

Biographical Sketch:

Moronke Harris is a 3rd-year PhD Student in the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences (SEOS). Throughout her time at UVic, she has been passionate about the collegial processes of university governance and navigating said processes to improve student academic experiences.

As a 2-term elected SEOS Graduate Representative (2021-23), she has spent time working to build relationships at the faculty level, deepening her understanding of how budgets, policies, and processes impact the lives of students and staff and ensuring students have allies on our side when it matters most. This has led to actionable change concerning SEOS funding transparency and opened conversations for funding increases. Her dedicated contributions to SEOS are bolstered by broader involvement within the university community and beyond as a member of: I. UVic Graduate Student Society Student Affairs and Bylaw & Policy Committees; II. External advisory committees and strategic planning councils.

Election Platform:

My key leadership experience, pre-existing relationships within university governance and strong background in intergovernmental policy well position me to be an active, advocative Governor on behalf of all students. **My commitment to you is a student-centred future direction of UVic:**

1. Reducing student financial burden by pushing for increased work-study opportunities and freezing/lowering of tuition fees, and working to ensure tuition increases are reasonable, justifiable, and transparent. If students pay more, data must be available to ensure their money is accounted for.
2. Ensuring student needs and concerns are at the forefront of UVic's strategic direction and upholding a particular emphasis towards ensuring students in equity-deserving groups can shape the future direction of our institution. This includes a focus towards flexible future-focused programming, enhancing experiential learning and leadership opportunities, and propelling UVic as a leader in EDIA amongst Canadian institutions.

Beyond the above, I would love to hear your preferences for improving UVic (moronke@uvic.ca).