

**President  
Report to the Board of Directors  
March 2017**

**This Month in Review (External Meetings, Etc.):**

- March 2<sup>nd</sup>: UFV Board of Governors meeting
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards ceremony
- March 6<sup>th</sup>: Student Societies Committee meeting
- March 12<sup>th</sup>- March 15<sup>th</sup>: CASA Annual General Meeting
- March 15<sup>th</sup>: UFV Fees Committee Meeting
- March 21<sup>st</sup>- March 24<sup>th</sup>: SUS General Election Voting Period
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>: SUB Steering Committee meeting
- March 27<sup>th</sup>: Active Bystander committee meeting
- March 27<sup>th</sup>: PrideUFV Centre mandate, policy, and coordinator positions finalized
- March 27<sup>th</sup>: Gender Equality Centre mandate, policy, and coordinator positions finalized
- March 28<sup>th</sup>: Draft Internationalization Plan (meeting with UFV International)
- March 28<sup>th</sup>: SUS General Election Results ratification
- March 28<sup>th</sup>: SUS Board of Director's meeting

**Upcoming Meetings, Events, Etc.**

- March 30<sup>th</sup>: SUS Annual General Meeting
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>-April 28<sup>th</sup>: SUS Executive Transition Period
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Meeting with UFV Social Work students (re: Indigenizing the Academy)
- April 5<sup>th</sup>: SUB Leadership Awards and Volunteer Recognition Night

**SUS STUDENT AWARDS 2017**

**MEET THE 2017 NOMINEES**

<b>Dr. Brian Minter Excellence in Leadership Awards Nominees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mohit Bassi</li><li>• Sidi Chen</li><li>• Sonja Shalom</li></ul>
<b>Kelly Chahal Volunteer of the Year Award Nominees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tanya Vanpraseuth</li><li>• Karan Ahuja</li><li>• Sarah Gabor-Martinez</li></ul>
<b>Terry-Lynn Stone Club or Association of the Year Award Nominees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Criminal Justice Student Association</li><li>• Nursing Student Association</li><li>• Mental Health and Awareness Club</li></ul>
<b>Elizabeth Phillips Seeking Indigenous Reconciliation Award Nominees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Michael Chutskoff</li><li>• Melissa Ly</li><li>• Hailey Peters</li></ul>

## 1. General Updates from the President

### 1.1 SUS Health and Wellness Centre Update:

In 2015, the SUS Board of Directors passed a motion to approve the space allocation and development of a Health and Wellness Centre on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Student Union Building. Since that motion passed, we have been researching potential service models, assessing campus health needs, and connecting with community partners to develop a Health and Wellness Centre on our campus.

At this point in time, we are not in a position to immediately launch a full-service Health and Wellness Centre. The first stage of construction that was approved by the SUS Board of Directors (plumbing, sink installation, and cabinetry) was completed under budget in the space in January 2017. Immediately following this construction, our newly hired Executive Director discovered unorganized financials and budgets that were based on unsubstantiated account totals. Therefore, the decision was made to stall immediate progress on this project until such time that there was clarity around additional calls for funds (possibly lease holds) that would be required for completion of this project.

I'm confident that we are able to make progress on this project in the near future. At this time, we plan to take the approach of offering a commercial lease to a medical practitioner. It takes time and consultation to develop a commercial lease with lawyers, hold a service RFQ by medical practitioners, develop a communications and marketing plan for this service, etc. The immediate next steps are to build budget capacity for this in the 2017-2018 budget and allow for negotiation time in building this service. How long will this take? We have clarity around the process that needs to be implemented to launch this service, the timeline needs to be this process. To launch a lasting and robust health service, I encourage the SUS Board of Directors to continue carefully moving forward in launching this service on our campus. Moving forward, the continued development and launch of this service will be by the Executive Director of the Society.

