Can you imagine having lips, even a tongue, but not being able to speak? Can you imagine talking to the person to your left or right, only to realize that they were partially deaf toward your own voice? Can you imagine this is a daily occurrence in millions of lives all over the world? The honor of being ASU’s student servant leader stands very dignified, as I have been given the humble opportunity to speak for those who cannot.

As I share a message with you today, realize it is my voice but thousands,
even millions, of hearts which are truly speaking, as I believe that is the true meaning of servant leadership. Martin Luther King Jr. shared with us a vision of what he saw, strived for and truly believed in. I want to share with you today, what I have strived to share with many individuals throughout my life and what I believe.

I believe that most people when posed the question, “what is support?” would be apt to think of something tangible. Usually people think that support needs different
facets in order to truly be of use. However, what if I told you, that I believe support can stand with only one.

When thinking of support most of us think of the finished product – a tripod for instance. Although, during manufacturing there are various stages and at the beginning of which the tripod actually has only one leg attached. It is not until later in the
process that the tripod has other legs attached, adjustments made and the tripod is considered complete.

Some of you may think that a tripod with only one leg would fall and you are right, so is Newton. But what if we can physically and mentally change its center of gravity, could a single leg stand balanced and become stable? I pose these questions to you, because I believe that if a tripod cannot stand
on one leg, then it most certainly will not stand with three.

Now you may be wondering, what’s with the tripod and one leg; I believe the one leg can represent yourself and that support is built around you. Although, without believing and supporting your own self completely then I believe you won’t be able to succeed. But if you can find your own center of gravity, your true self, then once you are offered further support
you won’t just stand perplexed but you will tower above what you only dreamed was possible.

If you believe in yourself, there is no limit to your mind, heart or aspirations. I believe in my family, everyone who has lent a hand to help me, everyone I have lent a hand to and all of you before me. The time is now, to look at yourself and not just think you can do it, but rather know you can do it. If something is done poorly in your book, then that only
means you have plenty of room for improvement.

With improvement comes experiences and with experience comes confidence and confidence brings vitality to your inner body which no one can see, steal or shake from you. When you truly believe in yourself, your dreams and aspirations will not grow longitudinally but rather exponentially.
I believe those whom depend on others, to define their true potential, will never realize it. Put just one step forward by believing in yourself and others will follow. Put both feet forward and we may actually change history for the better. It is time to realize your own potential. If you have a dream, as Dr. King did, then do not just dream it – live it. Thank you.