'Leary (Students for Change)

The position of Women's officer offers a unique responsibility to empower and represent other women, while working to create a sense of community, communication, and connection. I would be proud to continue this role, and believe Students For Change has the commitment to support this office to be necessarily effective. As an active and intersectional feminist I would proudly stand as an advocate for all women, and ensure that meaningful work is accomplished throughout 2020.

- Weekly catch ups
- Ensure safety at on and off campus events
- Ensure Change The Course report is properly implemented
- Free cups and other menstrual hygiene products
- Organise groups for attending protests
- Women's committee
- Education on healthy relationships
- Guide to support services
- Keep MONSU Free



Yixuan Xin (Go!)

Hi, I'm Yixuan Xin and I'm passionate to be running for Women's representative for MONSU. I want to be a voice for all the female-identifying students on campus and am determined to further develop my skills to provide positive experiences for as many women within Monash's Caulfield Campus as possible.

With your support, we will be working to provide you the following for females:

- Female leadership & empowerment programs
- FREE necessities (pads, tampons etc.)
- Advocate for workshops on 'Violence against Women'
- FREE self-defence classes in collaboration with MonashSport
- Safety and healthy wellbeing seminars
- Eliminate gender bias and discrimination issues
- Work with Queer Officers on Safe & Sexy Week

Women deserve to feel safe and enjoy their university experience, and MONSU should be there to provide that support and security. I will involve myself as much as required to ensure the whole university experience is a positive and successful one for all female students.

Remember to go vote for us, vote for GO!

Student Council - General Representative

Daoyuan Zhang, Yuyin Xu & Charles Lim (Go!)

Hi, we are the General Representatives running for MONSU. We are Jeffery Zhang, Charles Lim and Yuyin Xu. Our aim is to have a MONSU for all students. We want to create a diverse, multicultural council that is reflective of the student cohort in Caulfield.

Your support and vote will ensure our utmost dedication to bringing you the following next year:

- 24/7 - Library and MONSU lounge
- Internships and job opportunities for international students
- Yearly clubs grant (up to \$2000 per club)
- Improved mental and physical wellbeing support
- Student engagement programs
 - Culture Carnival
 - Weekly sporting events (eg. Cricket, Basketball, Soccer)
 - LGBTIQ+ advocacy and support
- Revive and improve MONSU Rewards
- FREE FOOD
 - More diverse offerings
 - More frequent Breakfast Clubs
 - Free Bubble Tea, Coffee and Chai
 - Cooking classes for students
 - Brunch with MONSU
- New events:
 - Weekly Esports tournaments (FIFA, LOL, DOTA, CS:GO, etc.)
 - Weekly board game and movie nights
 - MONSU Ball
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You have enough to worry about; sorting out accommodation, finding part-time jobs, assimilating to different cultures, making new friends, and to top it all off, assignments, and tests. With your #1 vote for GO! we will be there to support you all the way.

Our experienced, diverse and hard-working team, from different clubs and programs can guarantee that 2020 will be a year for everyone to celebrate.

Kyle Howden & Chloe Gordon (Students for Change)



As General Representatives, Kyle Howden and Chloe Gordon would be proud to represent Students For Change in all their values. We want the focus of this student union to be with the students, and that their voices are heard and valued.

MONSU offers a unique opportunity to provide a sense of community and purpose to students, which we would be excited to assist in.

Students For Change will ensure that free food and support services continue and expand, while being active in lobbying for meaningful changes and protections be put in place for all students.

Kyle comes from a background of being involved in trade work as well as live performance, and would be excited to use these connections to ensure that students wanting to get involved, and clubs needing a bit more excitement, are able to be properly connected and are able to run smoothly.

Chloe has a wealth of experience from participating in clubs and MONSU and offers a strong work ethic and kind heart to ensure relationships between MONSU and students are nurturing and positive.

