



SUO

Students' Union
UBC Okanagan

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SUO ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE UBC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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September 2020 BOG Meeting



Our Progress & What's Next



Questions



SEPTEMBER 2020 BOG MEETING

At the September 2020 meeting, the SUO had the pleasure of addressing the Board of Governors on key issues facing UBC Okanagan students.

We brought up student concerns such as sustainability and climate action, space concerns on the Okanagan campus, and affordability for students in light of COVID-19.

We made clear that while we are committed to raising these concerns, we are just as committed to working with UBC in order to address them.



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Climate Action

- In partnership with UBC, we have developed the Green2Go H2O. A water bottle share program which will allow for an alternative to single use plastic bottles, drastically reducing the use of these plastics on our campus.

Student Affordability

- Established the OER Champions program at UBC Okanagan. Recognizing our professors who continue to reduce financial barriers for students and encouraging further use of OERs.
- In partnership with UBC, we rapidly established the COVID-19 Emergency Bursary fund, making hundreds of thousands of dollars immediately available for students.

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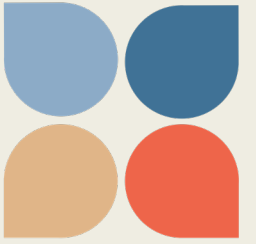


Student Affordability Continued

- Allocated \$535,000 towards student facing financial services. Establishing a BIPOC Scholarship, Needs Based Scholarship & Bursary, COVID Recovery Fund and food insecurity initiatives.

Student Space Concerns and Campus Equality

- Worked alongside UBCO Administration to allocate surplus funds towards renovating the Arts Building foyer, significantly increasing seating and functionality.
- Unanimous Board of Director approval of the President's Future Plan and subsequent SUO Capital Proposal; mandating the development of a Student Centre on the Okanagan campus. Slated to reach the Executive 1 approval in the month of April.



THANK YOU.