



2017 - 2018

ELECTION PLATFORMS

for

**THE UVSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
UVIC SENATE, AND UVIC BOARD OF
GOVERNORS**

GET INFORMED AND VOTE!

ABOUT UVIC'S ELECTION PROCESS

9:00am PST on March 1st, 2017 online voting opens for four major elections using UVic's WebVote system. Consider this supplement your guide to the diverse world of elections on campus. Read on for information about the UVSS, BOG, Senate, and GSS elections, plus how and where to vote at polling stations located on campus.

UVSS ELECTIONS

The Elections Office is pleased to provide you with the following elections supplement to provide you with all the information you need to vote in the upcoming University of Victoria Students Society (UVSS) elections, referenda and University Senate and Board of Governors Elections and to provide you with an opportunity to read candidates platforms to help you make an informed decision when you vote. Founded in 1963, the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) strives to represent the interests of all undergraduate students at the University of Victoria. The UVSS provides services, events, and political advocacy to students, and administers and provides resources to clubs and course unions. All UVSS members can vote for up to sixteen candidates (one Director of Outreach and University Relations, one Director of Finance and Operations, one Director of Events, one Director of Student Affairs, one Director of Campaigns and Community Relations, and eleven Directors-at-Large). International Students can vote for one additional candidate for the position of Director of International Student Relations.

Eligibility: All individuals who pay UVSS fees are eligible to vote for elections to the Board of Directors and for Referenda, with the exception of the Director for International Relations, which is only open to international students. For more information on voter eligibility and how to find out if you can vote, please refer to the elections website at <https://uvssselections.com/voter-eligibility>.

Polling period: UVSS Election voting will take place between **March 1st 9 a.m. and March 3rd, 9 a.m.** online at webvote.uvic.ca. There will also be a number of polling stations set up around campus for those without personal electronic devices or who need assistance.

BOARD OF GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

The University of Victoria operates under the authority of the University Act and is governed by a Board of Governors (BOG) and a Senate. The BOG is responsible for the management, administration and control of the property, revenue, business and affairs of the university. The BOG approves the strategic direction and policy of the university as well as the operating budget framework and capital project expenditures. It sets tuition, maintains the university's real property and other assets, and establishes procedures for appointing senior academic administrators, faculty and staff. The BOG is also responsible for appointing the University's president and for providing support and accountability. This

fifteen-member body consists of two students elected from the University's undergraduate or graduate student societies. All UVic students are eligible to vote for up to two candidates.

Eligibility: All UVic credit students.

Polling Period: 9:00am PST on Wed. March 1st to 4:30pm PST on Fri. March 3rd, 2017.

SENATE ELECTIONS

The University of Victoria operates under the authority of the University Act and is governed by a Board of Governors and a Senate. The Senate is responsible for the academic governance of the university, including matters related to libraries, faculties, departments, courses of instruction, fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, prizes, admissions, student appeals, and the granting of degrees (including honorary degrees, diplomas and certificates). Presently, the 72-member Senate consists of 16 elected students (one member from each faculty, except the Faculty of Graduate Studies, which has three representatives, with the remainder elected as at-large student members). All UVic students are eligible to vote for up to 16 candidates.

Eligibility: All UVic credit students.

Polling Period: 9:00am PST on Wed. March 1st to 4:30pm PST on Fri. March 3rd, 2017.

GSS ELECTIONS

The Graduate Students' Society (GSS) is an autonomous, not-for-profit society that works to promote the interests and represent the views of all graduate students at the University of Victoria. The society is democratically organized with members acting through elections, referenda, general meetings and the Graduate Representative Council. The Society operates the George and Ida Halpern Centre for Graduate Students and offers a range of services to graduate students including the Grad House restaurant, extended health and dental plans, free room bookings, and travel grants, among others. All GSS members can vote for up to five candidates (one Chairperson, one Director of Finance, one Director of Communications, one Director of Services, and one Director of Student Affairs).

Eligibility: All students who pay GSS fees: all graduate students.

Polling Period: 9:00am PST on Wed. March 1st to 4:30pm PST on Fri. March 3rd, 2017.



VOTE ONLINE!

WEBVOTE.UVIC.CA



FAQs

In March 2011, UVSS Elections were moved online at the directive of the student body. As such, elections are conducted online using the UVic WebVote System instead of a traditional paper balloting system.

When and where can I vote?

For elections to the UVSS Board of Directors, the polls will open at 9:00am PST on Wed. March 1st, 2017, and close at 9:00am PST on Fri. March 3rd, 2017. The move to online voting increases voting accessibility - you can vote any-time (while polls are open), from wherever you are, and from any internet-accessible device. In addition, for your convenience, there will be nine polling stations located around campus on March 1st & 2nd – *please check the times and locations of the polling stations to ensure that they will be open before you go to vote.*

I have more than one Netlink ID; which do I use?

The system will only allow students to log in and vote using their primary Netlink ID.

When will the results be announced?

The unofficial results of the UVSS Election will be made available online at uvssselections.com by 9 a.m. Monday, March 6th, 2017.

Who can vote?

Since the UVSS election only concerns UVSS members, anyone who has paid UVSS fees for winter semester is eligible to vote (this includes all UVic undergraduate students, all UVic Law students, some Island Medical Program students, and all students who participate in the STEPS Forward program). Co-op, Exchange and Distance students are all able to vote using the same voting system.

How do I vote using WebVote?

To ensure the voting process is clear, here are some brief steps on how to vote and how to spoil your ballot:

1. Go to webvote.uvic.ca
2. Select the election you wish to vote in.
3. Insert Netlink ID and password.
4. To vote successfully, please select the number of candidates specified for that position. For example, for each of the Lead Director and the International Student Representative positions, there is one position available; therefore you can vote for one candidate. For Directors-at-Large there are 11 positions; therefore you can vote for up to 11 candidates. If you select more candidates than permitted for the position, your ballot will be spoiled and your votes will be considered invalid.
5. Once you have made your selections, click 'Vote' below and you've voted!

Are there accessible voting stations?

On March 1st, students in need are encouraged to vote at one of our more easily accessible polling stations, located in the main lobby of Clearihue (9:00am-5:00pm), the McPherson Library (9:00am-9:00pm), and the SUB (11:00am-7:00pm). Please do not hesitate to contact the Elections Office with any concerns or questions about voting accessibility.

Did we miss anything?

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact the Elections Office. Our office is located in SUB B211. We can be reached by phone at 250-472-4305 or by email at election2@uvss.ca. Our website is uvssselections.com, and feel free to "Like" us on Facebook (UVSS Elections Office) to stay up-to-date with Elections news.

ABOUT THE UVSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All UVSS members will have the opportunity to select their preferred candidate for each of the following Lead Director positions:

- Director of Outreach and University Relations
- Director of Student Affairs
- Director of Events
- Director of Finance and Operations
- Director of Campaigns and Community Relations

All UVSS members will be able to select up to 11 preferred candidates for the positions of Director at Large.

UVSS International students will be able to select their preferred International Student Relations representative as well.

The University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) is made up of the more than 17,000 undergraduate students at the University of Victoria, including the 22 members on the Board of Directors (BOD), who work on their behalf.

The BOD is a body of students elected by students to manage the Society's budget, implement campaigns, advocate on behalf of students, maintain the Society's services, and develop the membership. Students pay a fee each semester to the UVSS – students have chosen, by a majority vote via referendum, to levy themselves a fee for the operation of the UVSS and the services it provides. The UVSS holds two General Meetings each year, at which time all registered undergraduate students have

speaking and voting rights, giving them direct input into the direction of the organization, its policies, and the budget.

The BOD is not a "student government" – the BOD has no legislative power over its electorate. Each member of the BOD has a duty to work with other BOD members to further the interests of the society, and each executive member is responsible and answerable to the student body.

The newly elected BOD begins its term on May 1st. Most of the business of the BOD is conducted through committees, which are struck each year at the beginning of the new BOD term. In addition, each board member is expected to attend a three-day orientation to be scheduled at the end of April/beginning of May.

Of the 22 board members, five are Lead Directors (directors who have constitutionally allocated responsibilities and are paid for 35 hours per week). These include the Director of Outreach & University Relations, the Director of Finance and Operations, the Director of Events, the Director of Student Affairs and the Director of Campaigns and Community Relations. There are also 11 Directors at Large elected by the UVSS membership, the Director of International Student Relations elected by UVic international students, 4 advocacy group reps elected at general meetings of their constituencies, and 1 Native Students Union rep elected by NSU..

All BOD meetings are open to students and the general public, though only members of the BOD may vote; each member has one vote. Board meetings usually occur every other week in the SUB Upper Lounge; all Directors are expected to attend these meetings.

UVSS DIRECTORS - ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Directors work together to shape policy, run campaigns, prepare the budget, resolve administrative decisions, and generally deal with the business of the Society. The offices of the Lead Directors are found in the SUB Students' Society Centre (B103).

Director of Outreach and University Relations

The Director of Outreach and University Relations is the Society's spokesperson. He or she liaises with the University administration, different levels of government, and with student representatives to the Senate and Board of Governors to advance student interests. The Director of Outreach and University Relations regularly chairs Board of Director (BOD) meetings, which must occur at least twice a month.

Director of Finance and Operations

All UVSS financial records, policies, contacts and statements are the responsibility of the Di-

rector of Finance, as is the Society's annual budget. He or she oversees the administration of all UVSS operations and is responsible for the development of financial policy and practice. The Director of Finance and Operations also acts as one of the liaisons between staff (both unionized and non-unionized) and the BOD, through the Personnel Committee.

Director of Events

The Director of Events is responsible for planning and coordinating all events for the UVSS. He or she assists the Director of External Relations with marketing and communication and acts as the UVSS's representative on all matters related to athletics, recreation, and on-campus housing.

Director of Student Affairs

The Director of Student Affairs chairs the Course Union Council and liaises with the Ombudsman's office. He or she also chairs the Course

Union and Club Councils and is charged with facilitating the operations of new and existing clubs.

Director of Campaigns and Community Relations

The Director of Campaigns and Community Relations is in charge of all aspects of UVSS communications and advocacy. He or she coordinates with all levels of government to advocate for student issues and is responsible for keeping the BOD up-to-date on issues and policies that are relevant to members of the UVSS. The Director of Campaigns and Community Relations also serves as the BOD representative on external organizations and committees, such as provincial and national student organizations.

Director of International Student Relations

The Director of International Student Relations is responsible for assisting the Lead Directors

in carrying out their duties and for scrutinizing Lead Director activities. He or she coordinates and implements all levels of campaigns concerning education defense and must participate in at least two committees of the Students' Society. Most importantly he or she must liaise with international students who attend the University of Victoria.

