

BRENNAN GORMAN FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Dear UB Students,

My name is Brennan Gorman and I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for the position of University Council Student Representative. As the current President of the Residence Hall Association, Executive Director of Policy for the State University of New York Student Assembly (SUNY SA), Ex-Officio Member of the Council of Advocacy and Leadership (COAL), and Host of Late Night at UB, I have developed a deep understanding of the issues facing our university and the broader higher education system.

As a candidate for University Council Student Representative, my platform focuses on three key areas: mental health, diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), and sustainability.

Firstly, I will work to increase access to mental health resources and support for students on campus. I am committed to advocating for increased access to mental health resources and support for students at the University at Buffalo. Mental health is a critical aspect of overall well-being, and I believe it is the responsibility of the University to ensure that students have the resources they need to prioritize their mental health. This includes increasing funding for counseling services, expanding mental health awareness campaigns, and providing additional training for faculty and staff to better support students struggling with mental health issues. I am committed to working with student groups and administration to ensure that mental health remains a top priority on campus.

Secondly, I am committed to promoting DEI on campus. My focus will be on creating an inclusive campus environment where every student feels valued and supported. I believe that it is important to listen to and uplift the voices of underrepresented groups on campus. My aim is to create an environment where every student feels welcome, respected, and valued. To achieve this goal, I plan to work closely with student organizations and university administration to develop and implement initiatives that foster a culture of inclusion and celebrate the diversity of our student body. I believe that by promoting DEI, we can enrich the academic experience of our students and prepare them to become global citizens who can navigate complex and diverse communities. Through these efforts, I hope to make UB a more inclusive and welcoming community for everyone.

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Finally, I believe that we must prioritize sustainability and environmental responsibility in all aspects of campus life. UB's Climate Action Plan sets a goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030, and I believe we must take an active role in achieving this target. I am dedicated to advocating for environmentally-friendly policies that support sustainable practices and reduce our carbon footprint. I will work to ensure that UB prioritizes sustainability in all aspects of its operations, including reducing energy consumption, increasing renewable energy sources, and minimizing waste production. By taking action toward a sustainable future, we can not only reduce our impact on the environment, but also create a healthier and more resilient campus community.

Overall, my goal is to create a campus community that is inclusive, sustainable, and supportive of all students.

I am committed to serving as an effective voice for all UB students on the University Council. I will continue to represent the student voice with the utmost transparency and communicativeness with the student body. I am incredibly dedicated to the campus and community and hope to be allowed the opportunity to demonstrate this within the University Council representative position.

It is each and every one of my fellow UB students who truly inspire me to do this work. My experience in leadership positions and advocacy work would not be possible without a direct line of student connection and communication. I thank you for the work we have done and look forward to what we will continue to accomplish together. As University Council Student Representative, I am confident that I will be able to strongly represent UB and implement longstanding positive change on our campus.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. If you have any questions regarding my platform, please feel free to reach out to me at btgorman@buffalo.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brennan Gorman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brennan Gorman