

# Responsibilities of a Board Member

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## **Purpose**

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

## **Responsibilities**

1. A director must act honestly, in good faith, in the best interests of the society, and exercise the care, diligence, and skill of a reasonably prudent person, in exercising the powers and performing the functions of a director.
2. A director who is, directly or indirectly, interested in a proposed contract or transaction with the Society must disclose fully and promptly the nature and extent of the interest to each of the other directors.
3. To understand that the role of the Board is to act as an oversight body, and is not involved in the day-to-day operations, administration, or management processes.
4. To represent the Faculty or group of students the director is elected to represent (i.e. Faculty of Arts rep should represent students in academic programs under the Faculty of Arts),
5. To 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).
6. To speak freely at Board meetings, but support policies, programs and decisions once established.
7. To recognize the President as the primary spokesperson for The Society, and as the only person authorized to speak for the Board or the Society.
8. To ensure that legal, regulatory and accountability obligations are met.
9. To attend and participate in all Board and General Meetings.
10. To miss no more than three (3) Board meetings in a year.

11. To work within the Board approved SUS budget.
12. To acquire a working knowledge of the BC Society Act, SUS Bylaws and Policies, Robert's Rules, and any other items governing the business of the Society.
13. Be aware of current issues concerning your Faculty or community for which you were elected and bring them to the Board when necessary.

## Vice President Internal Job Description

**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

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Vice President Internal is Treasurer and Secretary of the Society, and is ultimately responsible for ensuring financial responsibility and compliance with governing documents, and overseeing the management of student organizations. This is an operations and organization intensive position, with significant time spent working with processes, documents, spreadsheets, and other internal duties. The position must be filled by a current student of UFV who will be enrolled in at least one four-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. It is strongly recommended not to take more than 2-3 classes (6-9 credits) per semester for these reasons.

### RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT INTERNAL

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

- Manage and supervise the relevant Officer portfolios, and sit on and provide guidance for all relevant committees;
- Assist the President in all matters relating to the internal workings of the Society and UFV;
- Act as the primary contact person for all Board Members;
- Schedule, plan, record, and oversee the operation of Board Meetings and General Meetings;
- Work with the Board Chair and train them as necessary;

- Ensure that there is adequate non-Board student representation in all decision making processes of the Society;
- Enforcement of the policy, bylaw, and other governing legislation of the Society;
  - This includes ensuring the BC Society Act is adhered to, and all necessary regulatory filings are completed.
- Review and propose revisions to bylaw and operational policy;
- Oversee all financial processes, ensuring adherence to the operating budget, and all financial control measures;
- Lead the creation of the annual budget in accordance with relevant bylaw and policy;
- Ensure long-term financial sustainability of the Society, and prepare monthly financial reports to the Board, and quarterly and annual reports to the membership;
- Facilitate the annual audit of the Society by the appointed auditor, and present the audited financial statements to the membership at a General Meeting;
- Provide all necessary support and resources for student clubs and associations, and help facilitate the operations of these students groups and resolve concerns as required; and
- Perform other duties, as may be required for the Society to achieve its mission, vision, and goals.

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

The Vice President Internal, 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 Operational 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;

- Prepare an annual operating budget for the Society for presentation to and approval by the Board and the Membership prior to March 31 at a General Meeting;
- 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 postsecondary education;
- Perform critical analysis of UFV, or other institutions involved in post-secondary education; and
- Transition the incoming Executive in accordance relevant governing policy and procedures.

## **ASSETS**

- Professional work ethic, exercising of good judgement, tact, initiative, and high degree of professionalism;
- Must work with and treat all people respectfully and equally;
- Working knowledge of finances, budgeting, and/or money;
- Willingness to learn and develop professional skills;
- Excellent written and oral communication, large-scale public speaking;
- Highly organized and attentive to detail, able to manage and ensure compliance with a broad range of documents and legislation;
- Ability to effectively supervise and manage staff and volunteers, and assess performance;
- Strong critical thinking and logic-based decision analysis;
- Experience working in non-profit organizations, and in particular SUS;
- 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
- Excellent knowledge of the Microsoft Office suite, particularly Word and Excel.