Directors At Large (and Constituency Organization Representatives)

The Directors at large and the Constituency Organization Representatives are responsible for assisting the Lead Directors in carrying out their duties and for scrutinizing Lead Director activities. He or she coordinates and implements all levels of campaigns concerning education defense and must participate in at least two committees of the Students' Society. The Constituency Organization Representatives are also responsible for meeting with their respective constituency organizations.

POLLING STATION SCHEDULE MARCH 1ST, 2017

McPherson Library*	9:00am-9:00pm
Clearihue*	9:00am-5:00pm
MacLaurin	10:00am-12:30pm
SUB*	11:00am-7:00pm
ELW	2:00pm-4:00pm
Cadboro Commons	4:30pm-6:30pm
Fraser	4:30pm-6:30pm

MARCH 2ND, 2017

ECS	11:00am-1:00pm
Fine Arts	11:00am-1:00pm

*Accessible polling stations

VOTING DAY! VOTE ONLINE!

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ELECTION PLATFORMS - LEAD DIRECTORS

OUTREACH AND UNIVERSITY RELATIONS



Kate Fairley
Energize UVic

My name is Kate Fairley, and I am running to be your Director of Outreach and University Relations. This past year, I served as a Director on the UVSS board, and I found my work so rewarding that I would be honoured to continue on for another year in a lead director position.

My goals for the coming year are:

- To expand and diversify mental health supports on campus by creating a program of peer support in the SUB
- To work constructively with the university administration to improve the quality of life for first-year students by: ameliorating the food options and ensuring the availability of quality housing
- To increase transparency by distributing regular blog posts about the function and recent activities of the UVSS and by creating infographics which will allow students to more effectively understand society finance and services
- To work to improve staff-student communication and trust by reviewing the function of the campus safe-walk program
- To continue to promote the BC Open textbook Project on campus by communicating with faculty and university administration

As a woman who has worked extensively in the non-profit sector, I feel that I am uniquely qualified for this role. I have worked both as an employee and as a board member of multiple societies, and this experience has allowed me to expand my knowledge of service to a broad range of needs. I am a pre-admitted student in the Gustavson School of Business, and as such, I feel I am suited to the management of such a large organisation. Because the UVSS exists to represent the voices of all students, I am committed to facilitating student engagement and ensuring that the society functions as a forum at which everyone is invited to speak.

**On March 1st:
Vote for FAIRLEY,
vote ENERGIZE UVIC!**



Taisto Witt
Connect UVic

Hi Uvic! My name is **Taisto Witt**, and I'm running for **Director of Outreach and University Relations** with **Connect UVic**. I am a fourth year Sociology major from Comox. I have been involved in student affairs on campus as the Director of Community Relations and Vice-President of the Bureau of Sociology students, organizing harm reduction workshops and community outreach initiatives, and within student clubs and athletics programs. I am currently the assistant to an academic chair in the department of sociology.

I'm running for this position because I believe that students need a strong voice to advocate for and represent them within this institution and community.

If Elected, I aim to:

- Increase transparency within the UVSS
- Establish **monthly meetings** where students can engage directly with UVSS directors, propose ideas, voice concerns, and ask questions.
- Release **summaries of UVSS board meetings** on the UVSS website.
- Increase student affordability and student resources
- Lobby the University to **raise Work Study pay above minimum wage**.
- Fight for **more affordable** student access to **fitness on campus** by reducing CARSA fees.
- Lobby the BC Government to **reduce student loan interest** rates.
- Work with the Food Bank to increase student's food security.
- Expand mental health support on campus.
- Create a 24 hour public studying space in Biblio during the essay and exam season open to all students, without increasing student fees.
- Commit to UVSS Campaigns and Outreach
- Develop a **harm reduction campaign** on campus to combat the increasing dangers posed to students and the community by the Fentanyl crisis.
- Re-commit to **Let's Get Consensual** and increase its presence on campus.

**Vote Taisto WITT
Director of Outreach and
University Relations
CONNECT UVIC**

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS



MacKenzie Cumberland
Energize Uvic

My name is Mackenzie Cumberland and I am a second year student in the faculty of social sciences majoring in Economics.

Through my time at UVic I have been fortunate to attend events put on by the many clubs and organizations here at UVic. From this I have seen the great work that our students do and how passionate they are in the groups that they are a part of. I believe that I share these values, as I am passionate about excellence and stewardship. I will bring these values to the table as your Director of Finances and Operations of the UVSS.

If elected, I hope to keep the UVSS accountable to the students they serve and to make it easier for students to be involved in our community:

- Currently, the bus schedule does not align with our class times. Moreover, busses are frequently late or missed. If elected, I will work with BC Transit to schedule busses so students aren't waiting half an hour after their classes end and to incorporate better GPS technology so they know when their bus will arrive.
- The UVSS collects fees from students to function, so students should be informed on how their money is being spent. I want to make it easier for students to follow the spending of the UVSS by posting meeting decisions onto a Blog or Facebook that students can easily follow.
- I will work with the past board to continue the financial success of the SUBs' businesses. Everyone benefits when the SUB is profitable and money is going back into students, so I will work to keep your businesses competitive by introducing new products like bubble tea and making our building more accessible for events.

**On March 1st,
vote for CUMBERLAND,
vote ENERGIZE UVIC!**



Zennen Leggett
Connect UVic

Hey there UVIC! My name is **Zennen Leggett** and I'm a third year Economics major with a focus on business and finance. I am running to be the next **Director of Finance and Operations** with **Connect UVIC**, with the hopes of improving transparency and accountability of the UVSS' financial operations. As your representative I will work with the university to increase student employment, improve financial literacy, and ensure students union fees work to better YOUR campus experience.

If elected I will:

- Work to create more student consultation in the creation of the UVSS Budget so that students are involved in making decisions about how student fees are spent
- Through additional student consultation, develop new financial policies to prevent mismanagement of student funds
- Ensure that the board meeting minutes and the agenda are not only available but accessible to the student body
- Increase food accessibility
- Advocate for more needs based grants for low-income students
- Increase student financial literacy
- Work with the university to make biblio a 24 hours study space that is accessible during exam periods at no additional administrative cost

I will work with the Connect Uvic team to ensure that the students voices are heard in this crucial provincial election year and that our concerns are heard at the highest level possible. I will also bring my passion and experience to make sure that student fees go towards what students really want and that the student society continues to have a healthy budget. On March 1st, get connected to your student union and vote Connect Uvic!

**Vote for Zennen LEGGETT
Director of Finance and
Operations
CONNECT UVIC**



Noor Chasib
Energize UVic

A vote for Noor Chasib is a vote for awesome UVSS events! I am a second-year biochemistry major who has attended and benefited from many of the exciting events held by the UVSS. As a result, I am passionate about returning the favor and giving back to students in a substantial way. I feel strongly about providing a gamut of quality events to reach more students and increase UVics' distinct energetic atmosphere. I am committed to:

- Encouraging health and sustainability

I will be pushing to expand healthy choices throughout campus to better align with environmentally friendly practices. Through increased recycling initiatives, the addition of more compost bins and the introduction of a farmers' market, I look to promote standards that will further advance UVics' reputation as a forward-thinking school with a commitment to sustainability.

- Creating an outdoor concert

Music is a great way to energize students and foster school spirit. I will work to create an outdoor musical event open to all, that will feature student and guest performers. Music allows students to connect with different people and build relationships that will further push UVic into becoming a tighter knit community. We will work closely with the university to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

- Expanding exposure of unique backgrounds through food!

A food truck festival will be a simple yet enjoyable way to expose students to diverse selections of foods. I will ensure the festival promotes unique cultures and dishes that will bring people together. Emphasis will be placed on spotlighting locally sourced foods that encourage environmental stewardship.

However, I will not stop there. I will further continue to push for new exciting events across campus that embody and embrace UVics spirit and sense of community.

**On March 1st,
vote CHASIB,
vote ENERGIZE UVIC!**

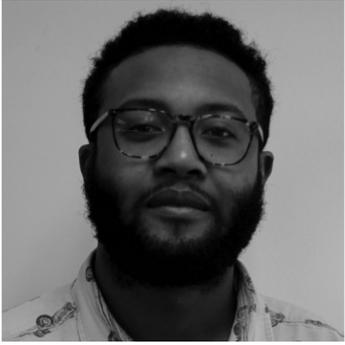
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ELECTION PLATFORMS - LEAD DIRECTORS

EVENTS



Colin Saint-Vil
Connect UVic

My name is **Colin Saint-Vil** and I am a 4th year Geography and Environmental Studies major and I am running as **Director of Events** with **Connect UVic**. I was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York which made me value the idea of diversity. I also work at the Munchie bar in the SUB which has given me the opportunity to connect to a lot of students on a personal level.

I believe that strong community is vital to support and uphold the core of the university experience. It is my goal to see students better connected to each other, the administration, and instructors. I believe that our university has a great collection of talented minds and I want to help bring us all together to celebrate our campus community.

If elected I will focus on:

- Consulting students to get input on events
- Work with existing groups to increase the amount of events we have
- Bring entertainers to campus for special events like Campus Kick Off
- Hold academic community events and inter-disciplinary talks and lectures
- Build community relationships to gain more discounts and opportunities for students on and off campus
- Food security, by strengthening the community garden, and the food bank
- Lobbying the university to increase reading break in the fall semester.

It is my goal to hold events that cater to the diverse set of interests that students have on campus including concerts, lectures, town halls, and more. If you have ideas that you would like to make a reality, I promise to work with you and our student body in order to bring those student initiatives to the forefront of planning with the student society.

Vote for Colin SAINT-VIL
Director of Events
CONNECT UVic

STUDENT AFFAIRS



Kaitlin Fortier
Energize UVic

My name is Kaitlin Fortier, and I am running to be your Director of Student Affairs. I grew up in Courtenay, BC and chose to attend UVic because of its great culture and sense of community. I was excited to enter the unique UVic community and joining a club allowed me to make new friends, connect with my fellow students and my community. After realizing how pivotal getting involved on campus was for my transition into university life, I knew I could help more students get involved in the campus community and strengthen the UVic culture that drew me in initially.

As Director of Student Affairs, I will work with campus clubs and course unions to help them reach their full potential. As an experienced volunteer, board director, and community leader, I understand the value the over 200 clubs and 40 course unions at UVic contribute to the university experience. Many clubs and course unions can reach their full potential without interference, which is why I will work to cut red tape and simplify club interaction with the UVSS and university. I will make information about clubs and course unions simpler to access, making it easier to connect new and continuing students. In addition, I will bring new initiatives that recognize the many unique groups that make UVic so diverse and energizing.

