

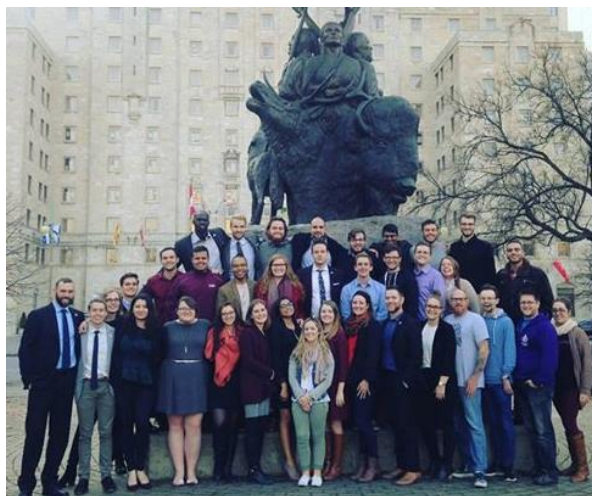
**President  
Report to the Board of Directors  
November 2016**

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

October 31<sup>st</sup>: Sexualized Violence Policy Advisory Team meeting  
October 31<sup>st</sup>: President's Table (Trades and Tech campus)  
November 1<sup>st</sup>: Thank You Day Planning  
November 1<sup>st</sup>: Wellness Meeting with FSA and UFV Campus Recreation  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>: SUB Committee meeting  
November 4<sup>th</sup>: Pride Centre Working Group  
November 4<sup>th</sup>: Women's Centre Working Group  
November 7<sup>th</sup>: President's table (Abbotsford campus)  
November 9<sup>th</sup>: UFV Town and Gown  
November 10<sup>th</sup>: Margaret Trudeau event planning  
November 10<sup>th</sup>: Meeting regarding proposed Indigenous art exhibit for Fall 2017  
November 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: CASA Advocacy Week in Ottawa  
November 21<sup>st</sup>: SUS President's table (Chilliwack campus)  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>: Sexualized Violence Policy Advisory Committee  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>: ED candidate interview  
November 24<sup>th</sup>: SUS Board of Directors Meeting

**Upcoming Meetings, Events, Etc.**

November 25<sup>th</sup>: ED candidate interview  
November 25<sup>th</sup>: Pride Centre Working Group  
November 25<sup>th</sup>: Women's Centre Working Group  
November 28<sup>th</sup>: Meeting to Discuss Frontline Student Support  
November 29<sup>th</sup>: UFV Hope campus meeting with Fin Aid (Angel Tree program)  
December 1<sup>st</sup>: Angel Tree Lighting



**CASA Advocacy Week 2016**

UFVSUS

[president@ufvsus.ca](mailto:president@ufvsus.ca)

## 1. General Updates from the President

### 1.1 Student Union Society Response to UFV Health Advisory (issued October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016):

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, UFV issued a health advisory to alert the UFV community that free condoms placed in public areas around campus may have been tampered with after a student reported witnessing an individual poking holes in condoms earlier in the day. The health advisory stated that free condoms in public spaces were being removed and would not be replaced. After several students contacted SUS expressing various concerns about the health advisory, a press release was issued on Monday morning as follows:

**October 31, 2016**

#### **UFV SUS Commits to Providing Continued Access to Safer Sex Supplies**

On Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, an email was sent out to all UFV students, faculty, and staff alerting them to the possibility that condoms placed in public spaces and several public washrooms around campus since September 1<sup>st</sup> may have been tampered with. The email stated that UFV has removed all condoms placed in public areas and will not be replacing them.

For any students with health concerns relating to Friday's health advisory, please visit your family physician, a local walk in clinic, or consult any of the community supports/services outlined below.

We appreciate the efforts of student clubs and UFV Student Life to provide access to safer sex supplies to the UFV community. It's unfortunate and saddening that someone would tamper with condoms placed in public spaces, and threaten student access to safer sex supplies.

To ensure continued student access, safer sex supplies will be made available to students at the UFV Student Union Society offices (S1109 on the Abbotsford Campus; A1422 at the CEP campus in Chilliwack) during operational hours, from Tues., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> onwards.

Our Student Union Society had ordered condom and feminine hygiene dispensers that were to be installed in the Student Union Building washrooms in January 2017. We are currently fast-tracking this project and hope to have these installed as early as late November. Updates on this project will be posted on our website and social media as they become available.

