



# NOMINATION PACKAGE: Vice President External

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**DEADLINE: MARCH 2, 2019, 11:59PM**

**UFV STUDENT UNION SOCIETY | 2019**  
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## Eligibility Checklist

(For candidate use)

- Read the Election Timeline (pg. 3) and confirm availability for all necessary dates.
- Fully complete all parts of the Declaration of Intent (pg. 4).
- Read and signed the Election Eligibility Verification Form (pg. 5).
- Read and sign the Electoral Candidate Contract (pg. 6).
- Read the Responsibilities of a Board Member (pg. 7)
- Read the Election Rules, Election Policy, and Responsibilities of a Director found here: <https://ufvsus.ca/policies.html>
- Submit a candidate statement

### HOW TO SUBMIT

Submit completed packages through either of the following options:

- Via email in **PDF** format to the Chief Electoral Officer: [elections@ufvsus.ca](mailto:elections@ufvsus.ca)
- SUS Office:

SUB 1109 – 33844 King Rd (Closes daily at 5pm)  
Abbotsford BC V2S 7M8

Only pages 1-6 and the candidate statement need to be submitted

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#### ***For office use only***

*I certify that this candidate has properly completed the nomination package and that I have verified they are eligible to stand for election to the UFV Student Union Society Board of Directors*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Electoral Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





## Election Timeline

**Nomination Period:** February 9, 2019 to March 2, 2019

- Submit your nomination package to [elections@ufvsus.ca](mailto:elections@ufvsus.ca) or a SUS Office
- Also available for nomination are student seats on the UFV Board of Governors (2) and Senate (4). Visit [www.ufv.ca/secretariat/elections](http://www.ufv.ca/secretariat/elections) for more info. One student Governor and one student Senator also will sit on the SUS Board

**Review Period:** March 3, 2019 to March 10, 2019

- The Chief Electoral Officer will review all packages to confirm eligibility and contact candidates
- An information session will take place during this period for all eligible candidates
- Use this time to prepare campaign materials, but no campaigning is permitted

**Campaign Period:** March 11, 2019 to March 31, 2019

- Get out there and meet students!

<b>Q&amp;A Reality Check 1:</b> March 12, 2019 Abbotsford UFV SUB Atrium Time: 2:30pm	<b>Q&amp;A Reality Check 2:</b> March 14, 2019 Chilliwack UFV Trades Centre Time: 2:30pm	<b>Q&amp;A Reality Check 3:</b> March 20, 2019 Abbotsford UFV SUB Atrium Time: 4:30pm
<b>Candidate Mixer 1:</b> March 27, 2019 Chilliwack UFV Main Concourse CEP Time: 4pm	<b>Candidate Mixer 2:</b> March 29, 2019 Abbotsford UFV SUB Atrium Time: 4pm	<b>X</b>

\*Q&A's and Candidate Mixer's are **NOT** mandatory

**Voting Period:** April 1, 2019 to April 4, 2019

- Voting will occur online through myUFV

**Announcement & Ratification:** April 5, 2019 at 6pm in SUB 3102

**Transition Period:** All successful candidates are must attend the last Board Meeting of the current term (April 25, 2019)





## Declaration of Intent

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Sought:

<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President External
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## Elections Eligibility Verification Form

Only members of the Student Union Society (“the Society” and “SUS”) in good standing may seek election to the SUS Board of Directors. The Members of the Society are all individuals who have registered in at least one credit course at UFV for the current semester and who have paid membership fees to the Society.

All candidates intending to run for any position in the 2019 Election must complete and return the following waiver. This waiver authorizes the SUS Chief Electoral Officer to check the candidate’s eligibility by verifying the candidate is a current student at UFV in good standing, has a minimum CGPA of 2.0, meets any other eligibility requirements (as applicable), and that UFV security has no current charges against the candidate. Should the candidate successfully attain a position on the SUS Board of Directors, this waiver also authorizes the SUS Board of Directors to verify their student status on a continuing basis throughout the academic year. No student may run for office until this waiver has been returned to the SUS Chief Electoral Officer.

