

Kevin Monpara (SSM CAMPUS)

Candidate for: Student Governor (AUSU)



Motivation

I'm motivated to apply because I care about Algoma University and want to be part of decisions that shape its future. I've been involved in student leadership and campus roles that required teamwork, responsibility, and problem-solving. Those experiences pushed me to look beyond day-to-day issues and think about what helps the University succeed long term. Serving as an internal Governor would help me grow into higher-level leadership by learning how governance works, how priorities are balanced, and how decisions are evaluated through a fiduciary lens. I understand the role requires integrity, confidentiality, and putting the University first. I would bring a thoughtful student perspective, strong communication, and a willingness to prepare, ask questions, and contribute respectfully to Board discussions.

Unique Perspective

I bring a cross-campus perspective from working and volunteering in different areas of Algoma. That experience helps me understand how decisions affect students, staff, and daily operations, and where improvements can strengthen service, communication, and the University's reputation. I also bring strong collaboration skills, professionalism, and a data-driven approach from my business and computing background. I'm prepared to listen carefully, ask good questions, and help the Board evaluate issues from multiple viewpoints while prioritizing the University's best interests.

Contribution

I would contribute by focusing on what helps Algoma grow in the long run. I like looking at problems, asking "what's really causing this?", and thinking through practical solutions. As a Governor, I would come prepared, ask respectful questions, and help point out risks or drawbacks before decisions are made. I also care about financial sustainability, so I would pay attention to how money is being used and whether plans make sense long-term. From my experience across different parts of campus, I can share what I've seen works well and what needs improvement, especially things that affect retention, quality, and how people view the University. I understand this role is about putting the University first, so I would share my perspective without advocating for one specific group.

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