

Liliana Ogden

Candidate for Student Body Vice President

Academic Classification: Junior

Major: Economics and Finance

Please explain why you would like to serve as a Student Body Officer.

Some of the most overlooked issues on TCU's campus are transportation, mental health, and DEI efforts. Using the resources available to the vice president position, I will make strong headway in these areas. I plan to do so by increasing transportation options available for TCU students, engaging faculty, staff, and students on the topic of mental health, and advocating for all marginalized students by working with organizations to bring about empowerment and fight for the necessary change. With this reimagined Vice President position, this campus needs someone who is going to set the expectations for the position in a positive and responsible way. I welcome this challenge and am excited to set up future leaders with a robust model of how to approach this position. My love for TCU has grown significantly through my involvement with SGA, the TCU Dutchmen, Gamma Phi Beta, the Brown-Lupton University Union, Leaders for Life, and the Leadership Scholars Program; I hope to carry that same passion into the Vice Presidency.

Please describe your platform for Student Body Officer

It is time we act. The goal is to keep listening, but now we must start transforming the ideas we have collected into realities. My campaign is based on taking action. Transportation, mental health, and DEI efforts are some of the most overlooked issues on TCU's campus. I have a plan to inspire major reformation in these critical areas to further connect TCU to itself, its community, and the world.

Transportation: We need to increase the transportation options available for TCU students to explore the greater Dallas/Fort Worth community.

- Working with Uber and Lyft to provide discounted rides to TCU students to promote safe and responsible driving choices
- Discounting student bus and train passes and providing Downtown Fort Worth and West 7th weekend transportation
- Creating a clear and concise webpage detailing the numerous transportation resources available to students

Mental Health: We need to engage faculty, staff, and students on the topic of mental health and actively promote our campus resources to students by taking the following steps.

- Advocating for mental health resources to be added on each TCU course syllabus
- Putting magnets on every fridge on campus with mental health resources
- Reducing the stigma around mental illness and men's mental health

DEI: We need to advocate for all marginalized students by working with organizations to bring about empowerment and fight for the necessary change.

- Advocating for a multicultural center on campus
- Implementing programs that will provide a more inclusive environment for the TCU Student body and eliminate the feeling of disconnectedness felt by transfer, commuter, and first-year students.
- Advocating for mandatory in-person DEI training for all faculty, staff, and students that hold leadership positions within TCU's recognized organizations