



**SUO**

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Students' Union  
UBC Okanagan

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The SUO of UBC



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# Who we are

Since 1982, we have been serving students in the Okanagan. We have provided unforgettable experiences, advocacy and services under the names OUCSAC and most recently, the UBCSUO.

We are looking forward to continuing our work under a new banner, as the SUO of UBC.

**We are the voice of the students.**



# SUO Priorities



## Campus Equality

- Equality in capital growth projects.
- Equality in accessible services.

## Sustainability

- Continued partnership with UBC on sustainability initiatives at UBCO
- Extension of all sustainability projects to the Okanagan campus.

## Affordability

- Supporting one of society's most vulnerable groups.
- The impact of COVID on affordability.

# Campus Equality



## Some statistics from the SUO's 2020 Student Experience Survey

- Only **56%** of students believe there is adequate recreational opportunities at UBCO.
- Only **27%** believe there is adequate study space at UBCO with only **19%** feeling their tuition accurately reflects the amount of study space available at UBCO.
- **63%** of students said lack of study space has negatively affected their academic performance.
- **62%** of students believe UBC values students on the Vancouver campus more than those on the Okanagan campus.

# Sustainability



As of October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, the SUO banned the sale of plastic bottled water in all of its businesses.

- Extensive partnerships with UBC.

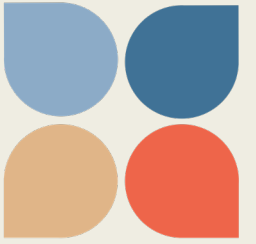
UBC can commit to extending all sustainability projects to the Okanagan to ensure consistency between campuses.

# Affordability



## Prior to COVID-19 the 2020 SES found

- **31%** of UBCO students will be at least \$20,000 in debt after graduating.
- **17%** of UBCO students were not sure if their financial situation would permit them to return this September.
- **54%** experience hardship due to the cost of tuition.
- **39%** state that these financial hardships severely hinder their education.



# THANK YOU.

We look forward to another year of working together to build UBC.