



Karina VERTLIB

SENATOR

Hi, my name is **Karina**, and I'm campaigning to become your next TRU Student Senator. I am a first-year law student with a history background and a keen interest in educational policy. The Senate oversees everything related to academics at TRU — everything from class sizes, educational support, credit allocation and curriculum development and modification. I strongly believe that the student body should always be assessing and improving the methodology of learning, as well as ensuring our learning policies remain as inclusive as possible. I want to give the student body that voice.

I actively promoted educational reform while completing my bachelor at UBC. After graduating, I worked for five years at a non-profit teaching organization promoting multiculturalism and anti-racism education. My goal was, and is to this day, the elevation of the educational standard for the entirety of the student body. Incorporating and addressing ALL the concerns of all religious and ethnic minorities, as well as genders, is my primary concern.

In my position as Educational Administrative Assistant, I met with numerous teachers, professors, principals, academic department heads, and administrative offices to advocate for educational institutions in BC to address minority concerns in the classroom. My interest in alternative learning methods stemmed from my thesis arguing for the inclusion of primary source artwork as a teaching tool; a change I was able to spark in the Modern European Studies program at UBC.

First and foremost, I plan on liasoning with ALL academic departments as a student representative for faculty and a resource for students. I will create a resource within the Senate for students to petition for the improvement of courses, as well as offer students opportunities to work on TRU projects to utilize students' talents, give them work experience, and overall contribute to the improvement of TRU. Throughout the process, I pledge to be approachable, transparent, and always guided by interest of the diverse, amazing student body of TRU.

I look forward to serving as your next Senator and together we will UNIFY Thompson Rivers University!

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