Above all, I look forward to participating in the movement to make UVic open, transparent, and welcoming for all. Please vote Kaitlin Fortier for Director of Student Affairs and I will work to help all students make the most of their university experience while allowing the campus community to grow and flourish.

On March 1st,
vote for FORTIER,
vote ENERGIZE UVIC!



Natalya Rambold
Connect UVic

Hey folks of the UVSS! I'm **Natalya Rambold** and I am running to be your next **Director Student Affairs** with **Connect UVic**. I want to work to make UVic safe, accessible and fun for everyone on this campus. I have lots of experience with clubs, conflict resolution and event coordination. I am in my second year of Political Science and Gender Studies here at UVic.

My experience includes:

- Support, facilitation and extensive training with the Anti-Violence Project
 - UVic Debate Club meetings coordinator
 - Training and recruitment with UVic Debate Club
- The areas I would focus on if elected are:
- Support for new and existing clubs and course unions
 - Food security for all UVic students and reduction of food waste on campus
 - Accessible and gender neutral washrooms in every building
 - Lobbying the provincial government to lower tuition
 - Holding the university accountable to their sexual assault policy
 - Increasing access to inclusivity and equity workshops
 - Working with the other directors to ensure stable financial management of all assets and resources available to clubs and course unions

I want to make UVic a community of care that supports folks from all walks of life. Dedication to a diverse and vibrant community like UVic is often difficult, but I want to work to support and further the amazing work that students at UVic do every day.

Vote Natalya RAMBOLD
Director of Student Affairs
CONNECT UVic

CAMPAIGNS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Dakota McGovern
Connect UVic

Hey everyone! My name is **Dakota McGovern** and I am running to be your **Director of Campaigns and Community Relations**. In my time as a first year geography major at the University of Victoria I have had the honor getting involved with the UVSS, an organization which I believe has the power to change student lives. On May 9th of this year, only nine days after the next UVSS board takes office a new provincial government will be elected. My goal is to bring student issues such as Affordable Housing and Need-Based-Grants to the forefront of BC politics.

In the past, I have worked with:

- The Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (Outreach Coordinator).
- The British Columbia Student Alliance (Co-Founder and President).
- The Society of Geography Students (Director of Fundraising).
- The Transforming Education Society (member)
- The UVSS Campaigns Team (Research Assistant).

If elected I will focus on:

- Outreach
- Develop a harm reduction campaign on campus to combat the increasing dangers posed to students and the community by the Fentanyl crisis.
- Engage more students in ongoing campaigns such as "ReThink Mental Health" and "Let's Get Consensual" through increasing their events per-term.
- Increase volunteer opportunities within UVSS campaigns.
- Affordability
- Make work study positions a living wage.
- Create student-led campaigns on Need-Based Grants and Affordable Housing.
- Environment:
- Campaign to have UVic fully divest from fossil fuels.
- Ensure food accessibility on campus by advocating for a more diverse meal plan

The UVSS is an organization that exists to amplify the voice of students. To achieve these goals all students must be engaged in our decision-making processes. If elected, I will ensure that all student voices are heard at every level of government.

Vote Dakota MCGOVERN
Director of Campaigns and Community Relations
CONNECT UVic



Anmol Swaich
Energize UVic

My name is Anmol Swaich and I am running to be your Director of Campaigns & Community Relations. I am a second-year Commerce student from Surrey, British Columbia and throughout my life, I have been heavily involved in the community through both sports and volunteering. At UVic, I have served as the Director of Charity for the Commerce Student's Society, where I was able to help introduce a new system of philanthropy. We shifted the focus to building a greater perspective of the world for students through volunteering with local organizations. I am determined to work with the University and students alike to create an environment in which each and every student's opinions and concerns are heard and addressed. My life experiences have taught me the importance in recognizing that each individual has led a different life and has different needs. I hope to spend my life helping others fulfill their needs through active involvement in my community.

In this role, I will expand the current campaigns such as the high cost of textbooks and tuition, the stigma surrounding mental health, the lack of affordable housing and the importance of consent.

I would also introduce new campaigns focusing on issues that are not given enough attention – in particular, the fentanyl and opioid crisis. This would include awareness surrounding safe drug use and harm reduction methods. As Director of Campaigns and Community Relations, I would focus on extending library hours and working with BC Transit to build a more efficient transit system with buses running more often and later into the night. By fostering strong relationships with the community and the University, my goal is to help shape our campus into a place where all students are heard and respected.

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vote ENERGIZE UVIC!



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ELECTION PLATFORMS - INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RELATIONS

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Raj Alamchandani

Energize UVic

My name is Raj Alamchandani and I am a third-year Civil Engineering student running to be your next Director of International Student Relations. At another post-secondary institute in British Columbia, as well as at UVic, I have gained experience of working with international students in organizing fun events, creating social change, and developing international student communities. I have also planned several events for Civil Engineering students and I am an active member of International Friendship Group.

If elected as your Director of International Student Relations, I am committed to working to:

- Lobby the University to lower the co-op and tuition fees for international students or at the very least, freeze the tuition fee.
- Support and expand events for international students, including more inclusive and diverse cultural events so that everyone can “feel-at-home”
- Increase international student consultations on new campaigns and events and have their say in the UVSS decision making
- Support more job opportunities and job support for international students
- Support the work of advocacy groups and marginalized students

And Improve the overall International Education experience of all International students who come to UVic.

**On March 1st,
Vote ALAMCHANDANI,
vote ENERGIZE UVIC!**



POLLING STATION SCHEDULE

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ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR VOTING

The Elections Office is eager to facilitate an accessible voting experience for all students, including providing assistance to account for auditory or visual impairment. Please let us know if you require access to the following software, which will be provided by the Society for Students with a Disability (SSD). If this is the case, please contact the Elections Office (election2@uvss.ca or 250-472-4305) in advance of voting day on March 1st with information regarding which technology you would like access to.

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS



This year, two referendum questions have been approved by the current Board of Directors and will be included in the UVSS elections ballot:



REFERENDUM QUESTION #1:

“Do you support an increase to the UVSS Food Bank Fund of 75 cents per full-time student and 37 cents per part-time student, per semester, for the purpose of addressing student food insecurity?”

Proponent: Jasmine Robertson

Since our last referendum in 2015, the Food Bank has seen an increase in the number of weekly visits. The current average is 300 visits per week, but our current budget only meets a third of demand. The increasing costs of tuition, housing, and textbooks--as well as rising food prices--are putting more students in positions of food insecurity. Addressing this issue is a crucial way to make post-secondary education more accessible to students.



Over the past 2 years, the Food Bank has built many fruitful community partnerships to bring in more foods free of cost and reduce food waste around the city. However, fresh foods--such as milk, eggs, and produce--are challenging to get for free on a regular basis. The purpose of the Food Bank's food budget is to purchase these much-needed items to round out the canned, bulk, and bread products that are regularly donated.

This referendum would increase the Food Bank's budget by 75%. This significant increase would be felt by hundreds of students every week as they would be able to access a diversity of ingredients for cooking.

At the Food Bank, it is our belief that students need access to nourishing food in order to be well and successful in their studies. Any current UVic student can access the Food Bank on a weekly basis and we also have extra resources available for students supporting families. We strive to create a welcoming, safer space for our volunteers and students, and we appreciate any feedback.

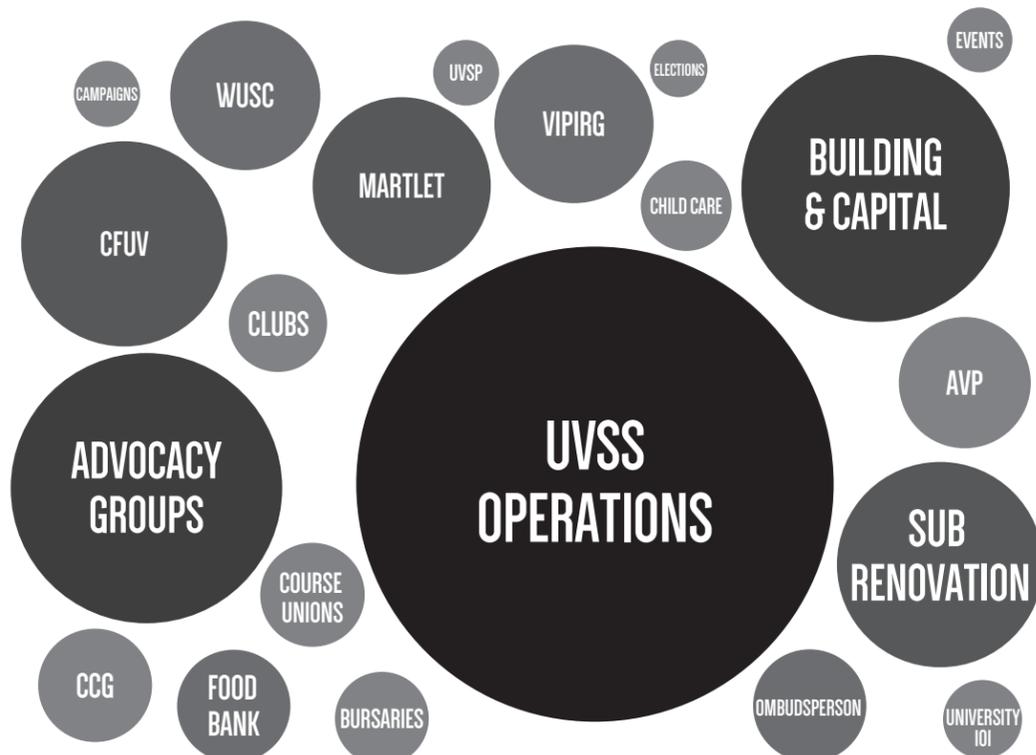
If you have any questions or concerns about the referendum question please contact Jasmine Robertson (Food Bank Coordinator) at foodbank@uvss.ca

The UVSS Food Bank & Free Store is open 9:30am-5pm, Monday to Friday. We are located in the basement of the SUB in room B007. Please call 250-472-4999 or email foodbank@uvss.ca for more information!

REFERENDUM QUESTION #2:

“Are you in favour of adjusting students' society fees annually to match Canada's inflation target, to a maximum 2% per year, beginning in January 2019?”

