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Manifesto

To put it simply, my want for Trinity Laban's Student Union is to create a comfortable environment that works to instill feelings of safety, joy, and connectedness within members of our community. Our university houses an eclectic group of students with wide-ranging interests and talents. The Union should stand as a pillar among the tumult of our artistic endeavours. It should be an accessible space filled with familiar faces, enthusiastic about serving the TL community. Many times have I gone down to the SU to ask a question or to enquire about doing more, only to find the premises barren. In conversation with peers we commonly discuss our confusions in relation to the SU's isolation. No one seems to know what they do, or what their mission is. Why are they there? Who works there? What time is it *actually* open. This might come down to the way the SU is branded and marketed. It might not even be a noticeable failing for them. I feel it is important to point that out. My feelings about the current SU government are not those of judgement. I am not here to point out flaws or tear down the work that has been put in over the course of this academic year. I want to help. I want to grow the SU so that this community can be more connected.

In order to strengthen and inspire confidence in the the Student Union I aim to tackle the following:

- The underrepresentation of students.
 - Create a platform for people who are familiar with the intricacies of these issues ie: Sexuality, Gender, identity, race... while promoting intersectionality.
- Work on rebranding the TLSU.
- Clean up and organise physical spaces.
- Improve the efficiency of the SU by building a relationship with other Trinity departments to understand the complications of ongoing courses and personal issues. There should be more working together.
- Organise events across all campuses that appeal to all students.
- Update equipment to accommodate these events. As a member of the tech offices, I have interest in securing good sound and visuals for events.
- Improve communication between the union and the students,
- Expand of what the SU is capable of doing and making it a more active force in our institution.
- Help introduce students to the industry.
 - Setting up gigs and events that benefit students and present networking opportunities.

I believe myself to be the best candidate to get the SU back standing where it should be. Being in the first year of a new course (BAMPI) allowed me to understand different viewpoints of how educational systems work and how they can be used to benefit students. This is especially important considering that the Student Union should be supporting students throughout their studies. I am deeply involved in our institution, having worked in multiple Trinity departments. I've done paid student work as a technician, administrator, and student ambassador at open and career days (offsite). I have built relationships with many TL staff members, and enjoy liaising with them. I understand rebranding and branding. The way Trinity Laban is put out into the world and is consequently perceived affects us, the student body. I care deeply about TL, but more importantly the students in it. I want our student body to come together and feel more like a community.