Elected candidates will be required to attend Board Meetings on a regular schedule. This requirement is the reason Directors of the Society received priority registration. All successful candidates will be expected to arrange their schedules to accommodate Board Meetings.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*print full name*), hereby authorize the SUS Chief Electoral Officer to verify that I am a current student at UFV in good standing, have a minimum CGPA of 2.0, meet any other eligibility requirements (as applicable), and that UFV security has no current charges against me. Should I successfully attain a position on the SUS Board of Directors as a result of this election, I further authorize the SUS Board of Directors to verify my student status on a continuing basis throughout the academic year. I understand that, should I fail in my bid to become a SUS director, this waiver will only be utilized during the 2019 Election period.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





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## ELECTORAL CANDIDATE CONTRACT

As a candidate in the 2019 Election I confirm that I have read and agreed to the election rules contained in this Election Package, and online at [www.ufvsus.ca/elections](http://www.ufvsus.ca/elections). I also realize that my failure to follow the rules will result in sanctions against my election campaign which may include the removal of my candidacy. I further realize that even if I have been removed as a candidate in the election, my continued lack of compliance of the above rules may result in further sanctions, including prohibiting involvement in future elections. I am also aware that groups or individuals that break the above rules while campaigning on my behalf may also result in me receiving the sanctions mentioned above.

By signing this contract I agree to conduct all of my campaigning in a respectful manner and will not spread any hate-speech or intentional lies against any group, organization, or individual. I fully understand that even my actions while not campaigning, off campus, or online, may still be deemed to represent my election campaign and those actions may result in the above sanctions against me if my actions violate the above clauses.

If successful, I fully and honestly intend to fulfil the duties of the position I seek for the entire term for which I am elected.

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Name of Candidate

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Signature of Candidate

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Date





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## Job Description

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*The University of the Fraser Valley Student Union Society (SUS) is a BC Not-For-Profit Society representing and serving our UFV student members. The SUS manages the Student Union Building and facilitates a number of services such as the UFV Shuttle Bus, food services, student advocacy, financial aid, events, in addition to clubs and associations support. As the official representative body of UFV students our mission is to create a strong, unified student voice and to provide innovative and valuable services to its members by advocating on behalf of and collaborating with the Student Body, UFV, and the community.*

**Work Schedule:** Minimum 30 hours weekly, of which a minimum of 22 hours must be done at UFV

**Reporting to:** President & SUS Board of Directors

# SUS Vice President External

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Vice President External is a public-facing role involved in student advocacy and policy development within UFV. The Vice President External is SUS's representative to the local, regional, provincial, and federal government and collaborates directly with various partners in advocacy organizations and at UFV. In the role of an advocate for the interests of UFV students, the Vice President External also sits on various committees within UFV pertaining to academic, governmental, and career development issues. The position must be filled by a current student of UFV who will be enrolled in at least one for-credit course in the Fall and Winter semesters.

Note: This is an intensive and demanding role, which requires complete commitment for the entire term of office, and travel time away from home and classes.

## RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

The Vice President External has specific responsibility for a variety of functions, including but not limited to the following:

- Represent SUS on various University committees connected with academic, career development or governmental policy issues;
- Represent the Society to national and provincial student advocacy groups, government officials, and local community groups regarding student issues;
- Act as a liaison between the Society and the UFV Provost & Vice President Academic and other academic staff;
- Maintain awareness of current issues and developments regarding academic and non-





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academic matters relevant to the Society, both at UFV and in the larger post-secondary environment;

- Manage the consultation and development of policy relating to academic and educational affairs, and advocacy campaigns;
- Ensure that students have an avenue to address any concerns they might have during their post-secondary career;
- Perform other duties, as may be required for the Society to achieve its mission, vision, and goals;
- Research new emerging university pedagogical approaches, university governance issues, student financial aid strategies, community issues affecting students (i.e. housing, transit, wellness services, living assistance, accessibility issue etc.) and recommend policy positions to be considered by the Executive and Board;
- Advocate for transparency and reduction of tuition and student fees where appropriate and the appropriate allocation of university resources to best service student's academic and career development,
- Advocate on behalf of the specific interests of international students and indigenous university students to UFV and to the various levels of government.

## **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE:**

The Vice President External, in conjunction with other Executives, has responsibility for a variety of functions, including but not limited to the following:

- To oversee the day-to-day operations, administration, and management processes of the Society in conjunction with the Executive Director;
- Develop individual Executive Goals Plans in accordance with the SUS Strategic Plan and the approved SUS Annual Budget, and ensure the completion of all goal plan items;
- Provide a report of recent activities to the Board at each Board meeting, including all significant information which may affect the Society operations or its Membership, and all portfolios under the Executive's position;
- Present an annual end-of-term report to the Board before leaving office;
- Act as a liaison between the Society staff and the Board, and prepare any reports on office staff matters;
- Sit on the Executive Committee;
- Continually review strategic and other plans of the Society, ensure completion of benchmarks, and revise as appropriate;
- Act as a signatory for the Society on official documents, contracts, and other matters;
- Review all contracts on behalf of the Society; with the Executive Director;
- Coordinate the investments of the Society; with the Executive Director;
- Provide input regarding programming and events to the SUS annual operating budget generated by the Executive Director for presentation to and approval by the Board;





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- Keep current on the goals, concerns, and needs of the Membership, including education trends and other matters which may affect the Membership in the future;
- Maintain, develop, foster, relationships with UFV and other partners in post-secondary education;
- Perform critical analysis of UFV, or other institutions involved in post-secondary education
- Transition the incoming Executive in accordance relevant governing policy and procedures.

