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A LETTER FROM YOUR SLATE

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Given by
Richard L. Taylor (COM 71) and Kathy R. Taylor

In memory of
Franklyn W. Taylor, Sr.

*"Our grandfather, Franklyn W. Taylor, Sr., and Howard Thurston
from Morehouse College in the Class of 1923. We salute their
and institutions in Montgomery, Boston, and
They have left an amazing legacy for all
- Richard on*



Dear Boston University Community,

We, **EmpowerBU**, are running for student government because we believe in the power of students to shape the future of our campus. BU is home to passionate, driven, and ambitious individuals who are constantly **pushing boundaries, building communities, and creating change**. But for our university to truly thrive, we need leadership that **listens, uplifts**, and ensures that every student has the **space to succeed**. That's where we come in.

At EmpowerBU, our mission is to build a stronger campus through **community, culture, and academics** - and that starts with listening. True empowerment comes from understanding the diverse experiences, challenges, and aspirations of every student on our campus. We are committed to creating spaces where every voice is heard. We believe in fostering a sense of belonging—ensuring that every student, no matter their background, has a home at BU. A strong community means supporting one another, advocating for student voices, and making sure that every organization and individual feels valued. We also celebrate the rich diversity of cultures that make BU unique. Our campus should be a place where students can proudly share their identities, traditions, and experiences, creating an environment that is both **inclusive and empowering**. Lastly, we are committed to academic success for all students—not just in the classroom, but in every aspect of their personal and professional growth. Whether it's increasing access to mentorship, fostering collaboration between students and faculty, or creating opportunities for intellectual exploration, we are dedicated to making sure every student has the tools they need to reach their full potential.

But empowerment is not just about opportunity - it's about **representation**. When students see leaders who reflect their experiences, they know their voices, struggles, and aspirations matter! It's not enough to have a seat at the table - we must use our positions to uplift others and create pathways for those who come after us. EmpowerBU is committed to giving back by advocating for policies that ensure all students have access to the resources they need to thrive. We are here to not only represent our peers but to leave a lasting impact, one that continues to uphold the voices of our student body.

When students come together to uplift one another, challenge the status quo, and build something greater than themselves, we can truly accomplish what we set our minds to. We invite **you** to be a part of this movement—not just by supporting EmpowerBU, but by actively shaping the future of BU with us. This is our time to lead, to invest in one another, and to make this campus the best it can be.

Let's build something extraordinary—together.

With passion and purpose,
EmpowerBU

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EYE2EYE MARKETING
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RECRUITMENT CHAIR, FIRST-
YEAR STUDENT OUTREACH
TEAM LEADER, ENGIN
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INNOVATION PATHWAY, 50K
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COMPETITION, DUKE NEW
IDEAS PROGRAM, KOGOD
CASE COMPETITION,
ADVERTISING INTERN

PRESIDENT

SURAJ

Nellore

"Having lived in different parts of the world growing up, I came to value the leaders who created spaces where I could be myself and feel represented. As student body president, my goal is to create spaces where all students can share their backgrounds and experiences, knowing that their voices will influence the future of our campus. Through regular communication with university administration, I will advocate for initiatives that support every student—no matter their college, background, or identity. EmpowerBU was formed to listen closely to students and ensure their voices drive meaningful change. When students feel heard and supported, possibilities turn into progress—and that's the future I'm committed to building for BU" - Suraj Nellore

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COM, CAS,
COM STUGOV PRESIDENT,
WOMEN'S LIGHTWEIGHT ROWING,
PR LAB, PRSSA,
LIFEGUARD AT FIT REC

EXECUTIVE VP

Natalie Reilly
NATALIE

"My experience at Boston University has introduced to me a diverse group of like-minded individuals who I respect and admire greatly. What stands out to me so much about the student body is the creativity and drive people have to enact change. As Executive Vice President I will be dedicated to my commitment to continue the tradition of strengthening our community through increasing the opportunities for school-wide events. By fostering a culture of inclusivity, we can empower students to become more engaged within our community." - Natalie Reilly

