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I have held a number of elected positions at 901 including Moderator, a member of the Bargaining Team for Unit 1 and, most recently, Info Officer (2yrs). I have also sat on a bunch of committees including the Budget Committee for the past 4 years. I am running for Treasurer because I feel I can continue to be of service to 901 in that role. My professional and work background in accounting and payroll management will be an asset to me in performing the duties of Treasurer but really it is my commitment to 901 that I bring this to the role. The role of Treasurer is more than record keeping and reports, though it is a lot of that. The Treasurer works with the Executive and Committees to make sure that they have the means to do their work and meet the needs and goals of the membership. 901 isn't a stagnant body we adapt and change to needs of our membership. The pandemic really shone a light on the necessity of better mental health supports for graduate student workers and so we bargained for and won funds for the Mental Health Bursary. Post pandemic the already precarious living conditions of 901 members have been exacerbated by the rising costs of housing and groceries and so we began the Emergency Food Fund and the Political Action Committee has led us in rallies for better funding and lower fees. There have been a lot of changes at 901 over the past few years and I am really proud of all the work we have accomplished together. The needs of our community will continue to evolve and so will its leadership. Reunited on campus post pandemic 901 is gathering steam and I look forward to being a part of that momentum whether as Treasurer or as a member at large.