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Manifesto

WHO AM I?

My name is Victoria Janda, I am a first year, second semester student studying Accounting and I am running for Student Representative Council President.
WHAT I PLAN TO DO WHEN ELECTED:

A leader is someone who demonstrates what is possible even in trying times. When put into power, these are the problems I will attempt to fix within and after the Covid era:

1. Communication

As a result of Covid and the subsequent lockdowns, students have been forced to learn from home and the administration, to work from home. Communication is very restricted. As President I will facilitate a boost in student participation and overall university experience. Mobilisation of the effective use of social media platforms to firstly, improve student-lecturer/administrator communication and secondly boost student-student socialisation will be at the top of my list. I will aim to integrate everyone by activities such as online interfaculty or intercultural meetings in order to give students the ‘Uni Experience’ from the safety of their homes.

2. After-School Life

Following in the footsteps of the previous SRC, as President I intend to improve the transition from university life to work life. Firstly, by attempting to get certain organisations to outsource specifically from Africa University for internships and after university jobs.

Another solution I would bring in would be providing a platform besides in-class group assignments, for students to improve their team building skills in order to integrate better into the team of an organisation. This Platform would also help build essential skills like confidence and public speaking.
3. Student Morale

The welfare of all students will be priority for me when in this position. An initiative to ensure this is constantly being considered, will be firstly, introducing support groups for both males and females. In this Covid era, this would be especially helpful to students who, for example, are undergoing the loss of family members or breadwinners.

The second aspect will be to ensure that the student representative council is active in facilitating that the union gives back to the community through big projects like donation schemes to those less privileged within Mutare or even smaller projects such as litter collection drives.

The third aspect will be to ensure the smooth integration of International students into Africa University and Zimbabwe as a whole. This can be done with the introduction of an intercultural friend-adoption program which will get Zimbabwean students to take a more active role in making international students feel more welcome.

A leader is nothing without the interests of the people to whom they are loyal. My main role as SRC President will be to encourage union members to voice their opinions and concerns and make sure their needs are catered for, because only together can we go where there is no path and leave a trail.

Victoria Janda for Student Representative Council President