UVSS SEMESTERLY FEES FOR A FULL-TIME STUDENT, 2016-2017



Unlike many other student societies across Canada, UVSS fees currently do not match the rate of inflation. Every year the cost of goods, services, and wages increase, but student fees remain the same. As a result of this annual reduction of purchasing power, groups that collect student fees are unable to consistently provide students with the level of service that they require.

By tying student fees to inflation, we can ensure that all on-campus service providers will have enough funds to continue operating without having to constantly ask students for fee increases. This referendum question help all of our service providers give students better support over the long-term: clubs and course unions, the Martlet, CFUV, the Food Bank, advocacy groups and the NSU, student bursaries, University IOI, Campus Community Gardens, the Ombudsperson, and many more!

So on March 1 - 3 VOTE YES to make sure that the UVSS can continue to provide you with great services, awesome events, and advocacy campaigns for many years to come.

If you have any questions or concerns about this referendum question please contact Kevin Tupper, the Director of Finance and Operations, at finance@uvss.ca

ELECTION PLATFORMS - DIRECTORS AT LARGE



Pierre-Paul Angelblazer

Energize UVic

Allo UVIC!

My name is Pierre-Paul Angelblazer (yes that's my real name) and I'm a first-year Anthropology student. I have a lot of volunteer experience in the community and I think I have what it takes to work for you as your Director-at-large. If elected I have three areas I want to focus on: events, buses, and food.

- the UVSS has a great reputation for events, so I want to expand on that and go bigger. Let's engage more students, clubs, and course unions to have an outdoor concert!

- the state of buses right now is sad. Buses are not running on time or following your class schedule and on weekends when you're going to Vancouver – you have to wait hours to get to the ferry. I will work with BC transit to make services better for you

- I want to make the food in the sub of higher quality, and introduce new products like bubble tea! I also want to lobby the university to bring back Tim Hortons!

It's up to you, potential voter, to decide what you want. I am here for you.

On March 1st, vote for ANGELBLAZER, vote ENERGIZE UVIC!



Nicholas Chen

Energize UVic

Born in Idaho, USA, Nicholas Chen has lived throughout the western coast of the United States and Canada, in some states/provinces such as Nevada, California, and British Columbia. After graduating from Sir Winston Churchill Secondary in Vancouver, he is currently attending the University of Victoria, majoring in economics. Some hobbies include running, exercising, and practicing piano. Some policies our slate would like to present would include:

- Increasing the amount of events for students is a top priority, such as having more concerts, farmers' markets, petting zoos

- Campaigning for an extended library time, and volunteer information sessions

- Clarifying and simplifying finances and club policies: working with clubs, not against them.

- Operation changes, such as SUB employees' hairnets/gloves/hats,

- These are a few things that we would like to do, with your help!

On March 1st, vote for CHEN, vote ENERGIZE UVIC!



Sophia Crabbe

Connect UVic

Hello UVSS students! My name is **Sophia Crabbe** and I am running to be your **Director at Large** with **Connect UVic**. I am in my first year of studies in Gender Studies, have been very passionate about volunteering, and am committed to making my community a better place. I would like to bring that passion to our campus in order to make UVic a great place for you!

If elected as your Director at Large, my main platform promises are to:

- Use the UVSS seat on the transit commission to increase late night bus service

- Lower the cost of CARSA memberships through monthly or pro-rated fees

- Continue harm reduction programming to ensure student safety at campus wide events

The UVSS exists to represent the rights of students, so I am committed to working for what students want. I believe my role on the board would be to work in your financial interests. I am here to **represent YOU** in this process.

Vote Sophia CRABBE Director at Large CONNECT UVic



Karina Dhillon

Energize UVic

My name is Karina Dhillon, and I am excited to announce that I'll be running in the 2017 UVSS Election to be your Director-at-Large! I am a Political Science student, and have a lot of volunteer and political activism experience. I recognize that solutions require harmonizing diverse interests. I wake up every morning remembering that I represent a small portion of the global female population that has the opportunity to be educated. With that opportunity, I feel the need to work hard to ensure every voice is heard. I hope YOU will allow me to empower your voice, your future and your student life.

If elected, I will:

- Work to start a new UVSS campaign combating the fentanyl and opioid crisis

- Cut red-tape for clubs and course unions

- Bring more students into the SUB to our great businesses and events

I am a hard worker and I want to work with you to make UVic a better place. Energize UVic is the team to make that happen!

On March 1st, vote for DHILLON, vote ENERGIZE UVIC!



Christopher Dickey

Energize UVic

Today we would like to introduce you to Christopher Dickey, a nominee for Director-at-Large and the current Student Coordinator for the Liberal Party of Canada in Victoria. Straight outta Chilliwack, Christopher is a 2nd year Political Science student as well as a devoted moviegoer and connoisseur of fine vinyl records (and pizza). In addition to political activism, Christopher has volunteered both in the community and abroad, including the UVIC Rotaract Club as well as teaching English at an orphanage in Oaxaca, Mexico for a semester. When he is not busy studying or helping out in the community, Christopher can be found around Victoria hiking, at a new restaurant, or hanging out with his two cats, Archimedes and Caesar, by the fire.

If elected, Christopher will:

- Increase student engagement in campaigns and events

- Bring efficiency to clubs and course union registration

- Lobby for bringing a Tim Hortons back to UVic

- Campaign to end the stigma around mental health

We hope Christopher has captured your heart as well as your vote.

On March 1st, Vote Dickey, vote ENERGIZE UVIC



Cameron Fox

Energize UVic

My name is Cameron and I'm running to be your Director-at-Large along with the ENERGIZE team. I am determined to improve the experience of ordinary UVic students, and if elected my priorities will be to:

- Lobby BC Transit for simple, practical improvements to the transit system for UVic Students and community members alike, such as synchronizing bus departures with class schedules, revising routes to better service areas with a high density of students, and improving service between UVic and the Ferry Terminal.

- Improve on-campus food quality and choice by encouraging the University to permit more brands and allow food trucks on campus, as well as continuing the improvement to SUB food services.

- Make University more affordable to students by continuing the successful open textbooks initiative

- Combat the housing crisis by co-operating with municipal governments, encourage the University to construct more, better, on-campus housing, and lobby the Provincial government to

strengthen legal protections for tenants.

- Raise awareness for on-campus initiatives such as the UVSS food bank, blood donation drives, consent workshops, and mental health services.

- Improve school spirit by organizing safe, accessible, and enjoyable on-campus events.

On March 1st, vote for FOX, vote ENERGIZE UVIC!



Kate Fry

Connect UVic

Hello UVSS students! My name is **Kate Fry** and I am running for **Director-at-Large** with **Connect UVic**. I am a first year English Major with experience in educational policy and advocacy. I am interested in increasing affordability on campus, as well as student outreach.

I am no stranger to student activism and involvement. In the past, I have helped support revisions to the Vancouver School Board's Gender and Sexuality policy that increased the rights of LGBTQ+ students. While at UVic, I have volunteered my time as a General Editor with the Warren Undergraduate Review.

If elected as a Director-at-Large, my main platform promises are to:

- Lobby the provincial government to lower tuition costs

- Work towards increased wages for Work Study students

- Support revisions of the Sexual Assault Policy that better meet the needs of survivors.

As a student union, the UVSS' primary concern should be with ensuring student rights are fully met. If elected, I would work to represent all students in protecting their right to an affordable education that meets their needs.

Vote Kate FRY Director at Large CONNECT UVic



Devon Goldie

Independent

My name is Devon Goldie and I am running for a Director-at-Large position for the UVSS Board of Directors. I am a fourth-year student double majoring in Environmental Studies and Applied Theatre. I love UVic deeply and will work hard to make our campus a better, more sustainable, vibrant community. The issues that I am running on are as follows: Firstly, I would like to see accessible compost bins in every building on campus and would like to decrease the amount of paper coffee cups entering the campus waste stream. I also want to see increased access to counselling and

support for sexual assault survivors. I would like to strengthen campus food security by increasing support and promotion for the Food Bank, Campus Community Garden, Community Cabbage, and Edible Campus. I would love to offer performance venues in the SUB for Fine Arts students. Lastly, I would like to see increased support for students with disabilities and increased awareness about invisible disabilities. Thank you for your time.



Stanley Hayward

Connect UVic

Hello fellow UVic students, my name is **Stanley Hayward** and I'm a second year political science student. I would love to represent you this coming year as a **Director-at-Large** in the UVSS with **Connect UVic**.

Some of my strengths and experience include:

- Years of volunteering at an extracurricular arts and writing school,

- Leadership experience through clubs and sports teams,

- Active engagement in advocacy groups here in Victoria,

- General will to ensure everyone here has a fun, safe, and productive time at school

I am committed to help every student and to help make your university experience as good as it can be. My personal promises to you are to:

- Make the UVSS more relatable and easier to understand and engage with.

- Lobby provincial government and the Minister of Advanced Education to reduce tuition fees, stop the implementation of additional fees that exceed the current tuition cap, and to review UVSS fees.

- Expand access to Mental Health education and resources at all times

Vote for me, and I will ensure your voices are heard!

Stanley HAYWARD, Director-at-Large CONNECT UVic



Griffen Hohl

Energize UVic

My name is Griffen Hohl and I hope you will grant me the opportunity to become director at large for the UVSS. I am a first year political science student, lifeguard and fellow pumpkin spice latte lover. I would make this position an absolute top priority because I am passionate about the conditions of fellow students and since we are all going to be here awhile, we should try to make it the best time of our lives. Learning from previous directors has shown

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me how real prudent and responsible change can make the world better. If elected, I will:

- Work to bring Bubble Tea into the SUB
- Lobby UVic to bring back Tim Hortons!
- Endeavour to make our campaigns and events more accessible
- Expand the successful BC Open-source Textbook program

It is time for me to give back, and I need your vote! Energize UVic has the team and the ideas to make your UVic experience safe, responsible, and amazing. My name is Griffen Hohl, I hope you vote for me to be director at large. Let us make university the best time of our lives.

**On March 1st,
Vote HOHL,
vote ENERGIZE UVIC!**



Rachel Kelly
Energize UVic

My name is Rachel Kelly, I'm Irish/Canadian/Francophone, and a first-year Commerce student at UVIC. Besides long walks on the beach, I enjoy drinking four cups of coffee a day, studying for hours on end, and getting involved within my local community.

As a first year representative on the CSS, I work to connect other first-year Commerce students with peers and events. I now want to use this knowledge and experience to represent not only the voices of first-year students, but also all UVIC students.

I also volunteer with Junior Achievement of BC to teach financial literacy to youth across Vancouver Island. As director at large, I will work with our Board to bring in a financial literacy program to the UVSS.

