

## **Candidate Statement – UBSA President**

My name is Charlene Okine, and I am a sophomore majoring in Political Science with a concentration in American Politics, with minors in Sociology and Global Affairs. I am running independently for UBSA Student Body President, and I am proud to be the only female candidate in this race.

In the near future, I plan to pursue a career in the legal field, where I hope to continue advocating for others and creating meaningful change. My passion for leadership comes from my love of connecting with people, learning about their experiences, and engaging with the diverse community here at UB.

I enjoy attending organization events across campus and learning about what each group represents. These experiences have shown me how important it is to celebrate the many cultures, backgrounds, and identities that make up our campus. As president, I want to help bring more culture and inclusivity to UB by supporting cultural organizations, encouraging collaboration between student groups, and creating more opportunities for students to share and celebrate their identities.

My campaign slogan is “**UB the Voice.**” This represents my commitment to being the voice of the student body. I want to listen to students’ ideas, understand their concerns, and advocate for what they truly want to see on campus. SA should reflect the needs of the students it represents, and I want to make sure every student feels heard and valued.

I also believe students should have the space to express themselves and stand up for the issues they care about. I support peaceful protest and constructive dialogue as ways for students to make their voices heard and bring attention to important issues. In addition, I want to help create more events that students actually want to attend by listening to their ideas and working with organizations to make campus life more engaging and exciting.

I will also advocate for better food options on campus and stronger communication between students and student government so that decisions reflect what the student body truly wants. My goal is to build a campus environment where students feel represented, supported, and empowered.

Together, we can create a campus that is more vibrant, inclusive, and connected.

**Charlene Okine**

Candidate for UBSA President

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