Hey there! My name is Parham and I’m running for a seat on SFU’s Senate.

I was previously the Science Representative at the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) for the 2017/2018 year and the experience was fantastic! I’ve had the pleasure of working and leading projects that focussed primarily on student’s health, well-being and social life. One thing that I’m most proud of is the engagement that I brought from the board to the student body, because a fair representation of 26,000+ students can only be done if we actively interact with ALL students and not just students who come to us. Please click here to access my work reports during my year-term on the SFSS.

I would like to note that this Senate election is for less than half a year and as such I would like to make my platform as realistic as possible. You won’t see buzz words. You’ll see my intention with running and if you agree with my objectives, I would appreciate your support.

My objectives if elected are to:

➢ Extend academic hardship to midterms.
➢ Give you an active student voice on the Senate.

Academic Hardship for Midterms: SFU has a policy during finals (click here for more information), where if 3 or more of your end of term exams occur within a 24-hour period one of these exams will get moved to an alternative date. Unfortunately, this only applies to finals and not during the majority of the semester. I would argue that extending academic hardship to midterms is even more crucial for the following reasons:

- During the semester, you also have classes, labs and tutorials to attend
  o These all take away from that 24-hour period you would have, giving you even less time to focus on exams.
- You have more assignments and projects
  o In between exams you would have to dedicate time to completing assignments/projects, adding to even more stress for your upcoming midterms.
- There’s no real time to take a break.
  o During the midterm season, there isn’t a period where students can relax and having 3 or more exams during a 24-hour period will take a toll on a students’ health.

If I am elected on Senate this will be the main project that I will put my energy into.

Active Student Voice: If I am elected into this position I will be an active senator and voice student concerns.

Ultimately, I want to be your voice to the Senate. If you have any concerns, I want to hear them. If they are applicable to Senate, I would love to voice them during meetings. Please feel free to email me at: Pelmi@sfu.ca

I wish everyone the best during the midterm season, have a wonderful day 😊

Yours Truly,

Parham Elmi