

ELECT

# NIKIEL LAL

FOR STUDENT UNION  
PRESIDENT



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# About Me:

Hey everyone,

My name is **Nikiel Lal**, I use He/Him pronouns and I am a third-year student at UFV completing my Bachelor in Kinesiology. Previously, I have had opportunity of serving two years at the Douglas Student's Union and on the Board of Governors at Douglas College before coming to UFV. I know first hand the many challenges students face while attending post-secondary. Through innovative programs, community building and networking, I will contribute to more positive change for UFV Students. I am confident as your **UFVSUS President**, I will continue to advocate for support during COVID, create more opportunities, and strengthen the student community.

When I am not out advocating on student issues, I love playing sports, hanging out with friends, and giving back to the community in whatever way I can.

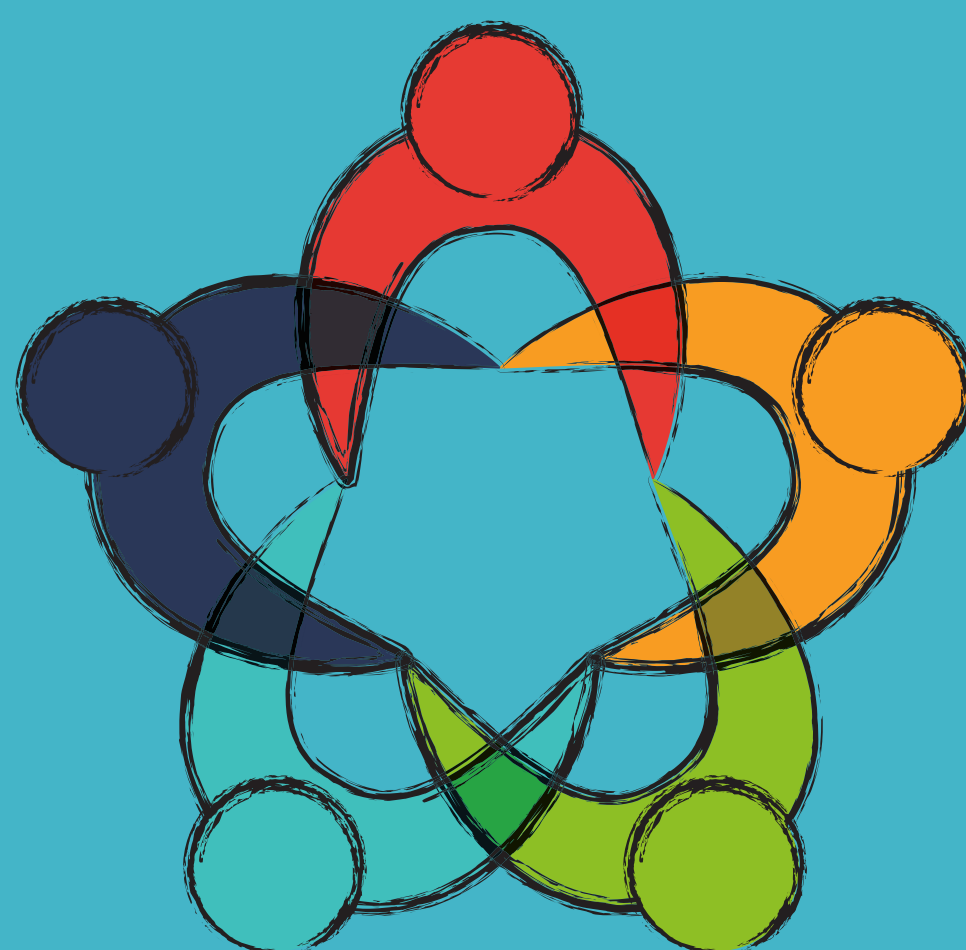




# Why am I running for President?

I am running because I am confident that with my previous experience in student government and strong work ethic, I can carry on the hard work that has been done by the previous UFVSUS Board. After taking the opportunity to speak with the current President, Jessica Levesque and former President, Gurvir Gill, I truly understand many of the biggest struggles UFV students face. With the knowledge and passion I bring, I believe I can help further make UFV a place where students feel welcomed, celebrated, and heard in issues that matter the most.

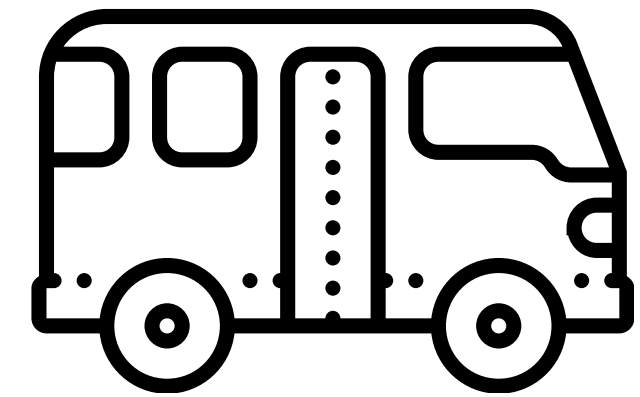
I want students to leave UFV with, a sense of belonging, feeling accomplished and inspired. I will work closely with both the student body and senior management team to help ensure these outcomes are achieved.