I also will lobby to bring Canada's favourite community coffee shop to UVIC – Timmies! Rushing to Tim Horton's before class or having to travel off campus to satisfy our caffeine cravings can be tiresome and inconvenient. Who wouldn't love a Tim Horton's or Starbucks available by their classroom for that dreaded 8:30 class?

I hope I can count on your Vote.

**On March 1st,
vote KELLY,
vote ENERGIZE UVIC!**



Hannah Koning
Connect UVic

Hello UVSS students! My name is **Hannah Koning**, and I'm running for **Director at Large** with **Connect UVic**. I am in my third year at UVic working towards a major in Creative Writing and a minor in Professional Writing. My goals are to improve the

accessibility of campus resources and events for students. I'm involved in advocacy and political work both on and off campus.

If elected, I will focus on remedying the social and accessibility issues many students face. My efforts and time will be focused on but not limited to:

- providing needs-based grants for students
- lobbying the government for reduced student fees and tuition
- continuing harm reduction programs, including the Let's Get Consensual campaign and Naloxone workshops
- Increasing awareness around the upcoming provincial awareness by helping students register to vote, and providing accessible, non-partisan information for students

The UVSS is run for students, by students, and should reflect that. I will be your representative, amplifying your voice and advocating for your best interests.

**Vote Hannah KONING
Director at Large
CONNECT UVic**



Tanner Lorenson
Energize UVic

Hello UVIC students! If you are looking for someone energetic and passionate about bettering your experience at university, LOOK NO FURTHER! My name is Tanner Lorenson, and as a first-year student and Vikes Nation Ambassador I am extremely passionate about making student life the best it can be; taking care of students, and targeting areas for improvement! My platform would revolve around three primary themes:

Accessibility

I will improve communication to make the UVSS accessible by ensuring all students are advocated for in the discussions behind the scenes. I will also be fighting for extended hours of services on campus, including the library and meal-providers.

Growth

I hope to diversify meal options at the university by introducing chain restaurants to the campus, and push for reduced prices of meals offered at both Mystic Market and on residence so that meals on campus are no longer a luxury.

Passion

I hope to increase the voice of clubs on campus by making them more accessible to students with specific passions, while promoting a campus culture of pride in our school with more campus-wide events.

**Vote for LORENSEN,
vote ENERGIZE UVIC!**



Julian Levy
Connect UVic

Hello UVic, Im **Julian Levy**. I'm a first year Biochem Major and I'm running for a **Director at Large** position with **Connect UVic**. I have years of experience in the sciences working with clubs and other organizations. My focus, if elected, is in increasing the transparency of the UVSS and increasing the affordability of life on campus.

I'm also a published author in "Biology Letters", a subsection of The Royal Society Publishing. I have worked in a lab for three years and have learned many analytical tools that I hope to bring to my service at the UVSS.

If elected, I promise to:

- Lobby the provincial government to decrease tuition and other fees
- Increase the wage of work study above minimum wage
- Ensure that all UVSS documents are made available to the membership in a proper and timely manner

I believe the UVSS has the potential to again protect the rights, and improve the lives of our students. I am here to make it a source of leadership we can be proud of once more.

**Vote for Julian LEVY
Director-at-Large
CONNECT UVic**

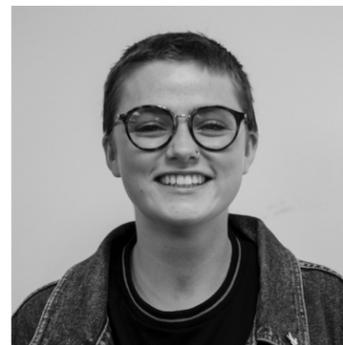


Cameron McLeod
Energize UVic

Hi I'm Cam McLeod, a first-year student, and all about students' getting the most out of the UVSS. First week of September, I sent an email to the first name I could find on the UVSS website, and there was no shortage of things to do. I want to make sure everyone has the chance to have opportunity thrust upon them here at UVic. I grew up in Surrey, BC, and was only converted to the importance of 'getting involved' when I realized it was up to me to make the school's flagging newspaper sink or swim. It really swam far. On the personal side, I'm very passionate about the Anglican Church's efforts towards reconciliation with Canada's First Nations. While back at school, the price of textbooks has literally caused me sleepless nights. The solution: more Open Textbooks and professors on board with ideas for this new vision. Further, we need increased UVSS-club engagement, and club policy needs to be simplified, with red tape and interference cut. Finally, what truly gets me up everyday is the dream of bringing a real, live, petting zoo to campus: because that's awesome.

On March 1st,

**vote for McLEOD,
vote ENERGIZE UVIC!**



Margaret Mears
Connect UVic

Hello UVSS students! My name is **Margaret Mears** and I am running to be your **Director At Large** with **Connect UVic**. Some of my main passions include **campus outreach** and **environmentalism**. I am in my first year of studies in the Faculty of Fine Arts.

My current work on campus includes:

- Campus Liaison for Turning the Tides UVIC

Volunteering for advocacy groups in the SUB

If elected as your **Director at Large**, my goals are to:

- **Keep Money in YOUR Pocket** by improving food security and increasing accessibility to transit in the summer semester.

- **Continue to Make Campus Green** by partnering with Divest UVic, and building a better waste management infrastructure on campus

- **Keep Our Campus Safe and Educated** by re-committing to Let's Get Consensual, and implementing the current UVic Sexual Assault Policy

The UVSS exists to represent the students and, if elected, I will do my best to make your goals a priority!

**Vote for Margaret MEARS
Director-at-Large
CONNECT UVic**



Jules Paulson
Connect UVic

Hello UVSS students! My name is **Jules Paulson** and I am very excited to run for the position of **Director and Large** with **Connect UVic!**

My goals are to: assist in lowering CARSA fees for students; ensure accessibility to recycling programs across campus with respect for the environment; and empower the student body to engage and represent itself within the UVSS.

I have over 8 years of experience participating in leadership and volunteering programs and I have personally logged over 100+ hours of community service. Currently, I am in my first year of studies at Uvic majoring in political sciences.

If elected as your representative, my main promises are to put an emphasis on accountability, environmental respect, outreach with student involvement, and transparency.

As students we must remember that the UVSS represents and belongs to us all.

I believe the UVSS board should embody that ideology and I am here to represent YOU in the process

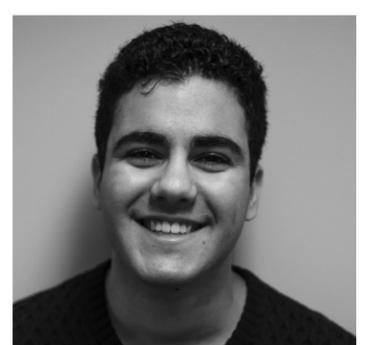
of making that more of a reality!

**Vote for Jules PAULSON
For Director at Large
CONNECT UVic**



Jack Seaberry
Independent

I'm a second year biochemistry and English student originally from Vancouver. I consider myself an effective socialist; I believe in the concept of equal opportunity and aid for those in need, and think that this should be applied as efficiently as possible. I am also a climate activist with experience canvassing against pipelines and volunteering for Greenpeace. I welcome all forms of discussion from as large a group as possible, and am interested in the possibility of using technology to initiate greater cross-campus debate. If elected I would campaign for greater student contributions towards university affairs, such as offering input regarding which fields of research students might benefit from most. I would also initiate further social services at the university, such as increasing the size of our gardens and possibly pushing for more expansive free-to-use kitchens at the SUB which would be cheaper for students to use due to bulk financing. Most importantly, I would push for transparency regarding the UVSS's financial accounts, as well as those of the university as a whole. I feel strongly that as paying students we have a right to know exactly how our money is used and why.



Nofel Sheleeg
Connect UVic

My name is **Nofel Sheleeg** and I am a second-year sociology student at Uvic. I am also a regular columnist at Here magazine, and a published poet. I am running to be your **Director at Large** with **Connect UVic** to represent the voices of all of those who want to be heard.

If elected I will:

- Create an abundance of mental health resources on campus.
- Reinforce and implement equity and inclusivity.
- Alleviate financial burdens by freezing tuition fees.

As students and socially literate citizens, it is important that we make our voices heard on issues that matter to us. I believe that I can be YOUR voice in order to make sure that our campus and our student society is the absolute best that it can possibly be!

**Vote Nofel SHELEEG
Director at Large
CONNECT UVic**

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David Stevanovich

Energize UVic

My name is David Stevanovic and I am running to be your Director-at-Large. I was born in Canada to parents fleeing the war in former Yugoslavia, in search of a stable future. I grew up on the island. Coming from a multicultural background, I began learning multiple languages at a young age, and am fluent in English, French, and Serbian. Over time, I developed a love for our temperate rainforests and documenting them through photography and poetry. I became involved in volunteering, supervising a gala for flood victims in my home country, sitting on the Victoria Youth Council, and assisting in the development of the Music and Memory program at the Broadmead Care Centre. I am currently in my first year at UVIC, in the Economics program.

After my first semester, I began wondering what I could do to support my peers, and decided to run to be a Director at Large. If elected, I will:

- work to make the events put on by the UVSS more inclusive
- lobby the university to bring a Tim Hortons back to campus
- bring bubble tea into the SUB.

**On March 1st,
vote for STEVANOVIC,
vote ENERGIZE UVIC!**



Shō Ya Voorthuyzen

Connect UVic

Hello UVic! My name is **Shō Ya Voorthuyzen**, and I'm running for **Director At Large** with **Connect UVic**. I am in my first year of a second degree at UVic studying Computer Science and Physics. My goal is to focus on student access to resources which support mental and physical health and well-being.

I have been involved in the UVic community for quite some time, primarily through my founding and leading of the UVic Meditation club. I also have significant volunteer experience, including a year spent living in a monastery in India, working with refugee communities.

If elected, I will:

- Promote accessibility to current mental health resources, including improving:
- Access to counselors
- Peer support programs
- The range of health oriented workshops
- Work towards more affordable athletic resources through:
- Exploring alternate payment models for CARSA/Athletic fees
- Providing and highlighting access to more affordable fitness alternatives

I believe the UVSS has the potential to have a proactive impact on student well-being. I am here to represent the best interests of the students at UVic and ensure they have access to all the resources they need to be successful in their studies.

**Vote for Shō Ya VOORTHUYZEN
Director-at-Large
CONNECT UVic**



Ramunas Wierzbicki

Energize UVic

My name is Ramunas Wierzbicki and I am running for Director-at-Large with the goal of fostering a more engaged and socially conscious engineering faculty within campus.

