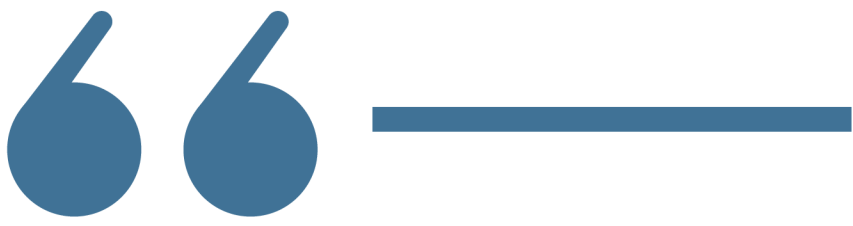


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Fate is often described as inevitable, an unseen force shaping our lives beyond our control. Growing up in a superstitious household, I was taught that some things were meant to be—that no matter how hard we try, certain aspects of our future are predetermined. This belief made me complacent. If fate was in control, why put in the effort? Naturally, nothing worked in my favor.

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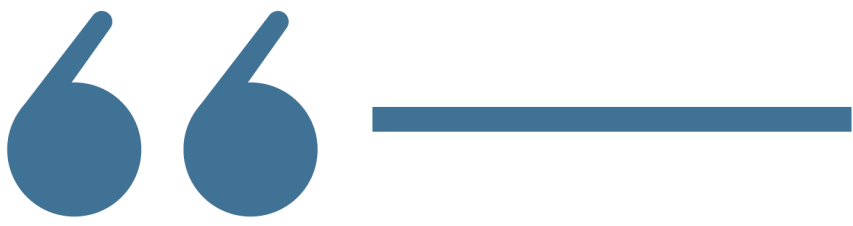
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As I grew older, I questioned this notion. What's the point of having dreams if fate is unavoidable? Learning about individuals who overcame adversity—like NBA All-Star Jimmy Butler, who was abandoned by his parents, or Elon Musk, who built his success through relentless perseverance—I realized that fate is often an excuse for failure. Hard work and determination shape our futures, not pre-written destinies.

This mindset shift transformed me. Once a struggling C-grade student, I pushed myself to become academically and socially adept. Now, I want to apply this same drive to serve as your VP Internal—to break down bureaucratic barriers, make policies more student-friendly, and ensure every voice at UBCO is heard. The SUO should work for students, not against them, and I'm here to make that happen.

Vote Arjun Berry for VP Internal—because real change comes from effort, not fate.

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Platform points

Enhancing Transparency and Communication

- Simplify SUO Policies: Develop concise, student-friendly summaries of bylaws and policies to make governance more accessible.
- Regular Updates: Implement consistent communication channels to inform students about policy changes, events, and available services.

Improving Support for Student Associations and Clubs

- Resource Allocation: Advocate for equitable distribution of funds and resources to support both new and existing student groups.
- Clear Guidelines: Provide straightforward information on club ratification processes, ensuring students understand requirements and procedures.

Strengthening Feedback Mechanisms

- Anonymous Feedback Channels: Establish platforms for students to voice concerns or suggestions without fear of reprisal.
- Responsive Action Plans: Ensure feedback is acknowledged promptly, with transparent plans detailing how issues will be addressed.

Promoting Awareness of Existing Services

- Service Awareness Campaigns: Launch initiatives to educate students about available resources, such as free mental health counseling and health & dental coverage.

Enhancing Campus Spaces

- Dedicated Club Spaces: Advocate for more areas where student groups can meet, plan, and host events, fostering a sense of community.