

Hello, my name is Anton. I am running for the academic representative position because I believe in a healthy relationship between students, their studies, and their professors as well as a motivating environment. That is precisely why I aim to bridge the gap between students and the academic staff through coffee mornings. During such events students will be able to talk to several professors at once in a comfortable atmosphere and will be able to discuss aspects of the course as well as potentially getting to know the academic staff and their experience related to civil engineering.

I strongly believe in good organisation as well as timely action. This is why I, as an academic representative, promise to deliver a centralised feedback system that will operate at the students' convenience. As part of this action, I am planning to send out surveys regarding academic concerns and advice prior to liaison meetings. Furthermore, I will be available for my peers' outreach for more running problems throughout the year. As part of being the academic representative last year I helped reschedule office hours for the Energy & Environmental Engineering module in a weekly timeframe which demonstrates my commitment to delivering on promises in a timely fashion.

I would like to say a few words about courseworks and deadlines. As you are aware, this year is much more coursework-heavy. Having to deal with a great amount of pressure from academic deadlines and inconceivable volumes of coursework is what I strive to fight against as the academic year representative. I value my time and also the time of my peers, and so if the situation calls for it I will do my best to deliver an extension on a deadline for the entire cohort.

Last year our cohort experienced inconsistency in regards to receiving feedback on technical reports. Upon receipt however, some of us felt the grades were not representative of the effort they put in. I have contacted the professors in charge and made sure none of us were omitted. And even though the feedback from GTA's was regarded as obsolete, we made our case and I delivered the cohort's frustration and we managed to receive the grades promptly after. I share this example and ask once again for you all to believe in me to have our interests at heart and represent you all during this academic year. And I promise your choice will make a real difference!