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**SUO GENERAL
ELECTION 2023**

**Vice-President Finance & Administration
Candidate**





Do you know about the SUO's annual operating budget or are familiar with your contribution towards our annually hosted events, student-led clubs, and other activities? Are you wanting to provide us with suggestions/feedback but hesitate due to a lack of platform/privacy?

As a student, I wasn't aware of this crucial, existing-in-plain-sight information and realized many more aren't either. I, Aashish Chilwal, believe in bringing additional awareness about SUO and its financial facet. Increased awareness will simultaneously increase enthusiasm and support for our events, make room for self-mobilization and action, and notably boost feelings of belonging and contentment among students.

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As an engineering student, engineering - beyond technical expertise - is more about having a mindset that better understands a problem/challenge and analytically/critically thinks to provide feasible solutions. I exercise analytical thinking and problem-solving skills daily by working on a challenging Data-Analyst coop and solving engineering course-related problems. These skills separate me from the rest and ensure I overcome any challenge.

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Being a passive student in the past and enrolling in University for just attending classes, I have transformed. Numerous out-of-comfort-zone scenarios have helped me grow, become more self-reflective/aware, and practice empathy. I have also developed an urge to serve my community and contribute to building an environment where anyone can learn essential financial skills, engage in meaningful activities, and grow individually. Passion for service, hunger for improvement, willingness to learn, problem-solving and critical thinking are some traits that will foster my success!

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Platform points and sub-points

Develop, expand, and effectively sustain students' financial literacy

- Unite financial institutions and on-campus resources to create engaging ways to develop and preach financial literacy.
- Spread information and knowledge on fundamental financial aspects: personal financial management, budgeting, and investing.

Increase student-organization transparency and student participation/engagement in processes.

- Introduce financial town halls and other events to bring awareness to students on expenditures, budget allocation, types of funds.
- Increase transparency and accountability about our funds and its use on activities, future ideas and events.

Ensuring proper consideration is given to your voice and opinions!

- Developing a platform that provides an opportunity for anonymous student feedback/suggestion
- Creating a process that follows up with every feedback/suggestion/question to promote engagement, and satisfaction

Uniting all course unions and student clubs across campus

- Hosting regular meetings/gatherings to brainstorm several ideas/collaborations, address solutions to potential issues, or evaluate our performance
- Develop and deploy methods to make internal unions-clubs-suo communication faster, more efficient, and more meaningful

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