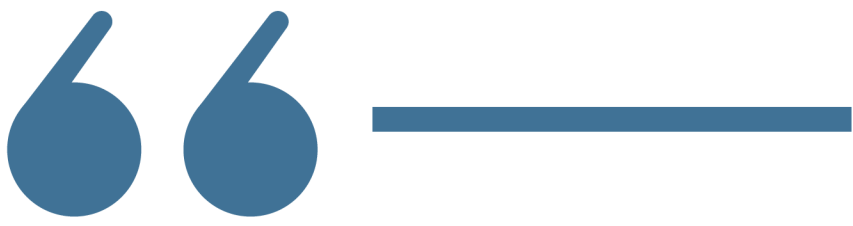


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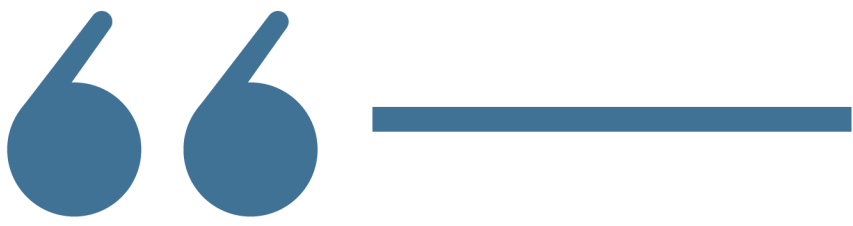
Dear Students, My name is Olivia Lai, and I am running to be your VP External for the 2025–2026 year. I’m here because I care deeply about you, our campus, and the challenges we face together. My goal is simple: to fight for you, stand beside you, and bring real change.

We deserve better. As a current Faculty Representative for Arts & Social Sciences, I’ve listened to your struggles—searching for study spaces, waiting endlessly for unreliable buses, and stretching every dollar to afford food and rising tuition. As a commuter from Academy Way, I share your frustration with limited transit options. I understand the struggle, and I want to fix it. I’ll fight to create more study spaces across campus through the SUO Building Referendum. I’ll push for improved 84-bus schedules with longer weekday hours and weekend services. Food insecurity shouldn’t exist here. I’ll strengthen the Pantry Food Bank and innovate Smart Meals with affordable \$5 options every week, partnering with local favorites like Koi Sushi, J’s Café, and Fusion, while keeping free breakfast Wednesdays. We also need to stand together and rise up against unfair tuition increases. With the BC Federation of Students (BCFS), we can amplify our voices and demand change through the Rise Up Campaign.

Why me? I know how to advocate. With experience on the SUO Board and Finance Committee, I’ve helped budget for programs that matter—advocacy, food security, and the upcoming \$50,000 Transit Bursary. I’ve worked with alongside the current VP External to grow Smart Meals and combat food insecurity. We can make a difference, but I can’t do it without you. Join me. Together, we’ll build a stronger, more compassionate campus.

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Platform points

- Support current Study Spaces initiatives - Support the Vote Yes SUO Building Referendum
- Improved Transit Access - Advocate better transit times with the 84-bus route for weekdays and weekends
- Expanded Food Security Programs to combat food insecurity - Innovate Smart Meals 2.0 bringing back the weekly \$5 meal program while maintaining the FREE Wednesday Breakfasts
- Fighting Tuition Increases - Support BCFS through the Rise Up Campaign, together we can voice our and Rise Up against unjust tuition increases

