STUDENT SENATOR CANDIDATES
Faculty of Design

Nadia Zakhilwal
Graphic Design, 2nd Year
Nadia is a kind, organized and attentive graphic design student. She is always known to be interested and supportive of the affairs/problems of others. Nadia is friendly and well connected in the school, and is open to the idea of finding out the concerns of the student body and voicing them. She is a good listener and will be a great voice for the student body on the senate.

Akash Inbakumar
Material Art & Design, 3rd Year
Akash Inbakumar is a 3rd year queer student of colour that is interested in the decolonization and equity of curriculum across faculties. He has held and facilitated a MAAD Town Hall Meeting where students noted down their concerns and hopes for both the program and school. Coming from MAAD he believes that he can bring a unique perspective as not only a student of a small program, but being part of both the Faculty of Art and the Faculty of Design. He also sees his program as a hybrid as implied by the name; he works in a space that is occupied by designers and artists. The scope of the academic plan in terms of decolonization, equity and sustainability is an important one and OCADU needs to do a lot of work in this area. It is an opportunity to set precedent for other universities and to foster an environment that will allow for real change to happen. There also needs to be a stronger focus on the needs of students, such as obligations outside of school, and health and wellness. Finally, the desegregation of artists and designers because OCADU has built a system that lacks real community across disciplines. OCADU can be a space that truly fosters community between students and faculty, where health and wellness is important and decolonization is an ongoing goal and priority across Faculties, curriculum, and governing bodies. This is possible if we work together and the Senate is an opportunity to do this.