

Bio: Chekwube Anyaegbunam

Chekwube Anyaegbunam is a third-year PhD student of English minoring in Cultural, Social, and Political Thought. She's currently running for a seat on the UVic Board of Governors and the Senate. Chekwube 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 postcolonial lenses. As a writer, scholar, teacher, and an advocate of fairness, Chekwube has volunteered in different academic and community environments to help foster the representation of the under/misrepresented, support struggling students, and/or promote healthy reforms.

Election Platform

As the topmost decision-making bodies of the university, the Board of Governors and the Senate at UVic need effective and experienced student representation, and I have a proven record of active involvement in policy-making decisions that positively affected thousands of students, having led many student bodies in different capacities. What's more, I am currently on the UVic Board and the Senate, effectively advocating for students. My academic career so far has also imbued me with vital cultural, social, and political awareness that travelling through many countries and interacting with people of different backgrounds and identities engendered. Whether or not I am elected, I hope to leverage these experiences to encourage a respectful, progressive, and all-inclusive UVic community as an academic hub of powerful international-cum-intercultural relations. As a student governor, I will work on the following priorities:

- provision of adequate need-based financial aid
- easier access to university dorms/hostels
- fair regulation of international students' tuition/fees
- grassroots recognition of groups within the university to ensure proper representation and increase a sense of belonging
- Annual Cultural/International/Diversity Events

Come February 14, **kindly vote Chekwube Anyaegbunam!**