I'm a 3rd year software engineering student with an interest in control systems and their application in energy efficiency and security. Currently I am an active member of Leadership Through Diversity and hold positions within the Engineering Students' Society A and B streams as VP Communications and President respectively. I have also had the privilege of representing UVic at the Western Engineering Competition in Innovative Design as well as at the national level within the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students.

With all of that said; my goal is to help. If elected, I will:

- Work to engage campus clubs and course unions. Clubs Days' only happens once a semester – lets be innovative and engage students more often
- Promote and advocate on behalf of engineers concerns on the UVSS Board
- Work to increase the fiscal and environmental sustainability of the SUB

There is a lot that I want to accomplish but I need your help. Energize UVic is working for you, to get results.

**On March 1st,
vote WIERZBICKI,
vote ENERGIZE UVIC!**



Samantha Wood-Gaines

Connect UVic

Hello, good people. My name is **Samantha Wood-Gaines** and I am a second year Sociology student running for a **Director-at-Large** position with **Connect UVic**. My goals are to increase the collective participation of Uvic students and amp up enthusiasm towards Uvic experiences, in addition to fulfilling student's needs. I hope to participate in making Uvic more enjoyable for everyone.

Some of my experience includes:

- Volunteering at Vic after school care
- Working at Charming Charlies

As your Director-at-Large, I am committed to:

- **Making our campus more accessible to you by extending late night bus service** to seven days a week; lengthening library hours to **12am**; and support creation of **new student jobs** on campus
- **Reducing your DEBT** by campaigning for more **student loan forgiveness** programs; lobbying the provincial government to **increase core funding** to universities; and campaigning for **needs based grants** and affordable housing

- **Making UVSS work for YOU** by having more enjoyable **free events** throughout the year

Since starting university life at Uvic, I have come to meet many great people and create special bonds. I would like to connect with you so that I may best represent your needs!

**Vote Samantha WOOD-GAINES
Director-at-large
CONNECT UVic**



Morgan Wright

Connect UVic

Hello UVSS students! My name is **Morgan Wright** and I am a first year theatre and creative writing student running to be your **Director at Large** with **Connect UVic**. As a Director at Large, My goals are to tackle the issues students face with accessibility and financial security. As a residence member I have heard what the people want, and I committed to helping them achieve it.

My experience includes:

- Director of Public Relations and Outreach for my high school's Student Council
- Executive member of a Gender & Sexuality Awareness Club

If elected as your Director At Large, my main platform commitments are to:

- Raise the pay for work study students.
- Provide a platform for transparency, and open discussion.
- Continue to lobby the University to Divest from fossil fuels, and other environmentally destructive industries.

The UVSS exists to represent the needs and protect the rights of students, therefore I am committed to working for what students want. And what I believe you want is change. My name is Morgan Wright, and I am here to represent YOU in this process.

**Vote for Morgan WRIGHT
Director At Large
CONNECT UVic**



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FEBRUARY 27TH 2017

ALL CANDIDATE FORUM:

UVSS LEAD DIRECTORS & DIRECTORS AT LARGE
AT 2:00PM @ SUB MICHELE PUJOL ROOM

MEET YOUR POTENTIAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES, AND ASK
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT MATTER TO YOU!
ALSO BROADCAST LIVE ON CFUV 101.9 FM

FEBRUARY 27TH 2017

SENATE AND BOG FORUM

AT 4:00PM @ SUB MICHELE PUJOL ROOM
ALSO BROADCAST LIVE ON CFUV 101.9 FM

FEBRUARY 28TH 2017

LEAD DIRECTOR DEBATE

AT 3:00PM @ SUB MICHELE PUJOL ROOM
ALSO BROADCAST LIVE ON CFUV 101.9 FM

PLEASE HELP WITH PLANNING BY SUBMITTING QUESTIONS TO
SPOKENWORD@CFUV.CA, BY FEBRUARY 26TH, 2017

LIMITED ADDITIONAL TIME FOR QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE AT THE END.

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GRADUATE CANDIDATES



David Eso

Faculty of Graduate Studies

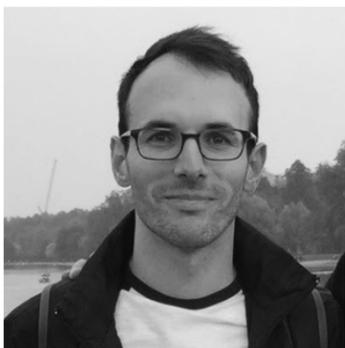
My priorities for the graduate student body run as follows:

- Ensuring adequate protection in our various roles (as T.A.s, R.A.s, instructors, seminar participants, and supervisees) through the new, federally mandated sexualized violence policy. The G.S.S. has worked closely with University Administration in developing this policy and those in student governance positions must ensure the policy's implementation matches the rigor of its language.

- Encouraging the University to renegotiate its relationship with rapacious academic publishers who profiteer off of publicly funded research by selling articles and monographs back to public institutions at unconscionably inflated prices; in 2017, I formed an ad-hoc committee of the G.S.S. to address this issue.

- Advocating for dedicated, paid positions for support workers to see students through appeals of unfair processes, financial mis-dealings, abuses of authority, and other bureaucratic quagmires; the G.S.S. Student Affairs Committee currently researches the effectiveness of models adopted by other institutions.

I hope you will support these initiatives by asking tough questions and spreading awareness. Any students wishing to discuss these or any other issues can reach me via deso@uvic.ca.



Andrew Lemieux

Faculty of Graduate Studies

If elected to the **Board of Governors**, I will actively represent your interests in the management of the university. I will bring the same integrity and dedication that I have demonstrated over two terms as an elected student senator and previously as a GSS Grad Council Representative.

My governance priorities include:

- **Affordability and accessibility** for graduate students, including limiting any and all increases to tuition and fees, and, where feasible, reducing these;

- **Promoting integrity and transparency** in grant awards and award processes;

- **Prioritizing mental health** support services on campus and ensuring university policies likewise recognize students' mental health needs;

- **Promoting long-term environmental sustainability** in University

policies, practices and infrastructure projects;

- **Promoting economic sustainability** in the University's financial planning;

- **Consensus decision-making** that acknowledges historical and present inequalities and marginalization;

- **Representing your interests**, whatever they may evolve to be during the course of my term.

I have a deep commitment to **professional integrity and open communication**. I strive to represent the interests of others, including those not able to actively engage and who may go unheard.

I would be honoured to represent your interests on the Board of Governors.

Thank you for your support and in solidarity,

Andrew Lemieux



Claire O' Manique

Faculty of Graduate Studies

If elected I will work to:

- Bring the conversation of fossil fuel divestment to the Board of Governors table.

Divest UVic has had a presence on campus for the past few years campaigning for the divestment of all University funds from fossil fuels. In a referendum held two years ago, 77% of the student body voted in favour of divestment. As someone who has supported Divestment campaigns across Canada, I will be an active voice at the table in favour of divestment, and advocate that it is the responsibility of our university to act to protect our climate.

- Engage students in the decision-making processes

Through dialogue I will work to enhance the transparency and communication that goes on between how and what sorts of decisions are made by the Board of Governors, as well as how students can get involved, to create a more accessible and democratic Board of Governors.

- Bring Grad Students voices to the table

I promise to be representative of graduate students opinions and voices to the University Administration. I will support my fellow colleagues in engaging with the board, and bring their concerns to the meetings.

UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES



Sara Maya Bhandar

Faculty of Social Sciences

As one of your current student representatives on the Board of Governors I would love to request you re-elect me. I believe students need people with strong voices to represent them. Due to my experience, I understand current issues this university faces, and can effectively work to confront them. If re-elected I will:

- Work to increase university student aid, including bursaries, scholarships, and workstudy positions

- Work to increase students housing options, which will also alleviate pressure on the Greater Victoria rental market

- Work to increase student services such as mental health supports on campus

- Work to increase childcare spaces, especially spaces dedicated for students, and create a solution to the closure of the after-school care program

- Work to make the university recognize the importance of issues of sustainability and divestment

Students deserve to have a voice at the decisions making level. I promise that with my dedication to the position, and my experience, student issues will not go ignored.



Alexa Dakiniewich

Faculty of Social Sciences

Mental Health Reform: If you take a look at the university's Student Mental Health Strategy 2014-2017: you'll see two things: the need for mental health care and the lack of progress. I would like to challenge and work with Chancellor Shelagh Rogers to create a 'part II' strategy for 2018-2021. I would like to see parking fees, once debts paid, used to fund the health clinic. I think students, including myself, would be more willing to pay hundreds of dollars for parking if they knew the money was financing the clinic.

English Department Funding: While taking English 146 I noticed that my professor would make comments via track changes on Word at 4:00am. I inquired about it and the professor said that this was due to budget cuts. If the university truly values academic writing than the faculty should have adequate funding for teaching assistants in order for future students to reach their full academic writing potential.

Buses: This one is a bit tricky. I know the university doesn't control the frequency (or in reality, infrequency) of

the city's buses. However, I'd like to meet with a transit official to synthesize any possible change.



Kate Fairley

Peter B. Gustavson School of Business

I am Kate Fairley, and I am a second year student studying commerce at UVic. For the past year, I have served as a Director at Large on the board of the University of Victoria Students' Society. My passion lies in improving the lives of my fellow students, and I believe the Board of Governors to be the best way to do that.

- I will work to improve affordability and accessibility for students by advocating for the integration of the BC Open Textbook Project, a program that has the potential to save students hundreds of thousands of dollars.

- I will advocate for improved and expanded mental health resources on campus, and ensure that the university recognizes students' mental health needs.

- I will strive to develop a larger pool of grants, scholarships, bursaries, and other forms of financial aid for students, while improving the efficacy of the selection and distribution processes.

- I will work with the university to improve quality of life in student residences, by promoting improved food choices and improved housing price and quality.

If elected, I will effectively represent undergraduate students when making decisions around the management, administration, and finances of UVic.

**VOTE for Fairley
vote ENERGIZE UVIC!**



Natalia Karpovskaia

Faculty of Social Sciences

If elected to the Board of Governors, I promise to:

- **Ask the University to support the student-led Divest UVic movement by finally divesting all funds from fossil fuel companies.**

Two years ago, the UVic student body voted 77% in favor of the University divesting from fossil fuels. As someone who has been working hard on the campaign for years, I promise to bring that conversation to the BoG table and advocate for the rights of the climate and young people's futures.

- **Encourage a more transparent governing structure with regards to Board of Governors.**

Through dialogue with the University I will encourage them to make the governing processes more accessible, and to educate students on what the

Board is. I want to work with them to make it clearer to students that the Board makes big decisions, and students should know how to participate if they wish.

