

#### Biographical sketch:

My name is Benjamin Gijzen and I am running for a Senate seat. I was born in Victoria, but I have lived across North America. I have served on multiple student councils throughout multiple middle and high schools. I advocate for more student rights to have a meaningful say in their own school, a place where they are spending thousands of dollars in tuition to attend. I am an undergraduate economics student in my second year. I am a level-headed person who always wants to hear all sides of an argument before concluding myself. I have always enjoyed representing students and is something I truly enjoy doing.

#### Election platform:

Students have very little or no say at all in how the course or program they are in is run, managed, and graded. There is also little recourse if you believe that you have been wrongfully graded and it is a long, tiring process to have a final grade reviewed. If elected, I will work to improve the grade review system and find ways in which students can better contribute to their course or program. I also intend to ensure that student money from tuition is spent on facilities and programs that provide to the undergraduate student body and that promote a better learning environment. A vote for me, ensures that your time and money at Uvic is well spent!