

## Platform for SGA President

Hello my name is Priscilla Suh and I am so excited to be running for SGA president! With my candidacy, my goal is to create a campus that is inviting, welcoming, transparent, and always open to growth. From my time as a student and as an active member of Centre's campus, I hope to improve our institution so that it can continue to prosper after we graduate and for many years to come.

Being on SGA for the past two years has helped me cultivate a passion for creating an environment where students feel they have an integral role in shaping their institution into what they aspire. It has given me the opportunity to meet and speak with so many bright and intelligent members of our student body as well as faculty, staff and administration. I admire the ideas and opportunities my peers have who will be our future leaders and global citizens.

### **Diversity and Inclusion**

My main focus is on diversity and inclusion; however, not the standard ideals that go along with diversity and inclusion. Centre has been on the upward trend of promoting a more diverse campus. It can often be a hot button word that is thrown around and is not always clear what that entails. Diversity doesn't just mean increasing members of minority groups on campus but facilitating healthy and open discussions among everyone. It is important to have programming that encompasses everyone and is relatable. I believe it is extremely important for people within and between groups to openly communicate and converse with one another. It can be easy to fall complacent and feel it is only important to educate the masses, but there is a problem on our campus of not communicating with other affinity groups. We need to be empathetic to what others feel and encourage them to succeed. It is important to ask these questions about identity politics that are often a struggle. The question is, how to facilitate this open dialogue. Hiring faculty and staff from a diverse background, reaching out to guest speakers to come and talk about and represent other groups, and hosting forums with the expertise of our faculty in house are ways to utilize Centre's extensive resources and to achieve this goal. Additional ways would be facilitating programming beneficial and fun for everyone and continuing events such as the intercultural ball hosted this pass winter. Ways in which we have already moved forward is through the new healthy substance use promotion task force organization that I have the privilege of being a part of. This task force dedicates itself to spreading healthy substance use that applies to all groups and how different problems affect and afflict different groups. By increasing programs, these types of conversations are more likely to occur organically and freely and are easier to facilitate to create the inclusive environment that we need.

### **Accessibility and Approachability**

I want to use SGA as a place for fun events, and a place people feel comfortable approaching members and getting people more involved. I hope SGA can be transparent so people can see the visible and tangible things SGA is promoting or doing on campus. It can often be this elusive entity where many people often ask, "what does SGA actually do"? I want to establish what we expect and hold our representatives and executives to be responsible for. SGA has so much potential to be a successful governing body and with this election, we can make the change that we want to see. As president, I would promote an open door policy where I could be accessible and available to the student body and the representatives. I hope to be a trustworthy

liaison between the body and the administration to carry out the needs and properly advocate and clearly communicate the needs of the students.

### **Actively Listening**

One of my goals is to be able to effectively reflect the attitudes and desires of the student body. To achieve this, I strive to be an active listener and give my skills and advice when needed, but to specifically focus on the voices of what the people want. By doing this, I believe we can achieve a more cohesive and interconnected institution that will allow for Centre to grow with the student body as new classes arrive and old classes graduate.

Through my dedication and skills and active membership across other organizations I believe I can bring a voice that manifests what students want. I hope you will join me and my fellow candidates on March 12<sup>th</sup> to hear our ideas and thoughts on how we plan to develop our student government!

