



## NBCGSS By-Election

### Candidates' Biographies – December 2020

#### Director of Community Development

Reginald Ihekwaba

Reginald Ihekwaba is a graduate student in the International Development stream of the MA International studies program. Reginald was awarded a BSc. degree on completion of the Business Economics program at Babcock University. Thereafter, he worked with an International NGO which conducts research, and delivers health solutions that improve lives, policies, and programs around the world. He has also done collaborative work with a reputable International advertising agency and is an APMG certified Project Management for development professional. His passion encircles the capability approach as it relates to innovation and sustainable community and economic development. Reginald loves music, soccer, and networking.

#### Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Ashkan Hosseinipooya

Hello,

I am Ashkan Hosseinipooya, a UNBC master's student in environmental science. As an international student who loves multiculturalism and respects variety, I am seeking equity and equality in my life. I believe, to make a peaceful world, we should strive to protect and respect diversity. So, I want to start by myself and do some related activities as the director of equity, diversity, and inclusion. If UNBC students elect me, I will keenly try my best for all students, especially women, indigenes, international students, and students with disabilities, to represent their requests and views.

Ashkan

#### Director- at-Large

Confidence Ben

Confidence Ben who is originally from Nigeria, is currently a second year MSc Business Administration student, specialising in Operations Management at UNBC. Confidence has a

deep-lying interest in matters concerning students, hence, she worked as a teaching assistant while taking courses to fulfil her master's degree, this gave her the opportunity to listen to students' concerns and offer assistance in the best way possible to help them have a well-rounded academic experience. Confidence also bagged her BA (Hons) in Human Resources Management at Robert Gordon University in Scotland, United Kingdom.

During her time at Robert Gordon University (RGU) she served as a Student Union Trustee. Part of her duties were dealing with the strategic direction of the union and its legal and financial security and stability, as well as ensuring all decisions made by RGU Union are in the best interest of RGU students. She also handled the task of "The Management Course Representative" and participated in various roles such as gathering the opinions of her course mates on various matters and passing them on to other committees, taking active part in meetings and communicating any changes or new ideas her colleagues may have, to help improve the university and students experience. She handled all these tasks with great effort and with a very positive mind-set.

Having previously served as a board member and taken up leadership positions, she understands the importance of the board's continuous sustainability and relevance to the people it serves. As part of the Board of Directors for the UNBC Graduate Students' Society she will Promote the interests of the society, including that of the student body both within our prestigious University and community where its situated. Determining and ensuring strategic plans are in place, including developing measurable targets to assist the board in achieving its mission and values.

Confidence has consistently shown through her education and experiences, that she is knowledgeable of the fundamentals of Resource planning and Management. She has developed an arsenal of desirable traits that will ensure she becomes a very valuable asset as a Director-at-Large if given the opportunity to join the team. Following her insight in this field and her continuous association with different Internationals, she has learned the importance of effective communication both in a business environment and society. This has helped her foster valuable relationships and work efficiently in teams.

Currently, confidence is part of the Northern Women Centre (NWC) at UNBC. She is a Librarian and a volunteer at NWC. Through this opportunity, she believes she can get a chance to make a difference and give back to the community. She believes, that this role proffers her the chance to share her skills, knowledge and experiences with others. Confidence is dedicated to improving the experiences of the students here at UNBC.

As part of the Board of Directors for the UNBC Graduate Students' Society, Confidence intends to offer valuable and creative solutions to matters arising, carefully deliberate and read all documents in preparation for each meeting. Further join in maintaining the already existing

transparency and accountability of the board. Promote diversity, equality and integration amongst students and be impartial when making decisions.

Thank you for taking your time to consider Confidence Ben and hope you give her the opportunity to serve as Director-at-Large for the UNBC Graduate Students' Society.