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QST STUDENT GOVERNMENT VICE
PRESIDENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS,
ALPHA KAPPA PSI,
STUDENT ENGAGEMENTS STAFFER,
TREASURER FOR UMOJA,
PWC CONSULTING EXTERNSHIP,
POSSE SCHOLAR,
QUESTROM ASCEND FELLOW,
QST DEI COMMITTEE,
QST CENTER OF DEI AMBASSADOR

VP OF FINANCE

Bryce
BRYCE
Thompson

"Money should never be a barrier to opportunity, especially on a campus as dynamic as Boston University. As someone who has been deeply involved in student organizations - whether through Questrom Student Government, Alpha Kappa Psi, UMOJA, or the Posse Fellowship - I've seen how access to funding can make or break an organization's ability to create impact. As Vice President of Finance, I want to ensure that every student group, no matter its size or mission, has the financial support to thrive. My focus will be on allocating funds equitably, increasing transparency in the budgeting process, and ensuring that clubs and organizations have the resources they need to build community, create meaningful experiences, and make BU a better place for everyone. When student organizations have the support they need, they empower individuals—and that's the kind of change I want to lead."- Bryce Thompson

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VICE PRESIDENT OF
MEMBERSHIP FOR DELTA
GAMMA,
UNDERGRADUATE
RESEARCHER AT THE
ALBRO LAB,
KILACHAND
AMBASSADOR, WOMEN'S
CLUB VOLLEYBALL,
TURKISH STUDENT
ASSOCIATION,
EXACT SCIENCES
PRODUCT
DEVELOPMENT INTERN

VP OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Baran **ALARA**

"I've been a part of many types of teams—whether on the volleyball court, in product engineering, or leading a sorority chapter. In each, my focus has been optimizing communication, fostering collaboration, and ensuring every member feels heard. I thrive on creating environments where ideas flow freely and success is shared. As Vice President of Internal Affairs, I'll bring this same commitment to uniting student voices, strengthening internal operations, and making student government a force for change. EmpowerBU is more than just your executive slate—it's a team that includes every individual, student group, and organization on campus. We believe that student government should work with the community, not just for it. By fostering transparency and inclusivity, I aim to ensure that every member of our diverse BU community feels valued, represented, and empowered as a member of and contributor to the EmpowerBU team. - Alara Baran

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OUR MISSION: A.I.M.

ADAPT, INCLUDE AND MOBILIZE

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ADAPT

BU is always evolving, and so are its students. EmpowerBU is committed to ensuring that as our community grows, students have the support, resources, and transparency they need to navigate their academic journey with confidence. From stronger mentorship to clearer academic planning, we're advocating for a university that adapts to our needs and empowers every student to succeed.

Peer Mentors

- As students, we understand the complexities of balancing academics and campus life. Often, we seek advice from peers who have been through it before. By formalizing this process and introducing peer mentors, we aim to provide an additional support system for students in both their academic and professional journeys.

Academic Advising

- Navigating academics at BU can be challenging, and strong advising can make all the difference. Recognizing our students' focus on their studies, we will continue to work with the administration to ensure advisors have the necessary resources to effectively support and guide them.

Class Evaluations

- We want to make it easier for students to see how their feedback is being used. We'll collaborate with university leaders to be more transparent about how they incorporate student voices, fostering a more open and collaborative academic environment.

ADAPT

Expanding Educational Partnerships with Nearby Schools

- We will work to build partnerships with neighboring schools to expand educational resources for our student body. Our goal is to provide students with access to additional opportunities and resources for growth.

Transparency in Academic Planning

- Understanding that students need time to plan for future semesters, we will advocate for the administration to be more transparent about costs and class content before registration. This is especially important for low-income and first-generation students, as it helps them plan more effectively.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship @ BU

- We recognize that the BU community is full of students with innovative ideas for a brighter future. We aim to work alongside the IDG Capital Student Innovation Center, BU Spark, and other innovation spaces to make these resources more accessible to students from all colleges.

International Student Career Fairs

- As international students, navigating the professional world can be challenging. We will collaborate with professional-development centers to connect students with companies and resources specifically tailored to their unique needs.

