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GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY OF UBC

Annual Briefing to the UBC Board

GSS Executive Committee | Sept 2023



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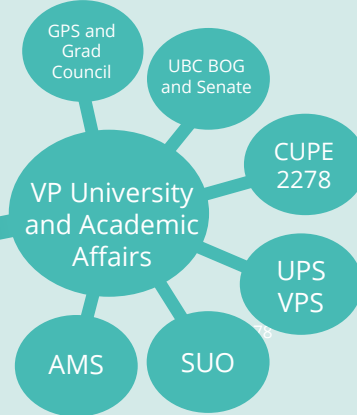


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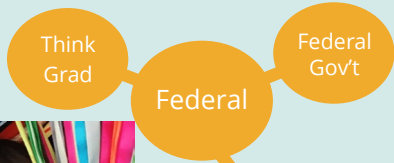
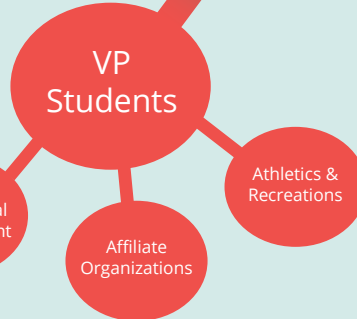


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KEY PRIORITIES FOR 2023-24 EXECUTIVE TEAM

Ph.D. Funding

Masters Funding

Students with
family

International
students

Students workers

Wellbeing

Respectful Equity
Diversity and
Inclusion (REDI)

Career services
and networking

Funding

Ph.D. Students

- Expand 4 Year Minimum Funding to 5 Year Funding
 - Average duration for completion of Ph.D. is 5 years
- Fastrack and Increase minimum funding to \$24k
 - Due to Covid-19 and inflation, the current funding need revision
- Provide support for indigenous graduate students and students with disability

Masters Students

- Minimum funding for master's students
- Provide career and job opportunity training

Supervisor – Student Relationship

- Introduce Supervisor-Supervisee Relationship Report
- Mandating Cultural Safety and Humility Training
- Advocate UBCFA to consider inviting/adding student representation at these meetings
- At the UBC level working to develop better Whistleblower policies



Career Services and Networking

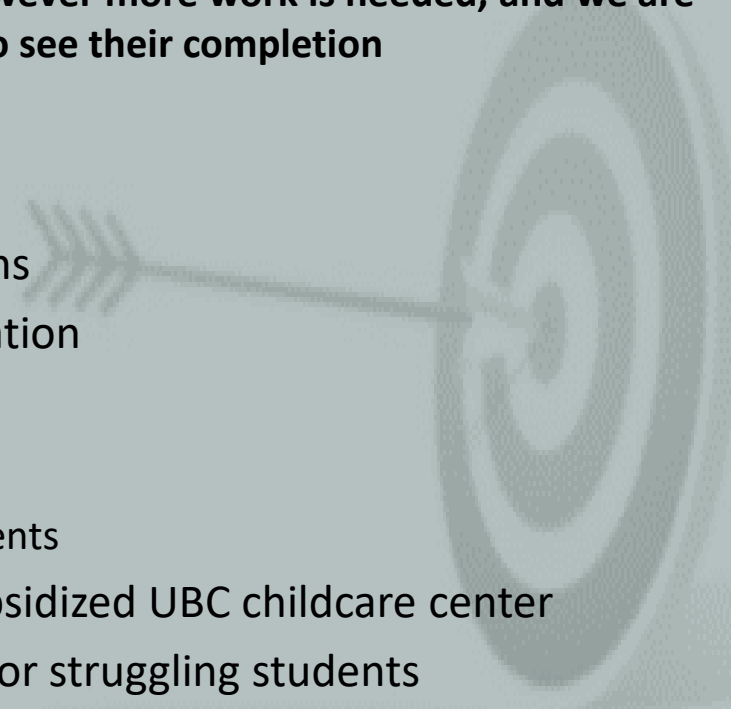
- Faculties to embed career services programs into academic system
 - Work with career services to develop career related programs/courses
- Graduate students tailored
 - Recruitment events
 - Career Services
 - Networking events
 - Industry-specific Job Fairs



Other Goals

Progress has been made on the following goals, however more work is needed, and we are committed to working with the various task force to see their completion

1. Graduate Life Centre
2. Mental health and well-being support
3. Lasting solution for food insecurity problems
4. Sexualized violence report and implementation
5. Climate Action Plan
6. Anti-racism taskforce
7. Reserve housing for first year international students
8. Expand the application for government subsidized UBC childcare center
9. Rent subsidy or cessation of rent increase for struggling students





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Thank you 😊