

Candidate Statement for Grant Peterson — President

I'm Grant, one of this year's SA Senators and a SUNY Student Assembly Delegate. I'm running for President because I think SA can do more for students, and I've demonstrated my commitment to student-activism through my resolutions for SA and SUNY SA.

This year I authored multiple resolutions in the SA Senate including S#10 and S#23 — on student space allocation, as well as a free expression and protesting policy resolution that passed the SUNY Student Assembly with 84% support. I wrote an op-ed in The Spectrum pushing UB to answer basic questions about how student spaces are managed. I met with Vice President Hamluk directly. When SA was slow to act, I kept the pressure on anyway.

I'm not running on "transparency" as a buzzword. I'm running on making it actionable — public hiring rubrics for SA staff, clearly defined roles in every department, finance policy that funds clubs based on what they do for students instead of arbitrary tiers, and real student representation on Faculty Senate committees and course reviews.

Our platform has fourteen points. Josh named this ticket and brings better food services to the table. Kaly brings more hands-on SA and club experience than anyone else running. Joe brings great ambition and enthusiasm for putting UB on the map for its events. Roja will fight for students who feel disenfranchised by Club Services' slowness. We're all here to make sure UB-SA gets the job done.

Beyond the Senate, I co-founded UB Downstate with Joe and serve as its VP, and I'm involved in Model Congress as its VP. I've done student governance at two SUNY schools and on the system-level. I served on the Executive Board at Nassau C.C., its FSA's Board of Directors (which handles purchase request approvals), and the Academic Senate Executive Committee — essentially parallel to the Faculty Senate here. Clubs, SA, UB, SUNY, finance — I've worked across all of it.

I ask the reader to compare our specific platform with the vagueness of our competitors. What do you want — experience and specific goals, or hollow men, silent when it matters and voting willy-nilly on SA policies, running another lame duck E-Board?

Let's get it done.