Together, we look forward to standing as Students For Change and providing the following:

- Free textbooks
- Cheaper university
- Printing discounts
- More money to clubs
- Live music opportunities and training
- More charity events
- More funding to design and art showcases
- Protect course options
- More and diverse Free Food Opportunities
- Vegan food options at all events
- Catch ups to discuss student issues

Postgraduate Representative

Manas Bhaskar (Students for Change)

As the Post Graduate Officer on Students For Change, I believe I can ensure that MONSU can cater to the needs of postgraduate students on this campus, and ensure that Undergraduate students feel prepared to make the leap into post graduate degrees.

I want to better develop relationships between undergraduate and postgraduate students, which I will achieve by continuing the strong relationship between MONSU and MPA.

As an International Student, I understand the struggle of being new to a culture, and as such would work to ensure that we can offer opportunities to make the most of Australia and find community by organising outings to the Football, BBQ's, and competitions.

If elected on Students For Change, I'd be proud to help provide the following:

- Post Graduate Transitional programs
- Post Grad Committee
- Bollywood Night
- K-Pop Night
- More collaborations with MPA
- Protect funding
- Keep MONSU Free



Junda Guo (Go!)

Hi fellow Monash survivors, I'm Junda Guo but you can call me Jack, running to be your Postgraduate Representative for MONSU 2020.

With your vote and support throughout the annual cycle, we can check off the items on our bucket list together:

- Improve relationship between MONSU and MPA
- Increase Postgrad student involvement in events
- Internships and Jobs advise
- Mature students (25 & above)
- Lobby for Graduate Student Myki Pass
- More FREE Food!

As the Postgraduate Representative candidate for GO!, I look forward to being the voice of all postgrad students on campus. Go vote, vote for GO!

Queer Officer 1

Daniel Stonehouse

I am running for Queer Officer as I want to protect and expand this portfolio to represent a greater number and the diverse nature of Caulfield's Queer community. Having a first hand experience with clashing against Queerphobia throughout my life, I have developed a powerful sense of justice and appreciation for community.

I want to expand the number and consistency of queer social opportunities while ensuring that non-queer students are able to respectfully engage and come to understand and appreciate our communities.

As a passionate advocate for my community, I will be the powerful voice needed to make sure the needs of all students are met and that queer voices are heard, respected, and applied in all processes throughout Monash.

As Queer officer, I look forward to offering the following

- Weekly catchups
- Sober areas at events
- Harm reduction policy
- Free pill testing services
- Compulsory queer 101 training
- Cross uni queer networking events
- Career opportunities
- Participation in protests
- Attending and celebrating queer culture events

Clubs Officer (Elected unopposed)

Yan Yan Hou (Go!)

Hi I'm Alex Hou, and I'm running to be your Clubs Officer for MONSU. University isn't just studies and academic achievements - it's an experience. It's about the environment you study in, the people you surround yourself with and the connections you form. Clubs and societies are integral in enriching your university life and we'd like to give clubs the appropriate support they deserve.

We plan to do:

- Yearly clubs grant (up to \$2000 per club)
- Events grants scheme – reimbursements for members' attendance
- Establish clubs board – 1 representative per club on the board
- Collaborate with clubs to host events
- Change O-Week to coincide with Week 0
- Revive MONSU Rewards card – discounts to clubs' membership
- Faster reimbursement for clubs' expenses
- List all clubs and their events on the MONSU website
- Continue to provide RSA and Food Safety Handling courses to clubs committee
- Printing discounts to clubs
- Assisting clubs in obtaining sponsorship
- Better & frequent clubs committee training

With GO! we guarantee that you and your clubs are supported. We are here to help make all clubs' have the resources necessary, so they can focus on bringing you bigger and better events and activities. Go vote for GO!

Queer Officer 2 (Elected unopposed)

Malachi Van Souphan

My name is Malachi Van Souphan and I am running to be Queer Officer for 2020. I have been in office for two consecutive years and in my time at MONSU, I have pioneered and supported several important changes for the Queer Community at Caulfield, such as Queer 101 training for council and committee, the removal of the titles “male” and “female” from the Queer Officer roles, the independence of Queer elections, and greater inclusivity at university parties.

In 2020, I intend on continuing the work of Queer Officers from the previous years. Despite the changes that have already been made, there is still quite a way to go to ensure that the students of Caulfield, no matter their identity, can have the best experience they can during their time at Monash.