INCLUDE

BU is at its best when every student feels valued, heard, and connected. A dynamic community is built on inclusion—where voices are amplified, ideas are exchanged, and meaningful connections are made. EmpowerBU is here to make sure that every student finds their place in a campus that moves forward together.

StuGov Social Media

- To effectively connect with our student body, we will leverage social media channels and continue to focus on student-driven content. We believe that this will boost our reach and engagement, and help us better advertise student government to a larger audience.

Street Fairs @ BU Beach

- Our slate is committed to bringing more student-centered events to campus, fostering a stronger sense of community. This is why we are pushing for street fairs at BU beach, bringing together local vendors, free food, live music and entertainment. These events will be a vibrant space for students to unwind, connect, and celebrate campus life.

Student Lounges

- We will work to expand student lounge spaces across campus, including at the GSU, to provide more areas for students to unwind. Featuring comfortable seating, recreational facilities, and creative works to improve the daily student experience.

INCLUDE

Increased Collaboration with Student College Governments

- We plan on adjusting the structure of current College Government President Council meetings so there is an increased focus on dialogue. By fostering meaningful conversations among student government leaders, we aim to better reflect the student experience and inspire future collaboration and initiatives.

BU Time Capsule

- We aim to create a BU Time Capsule that captures the spirit of each student's journey. By preserving memories from today's students, we'll ensure that future generations of Terriers can look back on the experiences, challenges, and triumphs that define their time at BU, fostering a lasting legacy for years to come.

Transparent Student Body Emails

- We will continue sending monthly emails to the student body highlighting student government news, campus events and providing a spotlight for student organisations. We will also continue to emphasize being transparent about our conversations with administration, to keep students informed on our progress.

Community Service

- We will be partnering with the Community Service Center to improve awareness and drive participation in volunteering opportunities that support both the BU community and the greater Boston area.

Spring Concert

- The Spring Concert is a time for Terriers to come together, enjoy live music, and create strong memories. We look forward to bringing in incredible artists and making the next concert an even bigger and better experience for students to celebrate and connect through music.

MOBILIZE

True representation means bringing all voices to the table. Mobilizing is about creating spaces where students from all backgrounds can unite, collaborate, and lead efforts that represent the diversity at BU. EmpowerBU is dedicated to supporting students from all backgrounds, fostering a culture where every voice contributes to positive change.

Inclusive Admissions Experience

- We will collaborate with different institutions, including the Admission Student Diversity Board, to explore opportunities to improve the admissions process for all students. BU's current diversity allows for us students to grow and learn from each other, and we will continue working toward a future that supports individuals from all backgrounds.

Sexual Assault Prevention

- Sexual assault has no place at Boston University. We will continue to support the current Survivor's Bill of Rights and advocate for a safe environment where everyone feels comfortable to speak up. April marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and throughout this time—and beyond—we will collaborate with the BU community and its various groups to promote awareness, education, and prevention efforts.

Collaboration between Student Organizations and StuGov

- We believe that there could be stronger ties between different organizations on campus and student government. We look forward to directly engaging with club leaders and gaining deeper insight into the various communities at BU.

MOBILIZE

Greek life / Sports Liaison

- We recognize the important role that Greek Life and student-athletes play at BU and see an opportunity for more consistent dialogue. By proactively involving representatives from these groups in student government, we aim to foster mutual understanding and address the disconnect between our communities.

Mental Health and Well-Being

- We understand the importance of supporting students' mental health, particularly during stressful times in the year. We will work to provide stress-relieving resources and promote self-care, with examples including self-care kits, therapy animals, and working with different mental health committees on campus.

Presence

- As an executive board, we will prioritize the need to be present at different student-led events and initiatives. By consistently engaging with our student body, we hope to foster stronger connections and better support student voices.

Working with HTC

- We will continue to focus on strengthening our relationship with the Howard Thurman Center to support cultural recognition and collaboration. By continuing conversations with the cultural council, we will look to improve cultural awareness and foster deeper understanding across campus.

Strengthening Collaboration Among Cultural and Identity Groups

- BU has created dedicated spaces on campus for marginalized groups, whether based on ethnicity, gender, or sexuality. We look forward to increasing collaboration between these organizations to further amplify their strong impact on students.

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