- **Bring student voices to the Board of Governor's table.**

I promise to be on the side of students, always. If elected, I promise to work as hard as I can to bring issues important to students to the attention of the University's administrators.



Dakota McGovern

Faculty of Social Sciences

My name is **Dakota McGovern**, and I am a Geography major who is passionate about youth empowerment. Out of the fifteen voting members that make up the Board of Governors only two of them are students, which is why I am running to be one of your representatives. We need strong voices that will speak to the interests of this generation at the highest levels of our institution, and I would aim to represent your needs and fight for your rights as stakeholders at our university.

If elected I will focus on:

- Ensuring that the university's mission and strategic plan are interpreted in a way that puts students' needs at the forefront of every decision.

- Opposing any hikes on tuition for domestic and international students.

- Holding the University accountable to its promise to divest from fossil fuels.

Overall, I would like to make sure that our institution, and our provincial government remembers that students are the largest stakeholders in postsecondary education and that it is our voices that need to be heard when decisions are being made. If elected, I will make sure your needs are brought to the table.

**Vote Dakota MCGOVERN
for Board of Governors**



Taisto Witt

Faculty of Social Sciences

Hello Uvic, I'm **Taisto Witt**. I'm a 4th year Sociology student, and want to be your representative on the Board of Governors. It's crucial for student representation within the University administration, and I believe I am capable of providing that voice. If elected, I will focus on the following:

- Work with the finance committee to modify the budget to reduce CARSA fees and introduce more accessible and convenient payment plans.

- Work with Operations and Facilities to establish the Biblio as a 24 hour study space open to all students

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during the end of term and exam seasons.

- Push for more & better mental health resources.

- Pressure the administration to develop harm reduction strategies to combat risks posed to students by the fentanyl crisis, including training CLs in Uvic Residences in overdose recognition, response, and prevention.

- Fight to increase scholarship and grant opportunities for students and to include input from students in regards to the university's representation of student needs with the provincial government.

It would be my privilege to serve you on the Board of Governors. I believe we can make many positive changes towards a better university experience for students.

**Vote Tasto Witt
for Board of Governors**



Dheeraj Alamchandani

Faculty of Engineering

My name is Raj Alamchandani and I am a Civil Engineering student at UVic in my third year. I am running for Senate because I believe that engineering students' voices needs to be heard. Within the campus community I have served on the Senate of UVic and representing the faculty of Engineering in the year 2016-2017 and worked with campus groups like the Indian Students Association.

As a Student Senator, I will be committed to working collectively with graduate students, professors, and administrators in bringing a variety of student issues and social justice projects to the forefront of the Senate's work.

My focus on insuring students' rights in Senate includes but is not limited to:

- Lobbying for lower co-op fees and no fees if the job is not found by the co-op office
- Getting the Engineering Student society more involved with UVic senate and decision making process
- Lobbying for the expansion at UVic of the BC Open-source text books program
- Advocating for students' right to accessible and transparent decision making processes

I am a hardworking and enthusiastic leader who wants to improve our UVic experience.

VOTE for ALAMCHANDANI



Pierre-Paul Angelblazer

Faculty of Social Sciences

Allo UVIC!

I'm Pierre-Paul Angelblazer (I promise that's my legal name) and I'm a first-year Anthropology student. I have plenty of volunteer experience working in the community and I have what it takes to work for you as your Director-at-large. If elected I want to focus on improving events, buses, and food.

- I want UVSS to host even more events, including a concert, and also working together with clubs and course unions to bring even more onto campus, such as Clash of Clubs banned by the current administration

- Buses right now is kinda sad. Buses are not running on time or following your class schedule and on weekends when you're going to Vancouver – you have to wait hours to get to the ferry. I will work to improve buses and add shuttles to the ferries on reading breaks and holidays.

- I want to work to improve food in the sub, from simple fixes such as hairnets, to adding more such as Bubble Tea and putting Tim Hortons back on campus!

It's up to you, potential voter, to decide what you want. I am here for you!

**On March 1st,
vote for ANGELBLAZER**



Noor Chasib

Faculty of Science

My name is Noor Chasib, I am a second year biochemistry major within the faculty of science. My mission as a senator is to open a comprehensive channel of communication with the university administration that will allow for positive dialogue to best serve our diverse student base at uvic. Dialogue that will help shape administrative policies to have student's best interest in mind. Communication will also mean holding the university accountable for their actions and increasing policy transparency using easy to follow terms, so students understand what is happening at the highest levels and how they will be affected. I will have a strong presence and say on the appropriation of university funds, such that financial stability and fee reduction will be of the highest priority. My objective is to envision a better future for uvic and strive to achieve it. At energize, our collective aims are to improve the daily lives of students to put them at ease and revitalize the spark that makes Uvic a leader within the post-secondary community.

**VOTE for Chasib,
Vote ENERGIZE UVIC**



Sophia Crabbe

Faculty of Humanities

Hello there! My name is Sophia Crabbe and I am a Humanities student at UVIC. Some of my experiences volunteering and working with teens in leadership roles has taught me the need for strong advocacy in order to protect and empower students. If elected as your Senator, my promises are to:

- Advocate for more intensive mental health aid for students
- Push for raising work study to be brought up above minimum wage
- Lobby for more gender inclusive washrooms on campus

I am committed to working with the University to make UVIC work for YOU.

**VOTE Sophia CRABBE
For Senate**



MacKenzie Cumberland

Faculty of Social Sciences

When I decided to attend UVic a huge part of that was the scholarship I was offered from the school. Economically, pursuing a university degree is a huge expense and the many fees levied on students can be a major hardship. For this reason, I want to work to make sure that university is accessible to all students, regardless of their financial situation, by supporting the expansion of the scholarships and bursaries that are available to them.

Additionally, I hope to work with the university to promote and support the mental health resources we have available on campus. As students, we often forget to take care of ourselves mentally as we're busy running from class to extra-curricular activities to part-time jobs. However, how we function mentally is vital to our success as students and something that we should focus on. My ultimate goal will be to make it so drop-in resources are available to students, even when it is not an emergency situation, so they know someone is always there for them.

I believe that these initiatives will make university a better, safer, and healthier place to be.

**VOTE Cumberland
and Vote ENERGIZE UVIC!**



Kate Fairley

Peter B. Gustavson School of Business

My name is Kate Fairley. I am a second-year Commerce student. In my first semesters at UVic, I have focused on improving the campus community through volunteering and programming on campus. This has allowed me to get to know many of the students at UVic, and I hope to bring this and my focus on service to the University Senate and its committees. Beyond this, I have benefited tremendously from the many scholarships and bursaries the University offers, and as such, I am committed to the viability and the expansion of our awards program at the University of Victoria. By working constructively with all stakeholders, I hope to make a positive impact as your Senator. My goal is to achieve meaningful results around affordability, educational quality, and the student experience. A program I want to expand is BC Open-source textbooks – a real financial benefit for students. This past year, I have had the pleasure of serving on the University Senate as a member of the Senate Committee for Learning and Teaching. My work on the University Senate reaffirmed my love for the University of Victoria and all of our students, professors,

and administrators.

**VOTE for FAIRLEY,
vote ENERGIZE UVIC!**



Katie Fry

Faculty of Humanities

Hello! My name is Kate Fry and I am a first year English major running to be your Senator. I have plenty of experience with educational policy and activism and would like to use it to represent you. If elected, my focus would be on increasing affordability and community outreach on campus. If elected as a Senator, my main platform promises are to:

- Lobby the provincial government to lower tuition prices
- Fight for pay above minimum wage for students in Work Study programs
- Advocate for accessible gender inclusive washrooms in all buildings
- Lower CARSA membership costs

The purpose of the student position on Senate is to advocate for the needs of students. I am committed to working towards accurately meeting those needs. If elected, I plan to make resources as affordable and accessible as possible for all students.

**VOTE Kate FRY
For Senate**



Carl Haynes

Peter B. Gustavson School of Business

My name is Carl Haynes, a second year Commerce student. The last two years I have taken an active role in enjoying and enhancing the UVic experience. My role as a member of the UVic Student Ambassadors, DKE Fraternity President and Director of the UVSS, has given me a wealth of knowledge of the needs and wants of students on this campus. I have learned this through consultation. Consultation is a chance to bring forward the voices of all student stakeholders to create something we are all a part of and are proud to put our names on.

If elected to the senate:

- I would use this knowledge and practice of consultation to do my duty to represent not only my own beliefs, but the thoughts and beliefs of all students impacted by my decisions.

- I would work to expand the needs based grants program, as I believe in equal access to post-secondary education. Furthermore I would like to be involved in the sustainability efforts of the university and empower students and student groups to play a more active role in these efforts.

Thank you for your support!

VOTE for Carl Haynes

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Natalia Karpovskaia
Faculty of Social Sciences

If elected to the Board of Governors, I promise to:

- Encourage the Senate to support the student-led Divest UVic movement.

Two years ago, the UVic student body voted 77% in favor of the University divesting from fossil fuels. As someone who has been working hard on the campaign for years, I promise to bring that conversation to Senate and advocate for the rights of the climate and young people's futures.

- Encourage expansion of University initiatives that support programs such as the UVSS Food Bank and Community Cabbage and discourage food waste on campus.

Student-run initiatives like the Food Bank and the Community Cabbage provide students with nutritious food. As they work tirelessly to be as community-focused and sustainable as possible, they need the University's fiduciary support.

- Advocate for a five-day fall reading break.

As someone that has personal experience with the high levels of mental health stress busy semesters cause, I believe that the University needs to extend its reading break in the fall by two days to support student health and educational well-being.



Hannah Koning
Faculty of Fine Arts

Hello UVic students! My name is **Hannah Koning** and I'm a Writing student at UVic. I'm involved in advocacy and political work both on and off campus and would like to use my knowledge to benefit you at our university's senate.

If elected to the Senate, I will focus on remedying the social and accessibility issues many students face. My efforts and time spent working with university administration will be focused on:

- Building relationships that create an infrastructure to better support student needs to do with accessing education, including transportation, food security, and financial hardship
- expanding the fall reading break to match the length of the winter reading break, ensuring one week off for students each semester
- making UVic counselling services more accessible
- Providing more free educational resources to students

The university should operate according to the best interests of students. I will be your representative, amplifying your voice and advocating for

you.

VOTE Hannah KONING
For Senate



Zennen Leggett
Faculty of Social Sciences

My name is Zennen Leggett and I'm a third year Economics student at Uvic. I believe that I would be a valuable asset and voice to have in the Senate. I'm taking a Bachelor of Science in Economics, with focuses on business and finance, as well as Spanish. I'm working on being trilingual because communication is very important to me. If I was elected to the University Senate, that I would aim to facilitate better communication between the university administration and our students.

