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I am currently a first year Law student, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies. Since beginning my studies at the University of Victoria this year, I have been a member of the Canadian Association for Refugee Lawyers UVic Chapter, and have volunteered on various projects, such as conducting research for the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers Advocacy Committee, contributing research to the Environmental Law Club's Plastic project, and editing the Faculty of Law's Appeal Journal. Throughout the year I have also been an active volunteer with Pro Bono Students Canada, where I have worked on a project that seeks to assist and advocate for those who are marginalized and disadvantaged in our community in helping them obtain an Identification Card.

I believe that the diverse opinions of the student body are essential to the betterment of the University as a whole. In my experience, I find that as students, we often do not know where or how to voice our concerns in a way that may contribute to tangible change. Therefore, as a member of the Senate, a main goal of mine would be to ensure that the concerns and areas of importance for students are heard at this higher level of decision making. More specifically, I am very committed to the university having a just process for addressing student appeals, as well as ensuring equality in the distribution of financial awards.

I would appreciate the opportunity to serve on the University's Senate, as I am eager to learn more about university governance. If elected, I would seek to work collaboratively with other members of the senate to improve the university's policies and procedures and ensure that students at the University of Victoria receive the best education experience they can have while attending university.