

I am in my third year of software engineering with a strong leadership and speaking background. It seems to me that a large portion of the student body barely knows of the Senate's existence. Worse, an even smaller number of people know exactly what the Senate does and why they are making certain decisions. The majority of my platform revolves around changing this by ushering in a new era of student participation. To begin with, I would like to improve campus culture in such a way that allows for more communication between upper and lower years as well as more interaction from faculty to faculty. I was sold on UVic because of the community that was apparently a big proponent of the student experience; however, I was quickly disillusioned to discover a lack of real community building on campus. I aim to change this. I believe that a big reason for this disconnect is the multitude of communication problems between administration and students, which leads me to point number two: I would like to improve the communication channel between administration and students with the goal of helping students become more aware of not only the politics on campus but also what is happening within the university community. Following this point is the idea of transparency: I would like to communicate with the student population decisions that are being made that directly affect their experience, as well as provide the rationale and motivation behind each of these decisions. My goal with this last platform point is to develop systems in which students are directly involved in the decision making process while being made aware of why and what policy changes are decided on their behalf.