

STUDENT UNION SOCIETY



VPS GOAL PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

My reason for running for VPS was to bring change upon UFV. I campaigned for interesting events, advocating for the problems that students are facing and connecting with students to listen to them and help them in any way I can. A lot of students shared my vision and believed in me. Thus, making me the successful candidate for VPS. Now, I feel that it's my time to give back to the students who deserve better. My goal plan is about fulfilling my promises and how I am planning to do that. Due to COVID-19, I had to transition and think of my event in online environment but I am still very optimistic about my term and think that I will make the students proud.

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ADVOCACY

&

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

VPS Connect

The purpose of VPS connect is to connect the students with SUS in a safe space where they can reveal their truest thoughts and their feelings on what the problems they are facing are and how the SUS and UFV can help them.

Meet a Prof

The purpose of Meet a Prof. is to connect the students and professors where the students can ask the professors questions they always wanted to ask but never got the chance to actually ask them.

Advocacy

Advocacy is the biggest goal for my term. Students are facing a lot of issues right now. I want to help them by listening to them about what they are facing and bringing those issues forward so that they can be solved.

VPS CONNECT

I will meet with Students at regular intervals to hear their opinions, ideas, feedback and concerns. My role as Vice President Students entails making sure the students get the best experience and feel connected to SUS. I will be reaching out to students for a discussion through VPS connect with the aim of getting to know what they would like to see from SUS and UFV.

I will take information gathered and where there are clear needs identified, I will advocate for change. I will ensure that records are kept but the students will remain anonymous unless they request otherwise. I will dedicate approximately 2 hours per month to this and will begin this service by September.



MEET A PROF.

Meet a prof. will be a series in which students will be able to participate in a conversation with a professor that is very well liked/respected by students. The Professors would be chosen by students and by the recommendations given by the executive team/department heads. Students will be able to chose the questions that they are interested in and I will ask the Professor those questions. I hope to engage interest from first-year students, students who are thinking of changing their field of study, any student who has an interest for a subject/professor.



MEET A PROF CONT.

The core benefit of this program, is to help students better understand the field of study as the Professors who teach, are able to provide immense value to students who are intrigued by the courses and want to learn more about the subject area. These sessions will be recorded and the videos will be uploaded on social media. A survey will be given to students afterwards to help improve the program.

These will be monthly and promoted on our website and social media. I will post a calendar for the semester in advance so that students can chose which sessions to attend. This will commence from the fall semester.



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THE DAY WE
BECOME SILENT
ABOUT THINGS
THAT MATTER."**

**- MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.**

ADVOCACY

One of my main reasons of running for the position of VPS was to give the students a voice and bring to light their issues and concerns to the necessary people. So, advocating for students is a big priority for me. The issues discussed at VPS connect and any others that come to my attention by various ways, will be advocated for.

After my VPS connect sessions, I will keep records of relevant information. From this information I can identify the concerns that students are facing and advocate accordingly. The issues/concerns that get resolved will be uploaded on social media.





STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & OPEN COMMUNICATION

Mental Health Week

One of the areas that I promised in my campaign, was to promote good mental health. It's an issue that is very close to me. Therefore, having a mental health week could help reduce the stigma about reaching for help when needed.

E-Gaming

Due to the current circumstances we can't do a lot of fun events in person. Therefore, having e-gaming events can help students make new friends and relax.

Online Workshops

Many students have less time restrictions right now and students want to try new interesting things. Therefore, I would like to have workshops where students can learn new skills.



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & OPEN COMMUNICATION (CONT.)

Nimbus

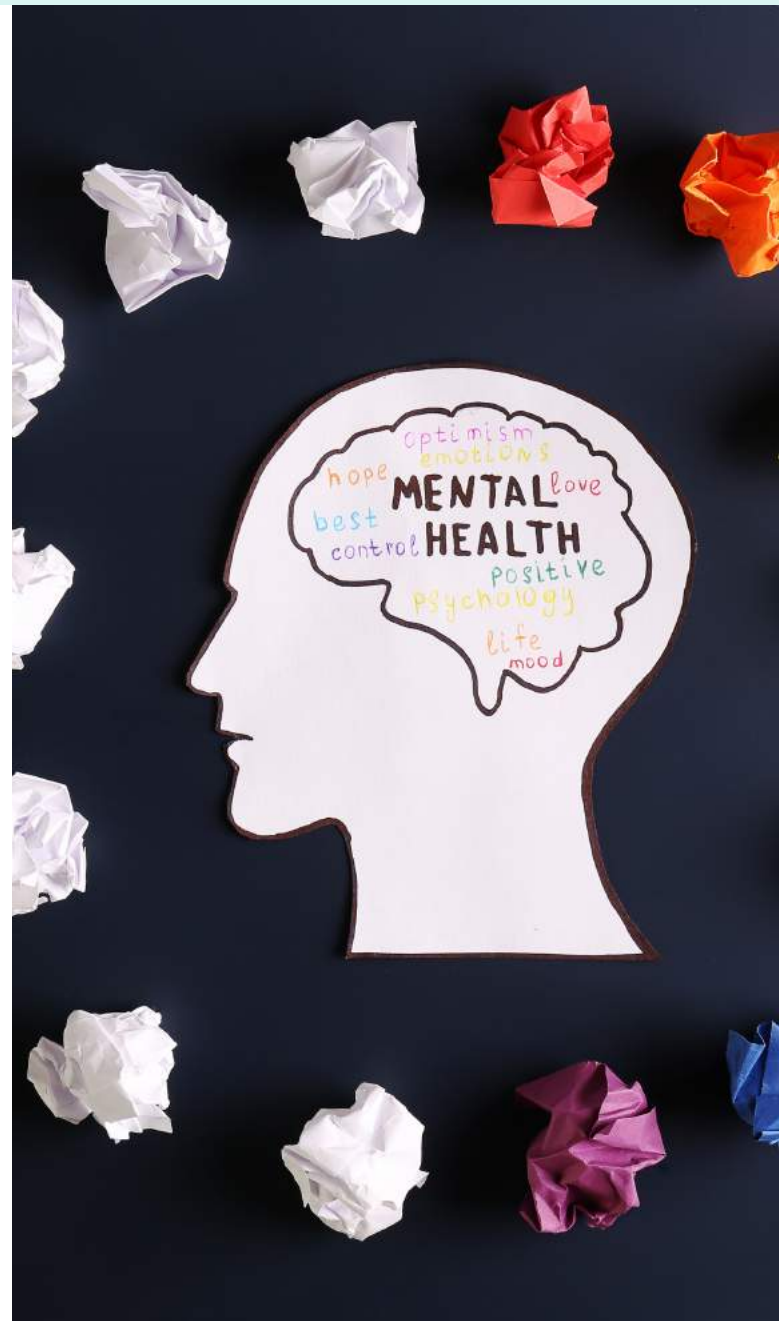
Nimbus is a private tutoring app that SUS uses so that students can access additional support. Students can also earn money by applying to become a tutor in the subject that they are proficient in.

