My name is **Sankalp Kapur** and I am running to be **Vice President of Administration for Student Union**. I am a Sophomore from Bombay, India in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in Mathematics and minoring in Applied Microeconomics and Philosophy In my first semester at WashU, I began serving on SU’s Constitutional Council, and I have served on Senate as an Arts and Sciences senator after that.

I greatly enjoyed serving on the Council and hearing the cases that came before us, but I felt compelled to be more involved in advocating for the interests of the student body because I believe that is the best way to represent our interests as a group. That same spirit for advocacy that drives me to seek your vote to be the next VP Admin of SU. In terms of advocacy efforts, I want to work specifically towards **raising awareness about mental health** issues by working closely with Uncle Joes, and starting a university wide project with them at the centre to make students on this campus more aware and to continue the great work Uncle Joes does to be a resource for all students. I believe this is an important step towards having a healthy and safe student body, which is something I am passionate about and believe that the Student Union should be too.

Because of my time as an Alternate Justice on Constitutional Council, I developed an acute understanding of the constitution and statutes that govern Student Union. I believe that the purpose of Student Union is to firmly advocate for the needs of the students and student groups on campus, and to represent these needs to the University. My goal within that framework as VP Admin would be to truly integrate Student Union into the lives of every undergraduate student at WashU. **Outreach** is a very important aspect of the job I wish to undertake – nothing is more important in democratic government than a well informed and participative electorate. To this end, I think it is imperative to condense the number of election days we have on campus so that we can aim to increase voter turnout, primarily by integrating it with our.edu email addresses.

Another project that I am interested to tackle is to bring the collegiate readership program into the modern day. At this time, SU spends nearly $50,000 to bring newspapers to campus. I believe that an effort should be made to move in the direction of having electronic copies of newspapers provided to us so that our activities fee is spent in a way that we as students get the most mileage out of it.

Finally, I also hope to make it more accessible for you as students to start projects through SU that you are passionate about. I want to make our Student Government more transparent and useful to every undergraduate on campus. Thank you for taking the time to read my candidate statement, and thank you for voting.