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Dear UVic Students' Society,

**Re: Letter of Concern**

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I am writing to you as the President of the Saskatoon Engineering Students Society (SESS) from the University of Saskatchewan in regards to the recent motion Abdulrahman Abuelazm, a student from the Engineering and Computer Science faculty, has put forward for your Semi-Annual General Meeting. I want to start off by saying that we, as a student society, fully support this motion.

At the University of Saskatchewan, our student union (USSU) has worked hard towards creating a diverse student body within their University Students' Council (equivalent to UVic's Board of Directors) in order to help the students on campus. They have a system similar to what is laid out in the motion being put forward and it works very well. Our University's Student Council is composed of the executive of the USSU as well as representatives from each faculty acting as a Member of the Student Council (MSC). The number of MSCs from each faculty is based on the population of that college. The student council also includes representatives from the International Students' Society, Indigenous Students' Society, and members from our off-campus colleges in order to further increase diversity among the group.

In order to create a student union that benefits all students, the student union must recognize that all students have different experiences within their programs. Engineering is vastly different from Psychology or Political Science. It is as simple as that. This diversity has to be shown within the board of directors in order to accurately address the concerns of all students. To be a fair and effective representation for the students you have to understand that by having members from different faculties you are already guaranteeing a more diverse group and more knowledge to enhance the student experience. By not including all colleges within the board, the voices of the students from all across campus are ignored. We are in university; we are here to study, to learn, and to enhance skills. As we go through our degrees, different skills, knowledge, and perspectives are gained and these are all widely different from each college. By creating a multi-disciplinary board of directors you are fully creating a diverse group of students as you will have the knowledge of the entire university at your fingertips to use.

To be a responsible board of directors, you also need to identify the level of professionalism and respect needed to hold such a position. The act of blatantly campaigning against the motion in



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question, or any motion, on your social media platforms is not your job. You are meant to follow a democratic process and these actions go directly against that democratic process. Listen to the motion, understand the concerns, and most importantly listen to what the students want because it is them that you are trying to help.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kasey Burgess". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

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