

My name is Tam, a third-year Political Science student who grew up on Vancouver Island and calls this community home. I am nominating myself because we, the students, have real power and a right to shape the university that shapes our lives. I also believe that challenging the systems we live in is a democratic right and one of the best ways to improve them for everyone. For more than 8 years, I have worked with international NGOs in sensitive sectors, supporting youth, women, and vulnerable groups. That work taught me how to listen carefully, protect trust, and turn community needs into action.

I live with ADHD and am an active mental-health advocate, which makes me especially committed to accessibility and strong student supports. I want to represent queer students, students of colour, students with disabilities, international students, and anyone who wants stronger campus life, including sports and student services. Representation matters not as a slogan, but in practice: decisions must reflect how they affect real students, not just policies on paper.

I will serve you and focus on three clear actions: increase transparency; create accessible feedback channels; and drive fair, evidence-based decisions on academics, tuition, mental-health services, and campus supports.

I work respectfully with administrators, faculty, and students. I ask difficult questions, follow through on commitments, and translate processes into plain language so students can engage. I take governance seriously and bring lived experience, policy skills, and a firm commitment to justice and real change that reflects our voices as students.

Stronger together. Thank you!