### 1.2 Multi-Stall Gender Neutral Washroom Project:

In summer 2017, student interest in multi-stall gender neutral washrooms was first expressed by a group of students to the Student Union Society. Since being approached, the Student Union Society has been investigating costs, interest, and feasibility of implementing multi-stall gender neutral washrooms in the Student Union Building. This research has included approaching the SUB Steering Committee/UFV Facilities for advice on building requirements and project feasibility, the Tenants Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor building tenants, UFV students, and stakeholder groups for feedback on the conversion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor washrooms to a multi-stall

gender neutral facility. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor washroom facilities of SUB were identified as an ideal location for multi-stall gender neutral washrooms because of the recent development of student support services on that floor (PrideUFV Centre and the Gender Equality Centre). Consultation has revealed support for this project and the SUB Steering Committee is prepared for the necessary construction and signage changes upon a SUS Board of Directors approval for this project.

### **1.3 SUS Awards 2017:**

Over 30 submissions were received for the 2017 SUS Awards during the nomination period this year. The Awards Committee met on March 21<sup>st</sup> to review submissions and shortlist finalists for the Brian Minter Excellence in Leadership Award, the Kelly Chahal Volunteer Award, the Terry-Lynn Stone Club or Association of the Year, and the Elizabeth Phillips Supporting Indigenous Reconciliation Award. All successful nominees were contacted on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and the list of finalists was announced on SUS social media platforms on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The winners of the SUS Awards will be announced at the SUS Leadership and Volunteer Recognition Night, which will be taking place on Wed., April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Student Union Building.

### **1.4 SUS Farewell Event for Mark Evered:**

Mark Evered is retiring in June 2017, after his 2<sup>nd</sup> term as President and Vice-Chancellor of UFV. A student farewell event has been planned for Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, in the Great Hall of the Student Union Building. Some former UFV students (alumni), current UFV students, student athletes, and student leaders are planning to share their stories of interacting with Mark and thank him for his service to UFV and the student community. Student speeches, a farewell video, and a cake cutting have been planned for the event.

### **1.5 PrideUFV Centre Policy and Coordinator Position:**

Please refer to the supporting documentation for the PrideUFV Centre Policy and PrideUFV Coordinator job position. Upon approval, these documents formalize the student support service and build service capacity, respectively. A strategic plan/action plan, will be coming to the April Board of Directors meeting for approval.

### **1.6 Gender Equality Centre Policy and Coordinator Position:**

Please refer to the supporting documentation for the Gender Equality Centre Policy and Gender Equality Centre Coordinator job position. Upon approval, these documents formalize the student support service and build service capacity, respectively. A strategic plan/action plan, will be coming to the April Board of Directors meeting for approval.

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[president@ufvsus.ca](mailto:president@ufvsus.ca)**1.7 Release of BC Provincial Budget:**

The release of BC's provincial budget saw a decrease in interest on student loans. Prior to the release of this budget, BC students faced the highest student loan interest in Canada (at prime + 2.5%). This budget release puts interest on student loans at prime.

**1.8 Release of 2017 Canadian Federal Budget:**

The release of the 2017 Canadian Federal Budget came with a number of significant investments that CASA organization have long advocated for. This included additional funds for First Nations and Inuit learners through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program, increased grant eligibility for part-time students and students with dependents, and a trial program to allow for mature students to more easily access the Canada Student Loans Program. Other steps were taken to restrict unpaid internships, increase youth employment opportunities and to address gender-based violence. Taken with the significant funding students received in budget 2016, this translates to significant investment in post-secondary students by the federal government.

**2. UFV Updates****3.1 UFV Policy Feedback and Committee Membership Requests:**

UFV has requested feedback from the SUS Board of Directors on the following policy revisions:

- *Academic Misconduct Policy*
- *2 students on Teacher Evaluation Committee*

**3.2 UFV Public Consultation on Sexualized Violence Policy:**

The UFV Sexualized Violence Policy was posted in March for public feedback.