



RE-ELECT
NIKIEL LAL
FOR UFVSUS
PRESIDENT

IMPACTFUL LEADERSHIP

VOTING PERIOD: MARCH 21-24

Land Acknowledgment

I would like to acknowledge that this platform was created on the traditional unceded Territory of the Stó:lō Nation. I am grateful and privileged to be able to live and work on these lands. As a settler, I am working to learn more about the lands I reside on and honour those who these lands belong to. These lands have allowed me to do meaningful work for our community and pursue my Bachelor of Kinesiology. There is never a day I take for granted as I understand that my actions on these lands impact more than just me and is something I take very seriously. As the current President of our University of the Fraser Valley Student Union Society, we have been working towards goals and methods of decolonization and reconciliation. This is ongoing work and I am committed to continuing to do my part in learning and working with our Indigenous community to grow.





About Me

My name is Nikiel Lal and I am in my final year of my Bachelor of Kinesiology.

I am fortunate to have had an amazing first year as your President and it would be an honour and privilege to be Re-Elected as your UFV Student Union Society President. This year we were encountered with many different barriers but were able to find resilience and push through.

I am grateful to have been able to serve you all and expand our community and engagement here at UFV. As we continue to shift back into normal times, I want to ensure the hardwork and dedication, I have put into our Student Union Society only continues to grow. Additionally, I want to make sure student's have an impactful and positive experience here at UFV.

2021/2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Kickback:

Increased campus **engagement** is something students wanted. I made sure I was able to come up with a successful welcome back to campus event. I am extremely proud of introducing our first ever Kickback which occurred September 23, 2022. I will make sure this event occurs annually to ensure we all have an amazing start to the year.



Campus Shuttle:

The campus shuttle is something that UFV students rely on to get between the Abbotsford and Chilliwack campus. I was involved in securing the new shuttle agreement that continues to provide students with our **essential** shuttle service.



Community Partnerships:

This year I established new partnerships with the Vancouver Whitecaps, Vancouver Warriors, Abbotsford Canucks and other local businesses. I was able to provide students with multiple streams of discounts as **accessibility and affordability** are essential for a positive post-secondary experience.

2021/2022

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Advocacy:

As your SUS President, I represented the voice of students to both the provincial and federal government as well as UFV. During the pandemic and BC floods, I took the time to listen to your voices. I was able to read all of your survey responses and talk with students one on one to understand the struggles we are all facing. With your voice I **successfully advocated** for the extension of online learning during the BC floods and addressed all of your concerns regarding the pandemic to UFV. Additionally, with your concerns and feedback, my team and I, were able to react swiftly and provide resources quickly to ensure students were able to remain successful. In terms of Provincial and Federal lobbying, I was actively involved with CASA and ABCS. I sat on both the Provincial advocacy committee and National advocacy committee for those organizations and made sure UFV students were a **priority**.



2022/2023

Goals/Projects

Shuttle Extension:

I have been listening and hearing students concerns regarding our campus shuttle and the need for a Langley route. I can assure you that your voices are heard loud and clear. I have been working with our team in ensuring we get service back into Langley. I will continue to work closely with our team and BC Transit and, **if Re-Elected**, I assure there will be a plan for a transit service available from **Langley to our UFV campus.**



Student Discount Program:

As I mentioned, affordability is an important aspect of a positive post-secondary experience. My goal is to save you money. We will be **launching a student discount program** in May. The student discount program will consist of local businesses including partnerships that promote diversity as I understand we have vast community of amazing students with many different backgrounds. I will continue to build on this program to add value.

2022/2023 Goals/Projects

Mental Health:

Now more than ever we are seeing that **mental health services are essential** to student success. If Re-Elected, I will launch a survey in September regarding mental health and create a strategic plan to address the barriers that exist for students to **access mental health support**. With that data, I will work with our team and UFV to continue to grow supports and services on campus to ensure student success continues to be on the forefront.

JEDI:

Our JEDI (**Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion**) program is something I am very passionate about. UFV is a place that is meant for everyone to be successful and welcomed. I will continue to work towards creating a **safe place** for students. I will do everything I can to understand what resources students need in order to feel included and supported.

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Food Bank:

Food insecurity is a problem no student should face. This last year, I have had the opportunity to do extensive work with a couple different Student Unions, such as the University of Alberta and McEwan on **tackling food insecurity**. I have had many different meetings with UFV in regards to providing additional **sustainability** to our food bank. If Re-Elected, I will continue to strive towards a solution. I am dedicated to our student body and in ensuring **students are fed**.



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Goals/Projects

Community and Engagement:

With the success and feedback, we have received over Kickback, I will continue to grow engagement on campus. I will ensure there are **more events** that bring students together in a **fun** and **exciting** way. To increase inclusivity within the student community, I will intentionally plan both online and in-person events to increase opportunities for engagement. If Re-Elected, I can assure you will see more of a community developed on campus both in Abbotsford and Chilliwack. Most importantly, I will continue to listen to the student's voices to ensure, I am doing the best possible job in providing you all with an **unforgettable experience** here at UFV while also promoting diversity, inclusion, and innovation.



How Will I Do This?

It's simple, I am **dedicated**. All year I have had the opportunity to make **meaningful change** on campus. If I have learned anything in this past year, it's that you should always expect the unexpected. With all the challenges that have come my way, it has only made me more passionate about the work I do for our student body. I have heard your thoughts, concerns, and ideas and have brought tangible change during these challenging times. If re-elected, I will continue to connect with you, and harness your voices to create change that reflects your needs and concerns as we navigate this next school year together. This year is only going to be bigger and better, I have a plan in place for all the things I have set out to do and I can **guarantee** you will see **impactful results**.





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Closing Thoughts

I know this has been a tough year for everyone, I can assure you I have been hearing your voices loud and clear. I understand that there is always room to improve, I am dedicated to making improvements and will build off of what we have accomplished this past year to better support the UFV student body. With **your vote**, I will continue to provide strong leadership and will continue to add value to your experience at UFV and to being a SUS member. I will continue to make a strong impact for our student body and listen to your ideas, thoughts, and concerns to ensure you can count on me and our Student Union.

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The **Impactful** Leadership
You **Deserve!**

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