1. Why are you running for this position?

I am running for Senate because I have been an at large senator this year and I would like to continue to serve the student body. The reason I joined senate and am running for re-election is because I have noticed aspects of UNI that could use improvement, and I feel like I am the best fit to make sure that improvements continue to happen in a way that benefits all students.

2. Why do you believe you are qualified for this position?

I feel qualified for this position because I transferred to UNI 3 years ago so I have experience of what it is like to be a transfer student and after three years at UNI I feel as though I have learned most resources to help students with any issues they may face. I also ran for Student Body Vice President last year, so I believe using my experience and student’s input I can continue to help the student body.

3. What do you believe are some important issues facing the UNI student body?

I believe there are two issues that impact students daily. One issue being that the general student population does not understand what they can do to help make UNI a better school for the future due to the lack of transparency and reach University faculty and administration. This is not necessarily the Universities fault, they just need to continue to put in efforts to connect students to the resources that can help. The other issue is that our University has not kept up with the advancement of technology in teaching, and in comfort. If we want to make UNI a great school, we need to keep UNI at the forefront of advancements in educational practices and in the students lives.

4. What goals would you like to accomplish in your position?

First, I will talk about the goals that I have accomplished in my role as senator. I have worked hard to ensure that the IT department adds a WIFI for smart devices so students that live in the residence halls can enjoy the comfort living as if they were at home. As of today, that project is in the testing stages and is set to be implemented either by the end of this semester or the start of the next academic year. I have also started working with the IT department to create a function to put your classes directly to your google calendar after signing up for the class. Other goals that I am interested in beginning next year is by working with the university to try to make our University ID’s into debit cards that we can pre-load and use at local stores and restaurants. I also would like to work with the business college to create a professional clothes bank for students that may not be able to afford professional attire for job interviews or entering the professional workforce.

5. How will you accomplish these goals?

To transition the University ID to debit cards I would need to work with the DOR and several other university entities, but using a model from other universities that have created this kind of system I know that it is possible and could directly benefit the DOR if they were to offer a better cost for our dollars at university convenience stores. As for the professional clothes bank, I would model it off of the current Panther Pantry and work with the university to create partnerships with local businesses to help provide support.