

Candidate Statement

Rajdeep Dhaliwal **Vice-President External**

Hey UFV! My names Rajdeep, but if you've met me on campus before then you may know that I prefer to go by Raj. I can easily be found in the Student Union Building working in the Collegium, volunteering with student life, scorekeeping some games or just around campus hanging out or studying.



In my two years here at UFV I have strived to figure out how I can make a difference in my university and more importantly in the lives of students. I have gotten involved with the cascade newspaper, joined senate, volunteered at many events and with many organizations but I feel as though this position would be the only way I can implement the changes I have in mind by advocating for what we as students need and want.

My goals:

- **Transparency and Reduction of Student Fees and appropriate allocation of university resources**
As SUS's representative to the different levels of governments, I would work with UFV and advocate to the provincial government for a lower cost of education. The current cost is unsustainable and we should actively ask the new leadership to put students central to their efforts!
- **Restrict Assessment Percentage of Materials that have to be accessed online for a cost**
The average student already has to struggle to afford tuition without the added cost of extra course material. I hope to reduce the struggle by advocating for a policy that restricts the assessment percentages of costly course material.
- **Better Communication with Student Union Society**

If you're a student and you're unsure about what the SUS is- I understand. I would make communication a priority if elected. A large part of advocating for what students want is hearing their voices. I would better communication by:

- Creating avenues for students to address concerns and provide feedback. It should be about what you want.
- Inform community of all issues being discussed or advocated for on a monthly basis. It's your right to know!
- Reorganize and launch SUS website to make information more accessible. Room booking or finding resources shouldn't be difficult.

- **Advocacy for all Students!**

The VPE is SUS's representative to various levels of government. It is the liaison between the society and the UFV Provost and VP Academic. If elected I would work with all those mentioned to get you what you need. For everyone from indigenous and international students to locals.

Thank you for reading my statement! I assure you that your concerns are my concerns!

Please take time out of your day to vote **Rajdeep Dhaliwal as your next VP External** from April 9 to April 12.

If you have any questions about my platform, feel free to email me at rajdeep.dhaliwal2@student.ufv.ca