My main focuses would include:

- Reducing campus waste by introducing waste management policies
- Advocating for more transparency and accountability to students when new policies are created
- Ensuring that students are not treated like clients and that student fees are re-assessed and that no new fees are introduced without student consultation and democratic consent
- Encouraging the Senate to be a place where students are of the utmost importance when it comes to making decisions at the administrative level.

I have often taken roles that allow me to bridge connections between groups and information, and I would love to utilize those perspectives in order to better serve our students.

VOTE Zennen LEGGETT
For Senate



Julian Levy
Faculty of Science

Hi Uvic, I'm Julian Levy and I would love to be your representative on the UVic Senate. I have numerous years of experience with running a variety of organizations and am a published author in a prominent scientific journal. I would love to bring my experience to the Senate in order to represent you!

If elected, I will:

- Fight to make Senate an advocate for increasing work study wages above the provincial minimum wage
- Decrease costs for students by exploring open educational resources, re-examining institutional fees, and ensuring decisions that impact students financially go through a thorough and transparent process.
- Improve the financial resources of students by increasing the number and value of scholarships bursaries and grants for students.
- Support students mental health by

increasing the availability of counselors and other resources on campus.

I look forward to helping you connect with your university!

VOTE Julian LEVY
For Senate



Dakota McGovern
Faculty of Social Sciences

My name is **Dakota McGovern** and I am running to be your senator. Since starting my time at Uvic I have been passionate about getting involved with my course union, the society of geography students (SOGS). One thing I've learned by becoming involved is that information and resources are not always easily accessible to students. My intention is to bring more students into the decision making processes of the university because I believe students are the biggest stakeholders at any postsecondary institution. If elected I will:

- Ensure that any decision from Senate that has financial implications is not sent forward if it is going to negatively impact affordability for students.
- Make the senate proceedings more transparent and accessible to all students by creating learning resources for students.
- Create more opportunities to network within faculties and encourage interdisciplinary collaboration.
- Advocate for a review of mental health support needs on campus and concurrently promote the creation of more mental health resources to support students.

It has been amazing to attend the University of Victoria and if given the honor to serve our students, I promise to represent with integrity, competence, and vision.

VOTE Dakota MCGOVERN
For Senate



Margaret Mears
Faculty of Fine Arts

Hello! My name is Margaret (Maggie) Mears and I am a Creative Writing student at UVIC. The bulk of my on-campus experience is in school-wide outreach and environmental activism. My current work on campus includes being the Campus Liaison for Turning the Tides UVIC, as well as as well as volunteering with advocacy groups in the SUB.

If elected as your Senator, my main goals will be to:

- Improve food security and increase collaboration among groups on campus on this issues
- Remove financial barriers associated with educational accessibility including increased transportation,

more accountability for increasing costs for students, and more financial support for students in need

- Advocate for and work with Divest UVic

- Improve waste management by creating more recycling and compost stations

I am committed to working with the University to make UVIC work for YOU.

VOTE Margaret MEARS
For Senate



Diana Popova
Faculty of Graduate Studies
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Diana was born and raised in the Soviet Union, where she got the degree of M.Sc. in Engineering from the Moscow Technical University. After graduation, Diana worked in different companies of Russia as an electronics engineer.

25 years ago, Diana migrated to Victoria, BC, Canada, where she worked in IT as computer analyst and database developer. In 2000, Diana received an employment offer from Oracle Corp. and moved to U.S.A.

In America, Diana worked for Oracle (principal consultant) and Citigroup (vice-president level), but always wanted to come back to Canada and complete her Ph.D. degree in Computer Science. After putting aside enough money to pursue her dream, Diana moved back to Canada and got enrolled in the Ph.D. program in Computer Science Department of UVic, starting in the winter session, January 2016.

Diana has a strong connection to UVic, and had it for years: Diana's children both successfully graduated from UVic - Computer Science Department (son) and Department of Chemistry (daughter). Now a student herself, Diana is eager to participate fully in the UVic life.

Diana's working experience will allow her to become a valuable member of UVic Senate as a student representative in the July 2017 - June 2018 Senate year.



Natalya Rambold
Faculty of Social Sciences

My name is Natalya Rambold and I am running for a position on the UVic senate. I want to work to make the university accountable, transparent, and dedicated to the student experience. I am passionate about activist work and would like to bring more conversations about student needs to the forefront of our Senate.

My main goals as senator will be to:

- Improve UVic food security through

increased food bank support and community collaborations,

- Work with the University Facilities to create more Gender inclusive accessible washrooms across campus,

- Collaborate with the Students, Faculty, Staff, and Administration to increase open education resources and other financially beneficial improvements for the student learning experience.

I'm currently involved with multiple groups and clubs on the UVic campus and in the greater Victoria community. I work with AVP, UVic debate, and I hope to work with both the UVic Board of Governors and Senate. I want to make the UVic community supportive, affordable, and welcoming to all students. I'm dedicated to working for and with the UVic community and

continuing to lobby the UVic administration to make UVic an equitable and safe campus.

VOTE Natalya RAMBLOND
For Senate



Colin Saint-Vil
Faculty of Social Sciences

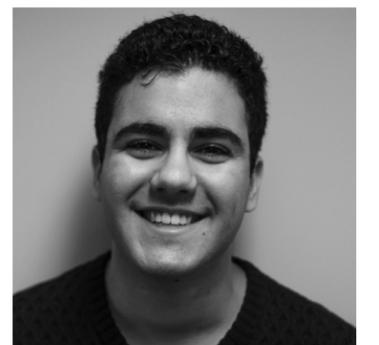
My name is Colin Saint-Vil and I am a 4th year Geography and Environmental Studies major. Having grown up in Brooklyn, New York, I came to value diversity and seek to foster an appreciation of it everywhere I go. I have also had the amazing opportunity to serve many of you at the Munchie bar in the SUB! I feel like I have gotten to know many students on a personal level and would like to use that connection to better represent you on our Senate.

It is my goal to see students better connected to each other, the administration, and instructors. I would like to focus on:

- More academic community events and inter-disciplinary talks and lectures.
- Food security initiatives like strengthening the community garden, the food bank, and working with other groups both on and off campus
- Working with our administration and faculty to lobby our provincial government to decrease tuition fees and other financial barriers for students

I believe that our university has a great collection of talented minds and I want to help bring us all together to celebrate our campus community.

VOTE Colin SAINT-VIL
For Senate



Nofel Sheleeg
Faculty of Social Sciences

My name is Nofel Sheleeg and I am

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a second year sociology student at Uvic. I am also a regular columnist at Here magazine, and a published poet. I am running to be your senator to represent the voices of all of those who want to be heard.

If elected I will:

- Create an abundance of mental health resources on campus.
- Reinforce and implement equity and inclusivity.
- Alleviate financial burdens by pushing for need-based grants.

As students, and socially literate citizens, it is important that we make our voices heard on issues that matter to us. I believe that I can be YOUR voice.

**VOTE Nofel SHELEEG
For Senate**



Zach Titizian
Faculty of Fine Arts

I have no experience in governance, so I will not make promises I may not keep. However, what I can guarantee is that I will use this experience to learn. In this pursuit of knowledge, I will do my very best to represent my faculty, voicing concerns and challenging injustice along the way.



Shō Ya Voorthuyzen
Faculty of Science

Hello UVic! I'm Shō Ya Voorthuyzen and I would be excited to be your representative on the UVic Senate. I am a long-standing member of the UVic community and would welcome this opportunity to give back to the community at large.

If I elected, I will work toward representing student interests through:

- Working to make UVic as accessible as possible and assisting students with financial strain through campaigning for more student loan forgiveness programs and lobbying to increase core funding to universities
- Better supporting systems for mental and physical health; your health and well-being is a priority and should be supported.

It is my goal to make sure every student has the support they need from their faculty, administration, and student representatives.

**VOTE Shō Ya VOORTHUYZEN
For Senate**



Ramunas Wierzbicki
Faculty of Engineering

I'm excited to do my part on behalf of UVic engineering students to engage in the university governing system and help develop constructive interactions between university stakeholders. It's easier to achieve impactful change when you have an amicable relationship with a diverse group of people. I know that I don't have all the answers, but beyond discussions with other people on campus I would use my national experience with the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students to distill the best elements of how other schools conduct their affairs and seek to apply them where appropriate.

One part of the UVic experience I know I would like to improve is the process many of us go through to get student loans, bursaries, and scholarships. For the uninitiated it can seem like a convoluted gymnastics routine. I would encourage the development of personal finance information that is more approachable as a first year so that students are less likely to make a financial misstep with long-term consequences.

**VOTE for Wierzbicki
vote ENERGIZE UVIC**



Taisto Witt
Faculty of Social Sciences

Hi Uvic! I'm Taisto Witt, and I want to be your representative on the Uvic Senate. If Elected, I will:

- Support an increase in student engagement and activities by actively seeking direction and input from the student body.
- Fight for better financial resources for students including more scholarship, grant, and bursary opportunities, and raising work study wages.
- Increase student access to mental health support by conducting a mental health survey and determining what support is missing on our campus.
- Improve the academic appeals process to be a less lengthy and overly bureaucratic process for students.
- Lobby to create a 24 hour study area for students in the Biblio during end-of-term and exam seasons.

I believe it is important to seize opportunities in the coming year so that students who are paying student society fees can see rapid and healthy growth at their student union while also feeling supported by and involved in the democratic processes of the university. It is my mission to help every student have the best experience possible during their time here.

**VOTE Taisto WITT
For Senate**



Samantha Wood-Gaines

Faculty of Social Sciences

Hello fellow UVic students! My name is **Samantha (Samme) Wood-Gaines** and I am a second-year student of the Sociology department at UVic. I deeply believe that UVic can continue to progress in order to benefit the needs of all students and that many of those changes can happen at the Senate level.

My main focus is on students' rights, and how we can:

- Reduce and re-examine costs for students in regards to tuition, CAR-SA membership, and educational resources
- Better support systems for mental health, creating a better environment within the mind as well as outside of it
- Make work study a living wage
- Work with the university administrators in support of community refugee initiatives

As a Student Senator, I will be dedicated to collaborating with graduate students, faculty, and administrators in bringing countless student issues and projects to the head of the Senate's work. I believe student needs are not always considered as the most important thing in the decision making process, and that needs to change.

**VOTE Samantha WOOD-GAINES
For Senate**



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