## ASSETS

- Knowledge of the academic and career services by UFV to UFV students,
- Familiarity with UFV academic and administrative policies and procedures;
- Prior experience in advocacy campaigns particularly those supporting university students;
- A working knowledge of the functioning of and relationship between the provincial and federal governments;
- Professional work ethic, exercising of good judgement, tact, initiative, and high degree of professionalism;
- Must work with and treat all people respectfully and equally;
- Willingness to learn and develop professional skills;
- Excellent written and oral communication, large-scale public speaking;
- Personable nature, able to interact with many different character types;
- Highly organized and attentive to detail;
- Ability to effectively supervise and manage staff and volunteers, and assess performance;
- Strong critical thinking and logic-based decision analysis;
- Ability to adapt and react to changing goals and environments;
- Working both independently and cooperatively as part of a team, and in non-traditional work environments and schedules;
- Consistent work ethic throughout the entire year, and committed to remaining in the position for the entire year;
- Able to maintain confidentiality of sensitive information; and
- Working knowledge of the Microsoft Office suite.

## ELECTION PROCEDURE

The position of Vice President External is elected through the annual SUS General Elections. Please see the Elections Policy for more information.





## RESPONSIBILITIES OF A BOARD MEMBER

### Purpose

This policy lists the responsibilities and duties of all members of the SUS Board of Directors.

### Legal Duties

#### Fiduciary Duty

1. Make decisions about the financial, legal, and ethical obligations that the organization must fulfill.
2. Act honestly, in good faith, and in the best interests of the Society.
3. Look to the long-term interests of the Society, a duty that will vary with the situation at hand.
4. The duty to treat individual stakeholders affected by the Society's actions equitably and fairly.
5. Consider what is in the best interests of members, employees, creditors, consumers, governments, and the environment to inform their decision;
6. Act in the best interests of the corporation in a fair manner commensurate with the corporation's duties as a responsible corporate citizen;
7. Not make decisions where one set of interests, for example the interests of members, prevail over another set of interests;
8. It is the primary function of the director to do what is in the best interests of the Society in any particular situation.

#### Duty of Care

1. Ensure the organization has the resources that it requires.
2. Be prepared for and attend board meetings.

#### Duty of Loyalty

1. Put the organization's interests above your own.
2. Avoid and report conflicts of interest that you may have.

#### Statutory Duties

1. Ensure compliance with bylaws and legal filings.





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## Responsibilities

1. Ensure the organization has a clear mission and that all organizational activities are in support of the mission.
2. Support the most senior staff member and ensure effective senior leadership of the organization.
3. Protect and steward the organization's assets; ensure financial and non-financial risks are mitigated.
4. Ensure that the organization has sufficient resources to carry out its mission.
5. Be ambassadors by ensuring that the organization's mission and work is shared widely and consistently.

## Ethics and Principles

1. A Director must act honestly and in good faith exercising oversight with diligence, prudence, and the care that reflects you are acting in the best interests of the Society.
2. A Director who has personal interests or has relationships with people with personal interests in any Society business, contracts, legal positions, policies, transactions, or strategic decisions must fully and promptly disclose the nature and extent of their conflict of interest to the Board as a whole.
3. A Director must understand and accept that the role of the Society's Board is to act as an oversight body, and is not involved in day-to-day operations, administration, or management processes.
4. A Director must behave respectfully and professionally toward other board members, student union staff, and members both publically and privately (this includes all forms of media such as news articles and social media platforms).
5. Directors may speak freely at Board meetings, but once the Board has made a decision, the Director must unequivocally support those decisions.
6. Directors must recognize and respect the fact that the President is the primary spokesperson for The Society and is the only person authorized to speak for the Board or the Society.
7. Directors are expected to attend and participate in all Board and General Meetings and miss no more than three (3) Board meetings in a year.
8. Directors must work within the approved SUS budget.
9. Directors are expected to acquire a working knowledge of the BC Societies Act, the SUS Bylaws and Policies, Robert's Rules, and any other items governing the business of the Society.