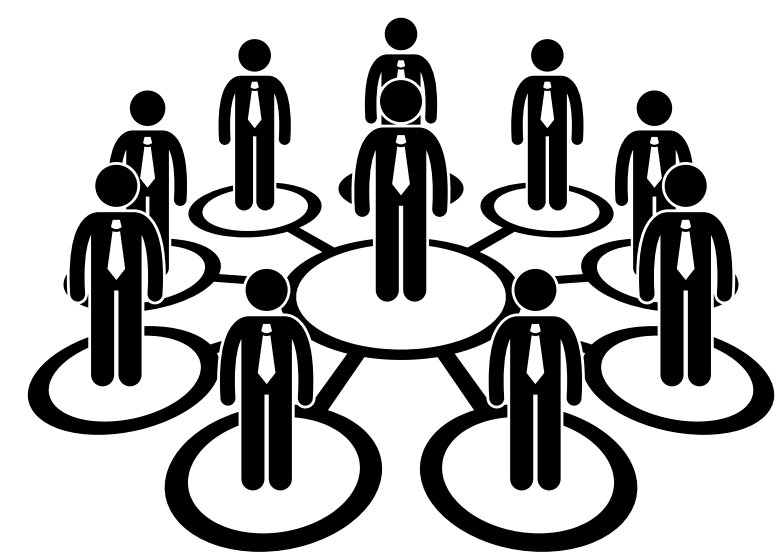
# What are my goals?

## My goals as President include:

- Re-establish the UFVSUS inter-campus shuttle so that students will have an efficient and cost-effective way to get between campuses.



- Establish more opportunities to support students in getting jobs after graduation by working alongside the UFV Alumni Association.

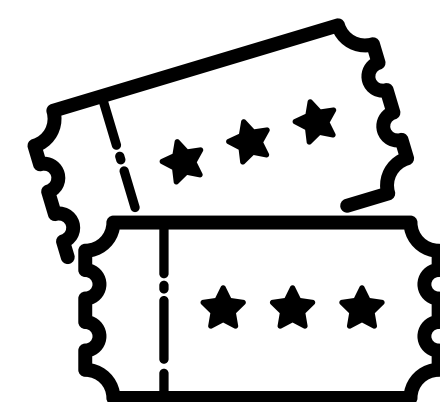


- Increase engagement and variety of events students want on campus.

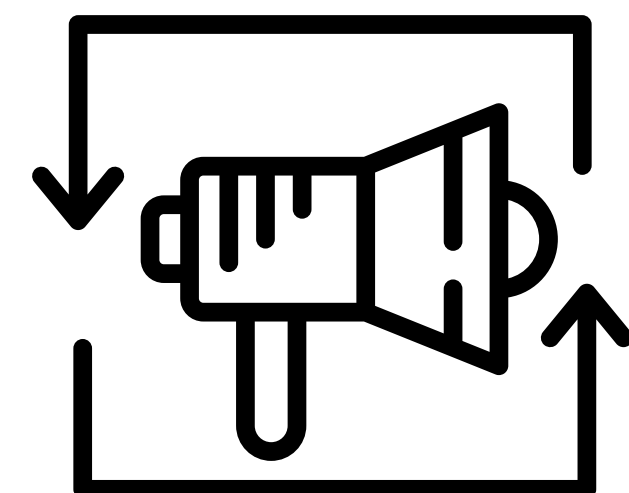


- Advocate to UFV to amplify student voices. *(especially during COVID)*

- Network within the local community to establish discounts for U-Pass holders, increasing the value.



- Most importantly, support the new strategic plan that promotes diversity, inclusion, innovation and community so the students of UFV have the best possible experience leading to additional opportunities.



# Student Advocacy

Covid has been a tough time for everyone and it is not something that I will allow to get in the way of creating networks, communities, opportunities, and engagement. As a student leader, I will remain active in organizations like the **Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA)** and **Alliance of BC Students (ABCS)**, to ensure student voices are heard and taken into account to best represent the 80,000 students that are represented in ABCS and the 344,000 students that are represented in CASA. Together we are stronger and together we will continue to advocate for students so that everyone can receive affordable and accessible education. I want nothing more than every student walking out of UFV feeling accomplished and proud of what they have done!

# How Will I Help Do This?

*It's simple,* **work closely with all students by:**

Sending out surveys on current projects and asking what students want to see on campus. Working closely with the senior management team of the University to ensure our goals are met.

Working with CASA and ABCS to ensure the government is aware of our issues and understand that we are important and are the future of this country. Making sure that inclusivity, diversity, engagement are taken seriously to promote positive mental health awareness, enjoyment, and opportunity for students to grow in what they are truly passionate about to feel fulfilled and accomplished at UFV.

*I can  
&  
I will*



## In Closing:

**With your vote,** together we can accomplish all these goals and I can ensure that both domestic and international students will truly feel represented nationally, provincially, and right here at home at UFV. Let's do this together and let's do this right, UFV is somewhere where we call home and somewhere where we find ourselves.

Together we will make sure all our voices are heard, I can guarantee that you will feel like you have a place at UFV. Let's get through COVID together and not let it get in the way of the experiences that we will all have together.

**VOTE NIKIEL FOR  
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