



Victor Oriola: Putting the U in URSU

Victor Oriola is a 3rd year undergrad psychology student at the University of Regina. He is a Nigerian international student that joined the University of Regina in 2015. In that time, Victor has been actively involved in life on campus. He worked as a residents' assistant from January 2016 to May 2017. In this position, Victor organised several events on campus for residents. After leaving his position as a residents' assistant, Victor continued to be of service to the student community as one of the many friendly and helpful faces at the front desk of the Student's Union. In his time at the Student's Union, he quickly became aware of the need for leadership that is student-oriented, transparent and accessible.

This motivated Victor to run as a candidate for the office of Vice-President Student Affairs. This endeavor ultimately proved to be unsuccessful but Victor continued to remain involved in campus life. He was appointed Vice-President External Affairs of the PRISM club on campus and over the summer, he was part of a group of student volunteers that facilitated the Prince's Operation Entrepreneur: a

national program designed to transition Canadian veterans from active service to civilian life by providing an opportunity for them to gain entrepreneurial skills. This volunteer opportunity afforded Victor another avenue to enhance his leadership and communication skills whilst making lifelong friends and creating great memories.



This year, Victor is a candidate for the office of President. He looks forward to meeting students over the course of the campaign and expounding on his vision for the University of Regina Students' Union.

This is who we are: Stronger, Smarter, Better, Together

If elected President, Victor commits to :

- **Continuing the campaign for a tuition freeze:** At the time of writing, 1139 students have joined URSU to petition for a tuition freeze. As President, Victor would continue the campaign to fight against the rising cost of tuition.
- **Focus on improving the University's sexual assault policy:** The University of Regina received a 'D' grade from OurTurn- a national student-led group fighting sexual violence on campus. The OurTurn report highlighted several inadequacies with our current policy. As President, Victor would ensure that URSU is a prominent voice in the push to ensure that our campus is a space where people can go about their lives without the fear of being victims of sexual violence.
- **Combat food insecurity in the student population:** According to HungerCount, 17.5% of the people who use the food bank and other supplemental nutrition services are between the ages of 18-30. The modal age range for university students is 18-30. Students are one of the most financially vulnerable groups of society and many of our students face food insecurity. As President, Victor will ensure that URSU steps up its efforts to alleviate food insecurity whilst focusing on sustainable solutions and providing a stable source of supplemental nutrition.