

MARY BATES

**SUO GENERAL
ELECTION 2026**

Vice-President Internal Candidate





Hi, I'm Mary. I'm someone who works hard, shows up, and gets things done. In high school I worked with my school board and the Government of Ontario to deliver free menstrual products to all 35 schools in the board, which grew into a menstrual equity organization with 15 chapters, conferences, and sponsors. After that I joined our university's Formula SAE motorsports team, became Management Director, and helped raise \$90,000 to build our first electric vehicle, which meant a lot of early mornings and long Saturdays. Most recently, I interned at the largest hostel company in Asia and have also completed four business internships. I care about the work I take on and the people it impacts.

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I am running on improving communication between the SUO, students, and clubs, listening to student concerns, and finding better ways to support club funding, but more importantly I will follow through.

- I will share clear updates on SUO policies and decisions and create real opportunities for discussion rather than pushing people toward a "correct" answer.
- I will attend as many club events as possible to hear directly from students about what is working and what needs to change.
- I will create a direct communication channel with leaders of student associations, course unions, and clubs so issues can be raised quickly and not lost in email (slack or telegram).
- I will hold open office hours where anyone can come talk through concerns and get the support they need.

I will build a shared list of local partnerships and discounts that all clubs can access so their funding can go further. I am running because I want to be the support for student leaders that I did not always have, especially when I was a club director, and to make the SUO more responsive, practical, and helpful for everyone