

I am a fourth year Political Science student. I am running for UVic senate because I am passionate about student advocacy. I am currently serving as the Director of Outreach and University Relations at the UVSS. This has been a huge privilege and it's also taught me a lot. I am currently sitting on 4 senate committees and about twenty other university committees. This experience has taught me how to effectively advocate for students. I am also working to promote the use of open-source textbooks in UVic classrooms in order to reduce financial barriers for students. We are expected to spend hundreds of dollars a year on textbooks when many free, open-source alternatives are already available and many of us are forced to choose between groceries and textbooks. I want to continue this advocacy as a student senator.

If elected, I plan on doing three things

1. Advocating for the use of open-source textbooks in UVic courses
2. Sitting on senate appeals committees so that I can advocate on behalf of students
3. Showing up to meetings—in the past, many student senators have not been dedicated to their roles. It is vital that our student senators fulfill their duties in order for students to be properly represented.

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