Name: Leemah Nasrati

Candidate for: President

SEG: ELEVATE

College: Arts & Sciences

Major(s): Political Science and Global Studies

Minor(s): Arabic Studies and Religious Studies

Current and previous ASUN positions held:
Member of Freshman Campus Leadership Associates (FCLA), Senator for the College of General Studies, Member of the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion, Member of the FCLA Appointments Board, Senator for the College of Arts & Sciences, Member of the Government Liaison Committee

Other campus involvements:
Member of Delta Gamma, Co-Director of Family Relations for UNL Miracle Network Dance Marathon, Co-Chair of Teenage Project and Senior Counselor for Nebraska Human Resources Institute (NHRI), Member of Save South Sudanese Orphans and Widows, Mortar Board

Why are you running for student government?
This is a hard question to answer with something both eloquent and brief, but I'll give it my best shot. I became involved in ASUN vis-à-vis FCLA very early in my college career. As someone who had always struggled with wanting to help people and make positive change but not knowing how to make it happen, ASUN quickly emerged as an avenue through which to do so. I have been honored and privileged to serve this campus and its students in a great many roles both inside and outside of ASUN, and I feel as though my best shot at making a lasting impact that benefits UNL students for years to come is through the role of President of ASUN. I believe in myself, and my slate, and the ideas that we’ve shared with each other. This university has given me a lot over the six semesters I've been here, and I can think of no better way to say ‘thank
you’ than to spend my remaining time working diligently in the best interests of the student body.

What are you specifically hoping to accomplish in student government to improve the University over the upcoming year?
I could give quite a laundry list for this question, but in the interest of trying to get people to read this, I will highlight a few points. I want to see UNL catch up to and eventually move past its Big Ten peers in the accommodation of student populations with specific needs. I also want to see the continuation and expansion of ASUN’s attempts at outreach to typically underrepresented parts of campus, perhaps following the format of the Executive Council of Multicultural Organizations. I want to work with the Academic Committee as well as the University’s administration to ensure an emphasis is being placed on college affordability at all levels. I want to see Title IX information on every syllabus handed out on campus. I want there to be a point-of-contact for homeless students on our campus. I want to invite the relevant faculty and staff members to come into Senate more often and allow us insight into what they’re working on so that the days of us being blindsided by having to foot a $50,000 bill for busses to Innovation Campus without being consulted first are behind us. Perhaps most importantly, I want to set up events (open houses, town halls, etc.) that bring students to ASUN, and allow those students to understand that we are here to be a resource to them. I could go on, but no one’s probably still reading this spiel anyways. If someone is still reading and interested, you can hear more about my personal goals and our party’s goals by checking out our website: http://elevateunl.wix.com/elevateunl.

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