

Candidate Statement:

I am Andrew Stahl, a student moving into my seventh year of attendance at UFV. I am running for the position of College of Arts Representative at our Student Union Society. 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 Student Representative position.

Why am I running? I am running for my third year for College of Arts for the UFV and this year I am gearing to make a heavy push on reforming the policies around sexual related violations and/or incidents. After attending a seminar that was hosted by the UFV Student Union, our system was rated by a student formed and run nationwide organization. The rating placed at second worst. From my last 3 years of experience in student politics, students are *not* protected to the standard that we should be. We need change and aggressive change. I want to run, because I have faith in our student body, to provide change where previous leadership should have given us. By contributing my time and perspective, I am to be a part 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 by being protected the next gen of students. We should start protecting our interests as of now.

What qualifies me for the Student Rep.? Over my six years already at UFV I have been the SUS Board Chairman for a year term (2016/2017), continued with last and 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 and SUS 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

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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? My first 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. Last election, I advocated for a better shuttle service for our campuses as this was a concern from students. My advocacy on reformation of the sexualized violence policy I require your help in taking part in this year's election and voting for Andrew Stahl. You voted and received your concerns and issues addressed. Everyone in our student body has an opinion, but not everyone will speak up or be willing to lead. I 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 six years and will keep me at UFV for the next two years to which I am committed to the representing the student interest. Simply put you are my colleagues, my friends, and my family. I am prepared to represent all of the student body within UFV and fight for what improvements we want to see and deserve. If you have read this far you have done more than most students have done when it comes into looking and researching their candidate options and what they are about. Whether or not you vote for me, I am open to going for a quick coffee and can discuss any issues or concerns that may arise while you are a student at UFV.