

Ayobola Alalade for Thompson Rivers University Senate

I am proud to stand as a candidate for Student Representative to the Senate of Thompson Rivers University. My journey in education spans over two decades—as a student, educator, administrator, and mentor—and has prepared me to serve with insight, integrity, and unwavering commitment to student success.

My academic foundation includes a National Certificate in Education in History and Social Studies (2003), a Bachelor of Education in History (2008), a Master of Science in Political Science & International Relations (2020), a Graduate Certificate in Information Technology (2025), and now as a M. Ed student at TRU. This interdisciplinary background equips me to understand education not only as a system of governance and policy, but also as a dynamic environment shaped by technology, global change, and student voice.

My leadership journey began during my first degree, where I served in the student congress. That early experience in campus politics grounded me in the principles of representation, dialogue, and accountability. I learned that effective leadership is not about position—it is about listening, engaging, and advocating responsibly.

As a university employee, I served as Faculty Officer (Administrative Officer) at Adeleke University (2011–2013), where I worked closely with faculty, administrators, and students in academic planning and governance processes. Later, as Tutor and Director of Marketing & Publicity at Babcock University High School (2014–2024), I strengthened institutional communication, student engagement, and strategic outreach. These roles refined my understanding of how policy decisions impact students at every level.

Having experienced university life both inside and outside the classroom, I understand the delicate balance between academic standards, student welfare, and institutional accountability. Senate decisions shape curriculum, academic policy, and long-term strategic direction. Students deserve a representative who not only speaks passionately but also understands governance structures and processes.

If elected, I will:

- Advocate for academic excellence while safeguarding student well-being.
- Promote inclusive dialogue that reflects the diversity of the TRU community.
- Support policies that enhance learning innovation and technological advancement.
- Uphold transparency, fairness, and responsible decision-making.

I am mature, culturally grounded, and committed to operating with integrity. I will uphold the guiding principles and values of Thompson Rivers University while ensuring that student voices remain pivotal in Senate deliberations.

Together, we can strengthen academic governance, enhance student experience, and build a university community where every student feels represented, respected, and empowered.