

Hello. My name is George Robins, and I am the candidate for the Student Council Representative. Last year members of the Student Council did a great job by adjusting the academic schedule to our needs, organizing the clubs of national minority students and improving the living conditions in the hostel. However, I think that the Council needs some refreshment - new representatives are to come in and reinforce the experience of the old ones by their enthusiasm. In my opinion, this new approach can be demonstrated by first-year students.

I was authorized by the freshmen of our university to run for the student council representative. I guess they chose me because I was previously involved in high school council and afterwards spent one year participating in the Freedom Support Act project for future leaders. One of my achievements was the ban of the compensation system on PT lessons, so that our students didn't have to make up for the lessons when they were ill or absent.

To tell the truth, this "political" and leadership experience only stirred up my thirst for making the world a better place by showing the ways to do it. For example, our university is a wonderful place to study at, but still it needs some improvement: those who ride to the university by bicycle or on roller-skate would benefit, if the car movement were restricted on the campus territory. Those who live in the hostel would find their life easier, had there been a special bus connecting the hostel and the campus, so that they won't have to travel by two means of transport twice a day. The senior students would have more time for finding a proper job, had their academic periods been scheduled for two days instead of five. To put it in a nutshell, there is a thousand other trifles that would make our university a sophisticated and comfortable place to study in.

The slogan for my election campaign is "FRESHMAN FOR REFRESHMENT", and as a representative of first-year students I come out for bringing new energy and new enthusiasm to the student council. I am not going to convince you that I am the very best candidate for this position. I am only 18; I have quite a modest track record in the school council and participating in the cultural exchange program for future leaders. I lack experience, but it is compensated by zeal, an unprejudiced new approach to old things. Furthermore, I am ready to work with gusto for your benefit. But I am not ambitious, and do not strive for authority for the sake of authority. If you elect another candidate, I will sincerely wish him all of successes in improvement of our students' life for the better - and continue my own struggle. But if you empower me with your confidence, I will do everything but the impossible to represent your interests and achieve our common goals and ideals. I am sure that our aims coincide - we are all here to obtain education that will teach us how to make the world a slightly better place. If you empower me with your trust, we will start from solving local problems and making our university a little better place.

Thank you very much for your attention.