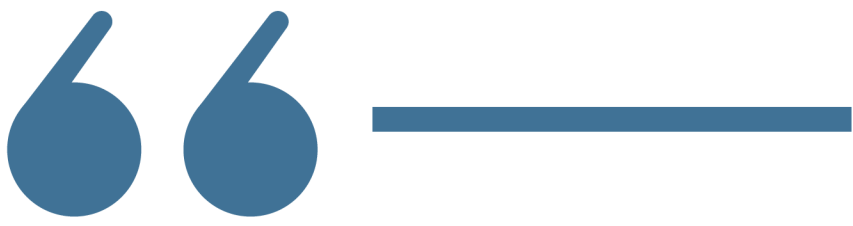


Saadia Awais

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Director-at-Large Candidate





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Hi, I'm Saadia, and I'm running for Director-at-Large because I'm passionate about advocacy, student representation, and building a stronger campus community. Over the years, I've been deeply involved in student life, whether through leading clubs, supporting events, or working with different student groups. With a background in event planning and community engagement, I've seen firsthand how meaningful involvement fosters a more connected and vibrant student body.

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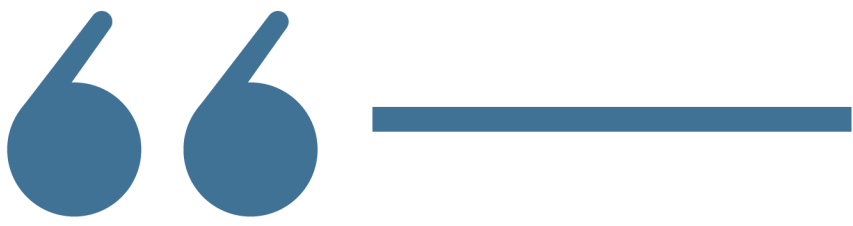
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But this position isn't just about events, it's about advocacy. I have previous experience in student government from high school, and as a Philosophy, Politics, and Economics student and an aspiring immigration lawyer, I bring critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are essential for ensuring students' voices are heard. I believe the SUO should remain an accessible and proactive force for student rights whether that means pushing for better resources, amplifying the concerns of marginalized communities, or increasing transparency. I am well-connected across campus, approachable, and ready to listen to student concerns and take action.

Beyond leadership, I've held executive roles across campus, serving as President of the Japanese Culture Club, and other executive roles with Pakistan Student Association, Women's Resource Centre, and Parindey Dance Club. I've also volunteered with SUO and supported student events through my henna business. Through these experiences, I have built strong relationships with both new and long-standing student groups, further strengthening my ability to represent diverse student voices.

If elected, I will work to enhance student engagement, advocate for fair policies, and create spaces where every student feels heard and supported. Your voice matters. So let's work together to make a real impact!

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Provide Transparency with Accessible Information

- Create an alternative platform for student communication beyond Instagram and SUO emails to make critical information accessible to everyone. Many important decisions are made without students being properly informed, so I will ensure that all students, regardless of social media presence, stay informed and engaged. This includes clear communication about how SUO operates, such as AGM procedures, executive meetings, and financial transparency, making budget allocations and spending more accessible to students.

Support Student Advocacy & Improve Club Operations

- Support the establishment of a Club Oversight Committee to bridge the gap between clubs and SUO, ensuring that clubs' needs are both heard and met efficiently. This committee will serve as a two-way channel for better communication, ensuring that club executives receive clear, timely information about policies, reimbursements, and funding, while also giving clubs the opportunity to voice their concerns and needs.
- Improve funding allocation so clubs receive the support they need, and push for free events by clubs on campus. We already pay SUO, why pay more for events part of SUO?

Expand Study Spaces and Enhance Academic Resources

- Seek to implement keeping commons open 24/7 to accommodate different study schedules.
- Aim for free or rental textbook options through the UBC bookstore to reduce financial strain on students. UBC should buy the textbooks, so we don't have to, and we can just borrow them over the years.
- Advocate for additional collegium spaces , especially for commuter students , giving them a comfortable place to study, rest, and socialize.
- Work to provide more charging stations in classrooms and study spaces.

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