

ACADEMIC VICE PRESIDENT

Hello friends! My name is Om Mehta. While at SUU, I've been fortunate to engage in various leadership roles that have shaped my passion for service and advocacy. As the College of Natural Sciences Senator, I actively choose to not only advocate for the students in my college but also the wider student population. Simultaneously, I play a pivotal role in fostering campus sustainability as the organizer and chair of the SUUSA Sustainability Committee. Additionally, I contribute to strengthening community ties and external relations as a member of the SUUSA Community and External Relations Committee. I want to share what I've learned from others with you.

Here's what I aim to achieve and how I plan to do so:

- **Empower** Your Student Voice: As your Vice President of Academics, I am deeply committed to empowering every student to advocate for their needs and priorities. Drawing from my experiences, I understand the importance of amplifying student voices on campus. Making sure that you know who your representatives are and how they serve you is essential. I will work to ensure that students know where they can use their voice.
- Lead the Student Senate: The Senate represents you. Building a cohesive and effective student senate is crucial for representing the diverse needs of our student body. Drawing from my experience as a current member of the Senate, I want to prioritize unity and teamwork to ensure that all voices are heard. I will prepare the Senate to be able to have tough conversations to advocate for our students. Together, we will work towards common goals and initiatives that benefit the entire SUU community.
- **Strengthen** College Connections: I currently recognize the importance of fostering strong

connections within academic colleges. Forming connections within each college at SUU fosters a sense of belonging among students. By facilitating networking opportunities and promoting collaboration between senators, students, and faculty, we can create a supportive environment where everyone can thrive academically.

This year, I want you to feel represented. As Vice President of Academics, I'll utilize my past experiences and opportunities to learn and guide others.

