Hello everyone!

First, I simply want to say thank you for taking the time to vote in the 2016 Student Union elections. People like you help representatives like me better understand the student body that I always try my best to represent. My name is **Richard Wu** and I am very excited to be running again as a candidate for my third time! Once again I ask for your support as I campaign to be your next **Vice President of Programming for the SU Executive Board.** I aim to be part of a transparent and feedback oriented board that strives to both listen and act upon the requests of the student body.

For the past two years I have had the honor of acting as the President of both the Freshmen and Sophomore Class Councils and I have always stood by my belief that a capable leader should continuously strive to better understand his people. As a double major in both the Art-Science and Business schools, a student athlete on the rugby team, and as an excited individual who has just joined the RA community, I have tried to spread myself across campus to better grasp what a typical WashU student has to go through on a daily basis. I understand the love hate relationship that many of us have with this school and my programming will strive to help you have fun, meet new people, create new communities, and explore all 169 acres of our wonderful campus.

Throughout the last couple of years, I have worked with the class councils to provide you with events such as Freshmen Finale, Halloweekend, and Sophomore Spirit Days. If elected to be your new VP of Programming, I would turn my attention first to our wonderful opportunity to host the presidential debates. Events such as a rally featuring our political/advocacy groups, mock debates, voter registration, and speaker presentations would help the world see the vibrant and interactive community WashU has to offer. For student groups that struggle to exchange money during tabling I would work towards streamlining the use of electronic payments with apps such as Venmo. And of course with the school sacrificing fall WILD for the debates next year, I will work closely with SPB to ensure that the quality and quantity of student programming is not compromised.

WashU is a place where there’s always something going on, always someone new to meet, and always somewhere else to be. I only ask that you give me the opportunity to continue making our campus more dynamic and animated. I am incredibly proud to call myself a WashU Bear and once again I hope that you will vote Richard Wu for SU Exec – Vice President of Programming!