For more information, please contact:

Sukhi Brar, President

[president@ufvsus.ca](mailto:president@ufvsus.ca)

604-864-4613

## Community Supports and Services for Sexual Health

#### **Abbotsford Opt Clinic (Options for Sexual Health):**

*Free, confidential, non-judgmental, pro-choice, sex-positive service to people of all ages, all genders and all orientations.*

**Website:** [www.optionsforsexualhealth.org](http://www.optionsforsexualhealth.org)

**Address:** 104 – 34194 Marshall Road, Abbotsford, BC, V2S5E4

**Phone:** 604-731-4252

**Operational Hours:** Drop In Wednesday 6pm-8pm

*Free confidential sexual health referral and information service.*

**Phone:** 1-800-SEX-SENSE (1-800-739-7367)

**Operational Hours:** Monday to Friday 9am-9pm

#### **Health Initiative for Men Health Centre:**

*Offer a range of services for gay men: STI testing, Rapid HIV testing, Early HIV testing, Professional Counselling, Change advocates, and sexual health education.*

**Website:** [checkhimout.ca/](http://checkhimout.ca/)

**Address:** 104 – 34194 Marshall Road, Abbotsford, BC, V2S5E4

**Phone:** 604-488-1001

**Operational Hours:** Monday 5:30pm-9:00pm

#### **Crisis Centre of BC**

*Provides confidential, nonjudgmental, emotional support for people experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including feelings which may lead to suicide. Call if you're worried about something, feel upset or confused, or just want to talk to someone. You don't have to be suicidal to call. 24 hours, 7 days.*

UFVSUS

[president@ufvsus.ca](mailto:president@ufvsus.ca)**Phone:** 1-800-784-2433**Emergency Contraception Hotline***Offers confidential, free information on emergency contraception and where to get it by phone or online. Hotline available in English or Spanish, online information is also available in French or Arabic.***Phone:** 1-888-668-2528**AIDS/STI Information Line***Provides information regarding modes of transmission, signs and symptoms, testing, treatment, and prevention. 24 hours.***Phone:** 1-800-661-4337**Sexual Health Resource Network**

1-800-331-1533

Update: At the SUB Committee earlier this month, it was agreed that dual/single unit dispensers would be installed in the Student Union Building to dispense free condoms and feminine hygiene products. UFV Facilities has been tasked with placing an order of 7 dual dispensers and 3 single dispensers for installation in the SUB by end of the year.

**1.2 Gender Neutral designation of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor washrooms in SUB:**

During the summer semester, several students approached the Student Union Society requesting that the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor washrooms in the Student Union Building be designated gender neutral washrooms. Both the Pride Centre working group and Women's Centre working group have expressed support for this initiative. I've brought this to the SUB Committee and recently received information about the costs associated with making this change. The remaining 2<sup>nd</sup> floor tenants of SUB (Civl and the Cascade) will be consulted regarding this in the next week. Board of Directors feedback regarding this initiative is important and being requested as well.

**1.3 Indigenization of curriculum at UFV/Territory acknowledgements:**

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada released a report (Honoring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future) in 2015 with 94 calls to action to "reveal to Canadians the complex truth about the history and ongoing legacy of...residential schools, in a manner that fully documents the individual and collective harms perpetuated against Aboriginal peoples, and honors the resilience and courage of former students, their families, and communities; and to guide and inspire a process of truth and healing, leaning toward reconciliation within Aboriginal families and between Aboriginal peoples and non-Aboriginal communities, churches, governments, and Canadians generally."

UFV has made a commitment to indigenizing our institution and several initiatives reflect this. Our Student Union Society would like to identify ways that we can support and ensure that the calls to action from the TRC report that pertain to the post-secondary environment are implemented at UFV and remain a priority. I'm currently working with the Equalities Officer to compile calls to action from the TRC that involve PSE commitments and we will be reaching out to relevant departments to ask for updates on progress pertaining

to these asks. Moreover, indigenization efforts in which our Student Union Society can push for implementation have been identified in consultation with students and are being explored. Further student consultation is being requested on two main advocacy points that have been identified through student consultation:

- Asking for mandatory territory acknowledgements across all academic programs on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school
- Creating a mandatory digitized course module for all degree and diploma students on the history of residential schools and the significant societal harms that have resulted from this history

#### **1.4 CASA Advocacy Week:**

From Nov 14<sup>th</sup> to Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, we joined student leaders from over 20 post-secondary institutions across Canada on Parliament Hill to call for further improvements to Canada's post-secondary education system. As participants of CASA's Advocacy Week, we met with over a 160 influential decision-makers in the federal government and shared with them the student perspective on today's post-secondary system.

Last year, significant investments were made to student assistance through the expansion of the Canada Student Grants Program and through increased access to repayment assistance. This year, student leaders want to make sure that no student in need is left unsupported and that all students can access an innovative education to help them succeed later on.

Some of the recommendations that we brought forth during Advocacy Week include:

- Increasing support of First Nations students to address the education attainment gap
- Funding initial assessments for mental health disabilities
- Extending the student loan repayment grace period to reflect the current job market
- Utilizing open-educational resources to cut down on teacher prep time and student textbook prices and
- Increasing the number of paid experiential learning opportunities, such as co-ops, internships, and apprenticeships.