Social media

I want to let students know what's going on with SUS and UFV. and what better way to do it than social media, most of the students already use it and it's easy to use it.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

I am planning to do this by having an expert speak about the issues regarding self care and mental health. This is to erase the stigma around mental health, letting students know that getting help is a good thing and promote the students to take care of their mental health. These are very confusing times for students and according to research done by CASA, students are suffering from a lot of mental health problems, and having a conversation with a professional on what students can do to help themselves has the ability to make great impact and be of tremendous help them.



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK (CONT.)

We have access to amazing therapists, mental health workers and counselors in British Columbia. Having a conversation with them with questions asked by students and questions by executive committee is attainable.

These discussions will be short and run from 15 minutes to 30 minutes. The topics covered can include: Anxiety, Depression, Types of therapy, Mental Health in different cultures, Self Care, Philosophy and Mental Health and any other topics that students would like to have. These sessions will take place by video and will be uploaded, I am planning it to have this at least once by the end of my term.



E-GAMING

Many students are getting to E-Gaming at this moment. Having an e-gaming event at a regular basis would be something that students will enjoy as it is a great way to make new friends and have more student engagement. This is especially important when new students are unable to meet on campus in the same way they would have done before COVID-19

.I will continue to work on a variety of events including using existing tools such as Jack Box. I will create wrap report after every event to learn from any mistakes and have better events the next time. Since I have already held a Jack Box event which was a success for a first time event.



E-GAMING (CONT.)

I am planning to do another e gaming event which has a huge proof of concept already

I will have a minimum of one gaming event per month and will post a calendar on our website in advance.



WORKSHOPS

I will facilitate a Calligraphy workshop and also workshops that include artistic skills such as drawing, painting, etc. My hope is that these can be self-sustaining workshops run and hosted by students who are skilled in these areas. SUS will provide the materials necessary as we have done for previous groups such as the newly established Book Club.

A report will be completed after each series and surveys will be taken to gather feedback on the workshop to identify successes and areas of improvement.

The Calligraphy workshop will kick off this series in late August of 2020.



NIMBUS

Nimbus is a private tutoring app that SUS uses so that students can access additional support. Students can also earn money by applying to become a tutor in the subject that they are proficient in. I will work with Nimbus team to provide the best experience that students want and deserve and ensure this service is promoted among students.

This is an ongoing project and where I will receive monthly reports on the usage of service. My goal is that by the end of Fall 2020 SUS will see an increase by double for the sessions completed.



SOCIAL MEDIA

I want to let students know what's going on with SUS and UFV. The best medium right now would be through social media. Therefore, I am aiming to achieve an increase in the number of followers on our platforms.

I will set up my own social media for SUS VPS on Instagram. Through Instagram, I will share events, important announcements and communicate to the students any information relating to Student Affairs that the Executive Committee feels is useful.

I aim to have a minimum of 500 followers by the end of my term.





CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

C&A executive check-in

Helping the C&A's is a big part of my role and my goal is to increase the number of events held by C&A's. I will encourage more engagement, solicit their feedback and help them have an overall provide assistance that students have an easier experience running a club or association.

Reducing obstacles

A lot of Clubs & Associations have expressed concern about the difficulty in registering at both SUS and student life which complicates the process and creates confusion among students who are trying to create a club. Therefore, the VPI and me are working on streamlining the process. Me and the team will continue to reduce obstacles like these encountered by the C&A's

C&A EXECUTIVE CHECK-IN

I will create a C&A report that I will keep updated on all the meetings I have with the clubs. This will create useful information for the future which has not been recorded before.

I will check in with C&A executives twice per semester, once at the beginning and again mid-way through to check on how their group is going and if they need any additional support. This will help the C&A's feel more connected to SUS and help us to represent them more effectively.



REDUCING OBSTACLES

I will continue to work with Student Life on having the registration of C&A's via the "Mycampuslife" website, as it is much more convenient for students to just register through the website.

This will make the process of registering for C&A's extremely convenient and will motivate students who want to open a Club or Association by reducing the bureaucracies involved. This will eliminate the full process of registering the clubs for SUS as they will have access to "Mycampuslife", this frees up the VPS to focus on supporting them run.

I will continue to listen to C&A executives and reduce such obstacles that they encounter,

