

# 2024-2025 UNBC Board of Governors Undergraduate Student Candidates

## Myers Illes

I'm Myers, (a marketing student) and I believe that UNBC students need to be heard and seen. For too long we have felt isolated and alone—if you vote for me I promise that I will work to reduce the barriers between university administration and the students they serve.

## Iliyan Lakhani

## Faizaan Somani

Faizaan Somani, brings a diverse background and a passion for positive change to the table. As JDC West Vice President of Charity and a student senator, he actively supports student initiatives and inclusivity. Faizaan is also a co-founder of the UNBC NISA Club (formerly UNBC AKS Club), further demonstrating his proactive approach to community engagement. His professional journey includes co-op terms in banking and accounting, driving his vision for a career in strategy and sustainability consulting. With a commitment to social responsibility and a track record of leadership, Faizaan is dedicated to representing his peers effectively on the UNBC Board of Governors.

## Ken Layel Varghese

Hello there! I'm Ken Layel Varghese, straight out of the vibrant landscapes of southern India, and I've ventured far and wide to the chilly embrace of Prince George. Here I am, navigating my way through the second year of my bachelor's in computer science at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC). You might say I've traded the tropical breezes for snowflakes, but hey, life's an adventure, right?

Now, if you're wondering about my hobbies, let's just say my fingers are more adept at maneuvering through the fast-paced worlds of Call of Duty, GTA, and a sprinkle of Valorant when the mood strikes. It's not just about the games, though; it's about strategy, quick thinking, and, occasionally, learning how not to crash a virtual car at high speed—a surprisingly useful life skill.

Professionally speaking, I'm proudly wearing the green apron as a barista at Starbucks. No, I haven't developed telepathic abilities to guess your favorite coffee (yet), but I've mastered the art of creating the perfect foam heart on your latte while juggling a lively conversation. It's this unique blend of teamwork, customer service, and caffeine-fueled efficiency that I believe sets me apart.

Adapting to the academic life at UNBC was akin to decoding an ancient script at first—mysterious and slightly intimidating. But, as someone who thrives in the face of challenge (and has a knack for surviving caffeine overdoses), I've found my rhythm and, dare I say, even started to enjoy the plot twists of this academic thriller.

Why do I think I'd fit right into the Board of Governors, you ask? Well, aside from my love for sitting at big round tables (and who doesn't?), I'm all about diving deep into the heart of student life. I am talking about making daily campus life less of a survival game, turning events into epic quests, and building support networks stronger than the Wi-Fi signal in the 10 building (the Ghost is using it for sure) and My mission? To level up the UNBC student experience, ensuring it is not just memorable but legendary.

So, here I am, ready to bring my unique blend of Coffee, dedication, and slightly questionable gaming skills to the Board of Governors. Together, let's make UNBC not just a place to study, but a grand adventure we can all brag about in the years to come.

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