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Elect G for SUS Vice President External

Candidate Statement



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CURRENT SUS PRESIDENT

HEY UFV STUDENTS!

My name is Gurvir Singh Gill, otherwise known as G! I am a fifth-year student pursuing a Bachelor of Arts. I am also your current President since 2017, and I will be running for a third office term to continue representing students as next years Vice President External.



The Vice President External is a public-facing role involved in student advocacy and policy development within UFV. The Vice President External is SUS's representative to the local, regional, provincial, and federal government and collaborates directly with various partners in advocacy organizations and at UFV. As the current president, I have had the skills to achieve above and beyond the requirements of the position. My experience will help me serve students at the provincial and federal level.

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I am always out-and-about on campus: if I'm not chilling in the SUB, you can find me working in the office or out representing students. I've spent the last two years learning about finances and functions of student government, always doing my best to serve students. I have worked a great deal to create give students more options for exam supports, build multiple partnerships with UFV, and create a framework for SUS to grow as an organization.



RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Position	Date held
UFV SUS President	May 2017 – current
CASA Director of Membership	May 2018 – current
CASA Membership Relations Chair	May 2018 – current
CASA Membership Relations Vice-Chair	May 2017 – May 2018
UFV Rowing Member	September 2015 – February 2017
UFV Student Engagement Team Member	January 2014 – March 2017
UFV Student Ambassador	January 2014 – March 2017
UFV Global Engagement Volunteer	January 2015 – September 2016

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PLATFORM

Federal Representation

This year I was a director with our federal lobbying group the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). I plan to continue to represent UFV students at the federal level. As well as increasing our relationships with our Members of Parliament. I plan to run for the CASA board positions in my next term. As a national board member, I am able to provide leadership, and strategic direction with our allies across the country.



GoTV Campaign

Next year is also election year, and UFV SUS will be running a Get out The Vote Campaign. I plan to work with Provincial and Federal partners to run a successful GoTV Campaign on our campus. I also plan to host an all candidates meeting with our future Members of Parliament.



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Provincial Representation

The UFV Student Union Society has only been represented as observers at the provincial level. With my skills and experience, I plan to run and work with our provincial partners. Having UFV become members of the Alliance of BC Students, will ensure our students are being represented at the provincial level. As well as increasing our



relationships with our Members of the Legislative Assembly. I plan to assist and become a provincial board member to make sure UFV students are being represented in decision making of provincial asks.

Student Surveys!

My goal is to get students more involved with our advocacy. Therefore, I plan to survey the membership on topics related to the SUS and Government. I want to know what “Asks” you would like to see be advocated at the Provincial and Federal Level. Tell us items you would like the SUS Team to discuss with the University. Additionally, what areas can we help to create community growth in our municipalities.



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SUS Orientation Program

Last year, I presented a plan to UFV's Senate to have the one day after Labour Day and the first day back in January reserved for Orientation events for new students. This plan is backed by research that indicates the first weeks of university to be the most dangerous for sexual assault.

To ensure that all first-year students can attend, I have asked that there be no classes on those days. To further prevent sexual violence, I have requested that the Active Bystander Program be mandatory for all new students, giving students the tools they need to intervene and prevent sexual assaults. After a year of successful orientation programming, I plan to advocate for these days to become permanent in the academic calendar.

Diversity

This year I helped create our very own SUS Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity Team. Our team SUS has supported extensive research on sexual violence, homophobia and transphobia. We have also been researching racial and cultural discrimination on campus, identifying microaggressions, and

designing programming to eliminate racism at UFV. I hope you will give me an opportunity to continue this important work in the coming year.



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Continued Leadership

With me, you get all the above and more. I have developed significant relationships with partners, both on and off campus. After two years in the position of SUS President, I believe my experience will make me an even better administrator and leader. SUS has changed in multiple unique and positive ways over the past year. I offer a creative outlook on projects and will continue to have an open-door policy for any member of the society: no student concern is too small.



Over the past two years, I have had the pleasure of holding 200+ one-on-ones with students to offer assistance, explanations, and solutions. I am excited to be running for a third office term and am ready to continue my service to students.

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I can assure you that another vote for ME is a vote for YOU!

From April 1st to April 4th, please take some time out of your busy day and vote Gurvir (G) Gill to be your Vice President External.

Thank you all for your support! If you have any questions about my platform, please feel free to contact me at gurvir.gill@student.ufv.ca or gurvir1995@hotmail.com.



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