

**Bio: Chekwube Anyaegbunam**

Chekwube Anyaegbunam is a PhD student of English (with a concentration in Cultural, Social and Political Thought) running for a seat on the UVic Board of Governors. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Literary Studies at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka and, subsequently, a Master of Arts degree in Anglophone Literatures, Cultures and Media at the Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany. Her research straddles the fields of memory, trauma, and identity studies, especially through a postcolonial lens. As a published writer, a thorough scholar, a teacher, and an advocate of fairness, Chekwube has volunteered in different academic and community environments to help foster the representation of the usually under/misrepresented, support struggling students, or promote healthy reforms.

**Election Platform**

The Board of Governors, as the University of Victoria's topmost decision-making body, plays a critical role in a vision of UVic as an academic hub of powerful international-cum-intercultural relations, rather than where the presence of minority groups is only a mere systemic publicity stunt, and I want to be a part of that effort. Having led many student bodies in different capacities, including as a vice president of the English department and as a general secretary of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, I have been actively involved in policy-making decisions affecting thousands of students. Travelling through many countries and interacting/working with people of different backgrounds and identities have also imbued me with significant cultural, social, and political awareness which I hope to leverage to encourage a respectful, progressive, and all-inclusive UVic community. As a student governor, I will work to ensure:

- More access to university dorms/hostels
- provision of adequate need-based financial aid
- fair regulation of international students' tuition/fees