

Hello, my name is Gilbert Imoesi. I am a fourth-year International Honours student double-majoring in political science and economics. I am seeking election as a student representative on UVic's Board of Governors.

Since my first year at UVic, I have worked to strengthen student community and advocacy, especially for BIPOC and international students. I have organized events, supported peers through coursework and career conversations, and tried to ensure that students do not feel alone in their UVic journey. Where I have seen gaps in student representation, I have focused on practical solutions, not just spoken up, but actively followed through.

I co-founded UVic Real Estate after seeing how difficult it was for students to find housing near campus. Our advocacy contributed to the approval of over 4,500 housing units within Victoria, with one council member publicly crediting our efforts. When provincial housing policy shifted and barriers were lowered, I pivoted to other student priorities, including building community and creating spaces for serious, non-partisan dialogue on political economy and public policy.

I am the UVic ambassador for the Canadian Defence Association Institute, and the Convener of The African Nexus, a student organization aimed at strengthening dialogue for international students. I have represented UVic across Canada and in New York. I was also an inaugural winner of the Black Student Leadership Award.

Professionally, I have worked with senior leadership at CFB Esquimalt in roles involving budgets, compliance, and policy implementations, with exposure to large-scale financial systems.

I am running to bring informed, practical, and student-centred representation to the Board, grounded in the experiences and concerns of students I have worked alongside and continue to work with.

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Election Platform

To center the interests of students in all ramifications. Enough with the talking, I get things done, let's get things done.