



I, Jwalant Patel, a third-year student at the University of Regina and former Interim Vice President of Finance and Director on the URSU board, am thrilled to announce my candidacy for Vice President of Operations & Finance in the 2024 General Student Elections. My experience at URSU has given me invaluable insights into its dynamics and challenges.

During my interim VPOF tenure, I spearheaded a remarkable financial turnaround, slashing the organization's deficit by 73%, from \$1.9 million to just \$350,000. Addressing operational bottlenecks, I streamlined PEC request processing, which previously needed to be properly addressed and considered, and enhanced organizational effectiveness. I aim to propel URSU towards profitability while allocating increased funds to strengthen student initiatives, including augmenting PEC requests and enhancing emergency bursaries.

Furthermore, I am committed to fostering an inclusive environment and championing Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (EDIA) principles, including our First Nations peers. My approach prioritizes transparency and prudent financial management by emphasizing long-term investments while tackling immediate deficits and generating more revenue streams. With your support, I am confident in leading URSU toward a brighter, more prosperous future where every student's voice is heard and valued.