Hello! My name is Mohammed Daanyaal Sheikh, I am a 4th year student, majoring in International Studies and I am running for Senate from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Over my SFU career, I have been heavily involved in the SFU community. I have played an active role in residence life as a Residence Orientation Leader as well as serving as the current VP-Internal of the Residence Hall Association. Similarly, I have also partaken in several club roles which have continuously nourished my leadership skills and ambitions. These experiences have compelled me to further climb the ladder to not only try to accomplish my goals of increased community engagement but to also try and make SFU a better environment for the current and future members of this society.

I would like to focus on the following as my key goals:

1) **Improved Student Engagement**
   Due to the fact that the Senate pertains to dealing with the academic aspect of SFU, this position would enable me to help highlight the active roles that more students can play in their faculties and help make it better through their own perspectives and experiences. Not only would this increase the amount of student activity and engagement, but it would help SFU make better decisions due to increased student input.

2) **Open Text Books**
   Being a student myself, I understand the process of buying new textbooks each semester for each class that are redundant once the semester ends, and thus the open text book initiative would help students save money, improve their learning experiences and also make SFU more environment friendly.

3) **Fall Semester Reading Break**
   A reading break in the Fall semester has been one of the key talking points and desires of every student at SFU, be it current or past, and through this position I would work tirelessly with my colleagues to ensure a reading break in the Fall semester.

4) **Improved Student Health**
   Student Health and well-being is an issue of paramount importance that needs increased assistance and attention. I would work with my peers to ensure better student access to such services along with increased awareness across the three campuses that would help counter issues faced by several students at SFU. As a Senator and a student, I would like to see my fellow peers with easier access to resources that are currently available and that could be made available through policy changes.

5) **Better Access To Courses**
   As most students have been familiar with the long wait before they can enroll in courses, I myself have been a victim of not only a lack of space in a course, but also a lack of number of courses offered in certain semesters and thus I would like to see a positive change in this direction.

With your support, I hope to be the voice that represents the true interests of SFU students in the Simon Fraser University Senate. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach me through my email: dsheikh@sfu.ca

Thank You for your time and support!