

ELECTION OF ONE ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER (LEVEL A, B, C, D or E) FROM THE PATHWAYS AND ACADEMIC LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE
TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE FOR TERM 1 JANUARY 2027 TO 31 DECEMBER 2028
(2 NOMINATIONS RECEIVED)

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



JOYLEEN CHRISTENSEN

I have been active in number of governance roles over the last 20+ years and would use my experience serving on a variety University and external boards and committees to be an informed and responsible representative. I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve as a member of the Academic Senate and am keen to contribute to discussions about academic-related matters that will have an impact on our staff and students. In particular, I will be a fierce advocate for those who do not work or study at the Callaghan campus.

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PAUL CHOJENTA

I have been working at the University of Newcastle since 2006, as a teacher, then academic, in Pathways and Academic Learning Support. During that time, I have been the convenor of a variety of programs including; Newstep, NUPrep and Open Foundation. I currently convenor of both NUPrep and Open Foundation (Callaghan). I am a long-time ex-officio member of the PALS Teaching & Learning Committee and the PALS Board. In all of these roles, our 'enabling philosophy' guides my contributions and decision-making.

I am committed to providing leadership, oversight and quality assurance to our Enabling Programs, and highly engaged with university governance. The learning, well-being and experience of students is my highest priority, along with support for university staff. I am confident that with my experience and focus I can be a valuable member of Academic Senate and represent the goals and interests of PALS.

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