

Student Union Society Equalities Committee Policy

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Purpose

The purpose of the committee is to provide a forum for student representatives of distinct communities to share the concerns of their groups, to initiate discussions on how to change current social inequality issues faced by these populations, and to develop innovative ideas for recommendation to the Executive Committee. The committee shall be concerned with assisting the SUS take active steps towards helping distinct communities build networks, as well as reduce barriers and various forms of discrimination faced by students on campus.

1.0 Responsibilities

1.1 The specific responsibilities and mandate of the Equalities Committee include, but are not limited to:

1.1.1 Gathering information about specific concerns from significantly distinct communities;

1.1.2 Working toward creating a socially and culturally aware, emotionally intelligent, and heightened educational environment for students at UFV;

1.1.3 Building connections between communities;

1.1.4 Reducing barriers;

1.1.5 Making recommendations for ensuring that UFV is a space that is safe from various forms of discrimination; and

1.1.6 Discussing and developing dynamic solutions for distinct communities at UFV.

1.2 The Committee is an advisory and recommendation committee operating on the consensus model. Voting will only occur if notable disagreement arises.

2.0 Membership and Chair

2.1 Members of the committee are added and removed in accordance with the Committee Structure Policy

2.2 Student representatives from distinct communities on campus including, but not limited to:
Aboriginal, Accessibility, International, Mature, Pride, Residence, and Women

2.3 The Chair of the Equalities committee is the Equalities Officer by default

2.3.1 If the Equalities Officer cannot chair the Equalities committee, the VP External is the chair by default

3.0 Quorum

3.1 Quorum is one-third of the voting members, but never less than three (3) voting members.

4.0 Responsibilities of Chair

4.1 To provide leadership to the committee

4.2 To schedule meetings and set the agenda

4.3 To ensure that attendance and minutes are being taken and properly stored

4.4 To assign and coordinate the work of the committee

4.5 To be the primary liaison between the Committee and the SUS Executives

4.6 To report on the work of the committee for the Executive and/or the Board as required