UFVSUS

[president@ufvsus.ca](mailto:president@ufvsus.ca)

John Rix, the Board Chair for CASA commented on Advocacy Week by stating that, "Our vision for post-secondary education is that it should be inclusive of all diverse Canadians and provide innovative learning opportunities for students. The recommendations we are bringing forward this week provide a means for government to turn this vision into a reality."

UFV SUS took meetings with local MPs, Senators, and the Minister for Indigenous Affairs. Through Advocacy Week we have been invited to work on a Private Member's Bill on student mental health that may be presented at Parliament in Spring 2017.

### **1.5 UFV Budget Consultations (October 2016):**

UFV held Budget Consultation sessions in October 2016. For those who were unable to attend, a video link of the meetings can be found here: <http://www.ufv.ca/budgets/budget-guidelines-and-processes/budget-forum/>. The institution is looking at tuition increases for both domestic and international students in 2017-2018. This is particularly concerning considering that new fees just went in to effect in September 2016 for both domestic and international students (health and wellness fee and international administration fee).

We held a meeting with UFV executives last week to inquire about how newly implemented fees that have been collected from students this semester are being used, expressed concern and opposition to fee increases, and requested reasoning behind the proposed tuition increases. We are currently waiting for requested information and intend to submit a formal opposition to the proposed fee increases.

### **1.6 Bill 41 Student Fees Update:**

I have been contacting the Ministry of Advanced Education regularly since July to inquire about Bill 41 and its potential implications for assessing student society fees. The Ministry has prepared a regulation document that is supposed to inform fee assessment and appraisal but has not released the document and will not comment on when the regulation document will be released. We have consulted legal on how our fees are categorized based on the information that is currently publicly available regarding Bill 41 (all of our fees meet the definition of capital and service/prescribed fees according to the general language of the bill and are therefore protected from opt-out). We are waiting for the regulation document to be released to see how this may impact fee assessment and opt-out procedures going forward.

### **1.7 Margaret Trudeau speaking event on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The Margaret Trudeau speaking event has been confirmed and advertising/tickets were rolled out to the UFV community on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. SUS Health and Wellness Advocacy will be partnering with UFV President's Lecture Series and the mindshare initiative to bring this event to our campus.

UFVSUS

[president@ufvsus.ca](mailto:president@ufvsus.ca)

UFV students are able to attend the event for free and can obtain tickets to the event at the Abbotsford and Chilliwack Student Union Offices. Non-UFV students can purchase tickets at this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/margaret-trudeau-at-the-ufv-student-union-building-tickets-29523311018?aff=efbevent>.

SPEAKER  
**MARGARET TRUDEAU**

PRESENTED BY  
STUDENT UNION SOCIETY  
**SUS HEALTH & WELLNESS ADVOCACY**

AT THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING  
**Free admission for UFV Students**

UNIVERSITY OF THE FRASER VALLEY  
PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES  
**mindshare**  
inspired thinking for real action

### 1.8 Student CCR requests

Sheila McKay, UFV CCR Coordinator contacted me regarding consistent student feedback regarding their position descriptions for Associations (the two VP positions are diverse in function across associations but several students occupying these positions and requesting CCR credit would like to have the position descriptions modified to describe more specific positions). This presents a few challenges (how to compose position descriptions that are more specific but also allow SUS to properly confirm and approve CCR requests through current registration information). Feedback from the Board of Directors has been requested regarding this matter.

### 1.8 Mission Campus Connector shuttle:

On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Graphic Design Student Association formally requested that the SUS Board of Directors look in to the possibility of expanding our campus connector shuttle to offer service between the Mission and Abbotsford campuses.

## 2. Updates from the SUS Office

### 2.1 SUS Executives Work Hours Logs:

UFVSUS

[president@ufvsus.ca](mailto:president@ufvsus.ca)

November work hours (up to November 22<sup>nd</sup>) for the SUS executive positions are summarized below:

	<b>Nov Hours</b>	<b>Per Work Day</b>	<b>Required Hours</b>
Ashmeet:	129.0	8.6	120/8.0
Thanh:	107.0	7.13	90/5.0
Sukhi:	170.0	11.38	120/8.0

### 2.2 Executive Director hiring process update:

In total, the ED hiring committee received 22 applications for the Executive Director position. Six candidates were shortlisted for review after consulting the candidate profile and three candidates were invited to attend interviews with the hiring committee. Interviews are currently being conducted by the hiring committee at this time. Upon completion of candidate interviews, the hiring committee will be debriefing and potentially extending an offer of employment to the successful candidate for January 2017. Further updates about the Executive Director hiring process will be provided to the Board of Directors as they become available.

## 3. UFV Updates

### 3.1 Policy Updates:

Please refer to the policies attached to the agenda.