

Candidate Statement:

I am Andrew Stahl, a student moving into my sixth year of attendance at UFV. I am running for the position of College of Arts Representative at our Student Union Association at UFV. My academic background is two BAs in the majors of Criminology and History, so I am settled in UFV for the long term. And over the years I have been at UFV I have experienced the aspects of our athletic, gaming, theatrical, historical, and political contributions that make UFV student culture. First hand, I witnessed and participated in our student body's diverse array of activities and discovered that our student life is its own biome. I have been impressed by people's positivity in making UFV a better place and that is why I want to re-run for the College of Arts Representative position.

Why am I running? I want to run, because I have faith in our student body, our created culture, and keep on the legacy that leadership figures have done before us. By contributing my time and perspective, I am to be apart of the growing positivity and social culture that makes UFV our university. Our own biome, that are slivers of diverse groups that dedicate themselves to their studies and beloved activity, whether it be gaming, sports, content creation, design, art, historical findings, or an advancement in a particular field of research. I want to continue all of our hard work that we have invested in each other and see to it that our culture is forwarded to the next generation of students.

What qualifies me for the Art Rep.? Over my five years already at UFV I have been the SUS Board Chairman for a year term (2016/2017), continued with this current term as the College of Arts Representative at the SUS Board of Directors and one of two Student Representatives at the UFV Board of Directors to make sure with a confident voice that we have a consistent and continuous presence at UFV's Board of Governors. Additionally, I joined and still reside on UFV's Rowing Men's Team, I have participated in campus activities, organized and led open study groups within my classes. From sports, I learned teamwork, commitment, and working for a common goal. From participating in UFV events, I gained a social awareness of the students that I am running for and who we are. Leading and organizing study groups, I have learned and exercised organization, leadership, common contribution, flexibility, and social coherence. As served as Chairman at SUS, I learned the rules of Robert (rules that are upheld at SUS board meetings), an awareness of our political hemisphere, and perspectives of the several student populations that are represented at the Executive Board level. As the current College of Arts Representative and a Student Representative on the UFV Board of Governors I have the experience to utilize the strength to speak up for the student body on issues that affect us.

Why vote for me? Last election, I made a promise to focus to place increased pressure on CASA for them to increase their performance to advocate for student friendly policies in terms of accessible provincial grants for the average student in financial need. That was achieved. This election I am advocating for a better shuttle service and possibly expand it to the Mission campus as this was a concern from students that came from or attended the Mission campus. My advocacy on this policy requires your help in taking part

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in this year's election and voting for Andrew Stahl. Everyone in our student body has an opinion, but not everyone will speak up or be willing to lead. I am have and will continue to commit my time and effort in representing and make choices that affect all UFV students for our positive change. Choices will be made for the benefit of the student body; and my abilities to evaluate and vote on critical items held at the Board will not be influenced by any second or third parties. My majors in History and Criminology had me at UFV for five years and will keep me at UFV for the next three years to which I am committed to the Student Union. Simply put you are my colleagues, my friends, and my family. I am prepared to represent all of the Art Fields within UFV and fight for what improvements we want to see.