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OVERVIEW

The At-Large Representative serves to represent all of the undergraduate students. This report is a brief summary of my experience on board. I hope this report is of help to those on board after me and provides some insight into what being on board, specifically being an At-Large Representative, is like.

To summarize, being on board is unlike anything else. There are sixteen board members, all from different backgrounds, faculties, beliefs, values, and experiences. It an interesting learning curve, but ultimately, it is very fulfilling. I came to quickly realize that being open-minded, and willing to listen to each other will avoid a lot of unnecessary conflict and disagreement. For the success of the board, it is very vital that personal differences are put to the side. At the end of the day, you are on the board to serve the membership and their needs and wants.

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

- Nomination Committee
- FPML Committee
- Events Committee
- Accessibility Committee (AFAC)

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Worked with the chair of the committee to carry out the following tasks:

- make application forms
- set up interview times
- hold interviews
- pick members for the committees

Held interviews at the start of the summer semester.

For: Events Committee

FPML COMMITTEE

Lobbying

- Federal Spring 2020
- Provincial Fall 2019

Campaigns

- Support for Refugee Students
- Burnaby Mountain Gondola Transit Project
- 2019 Federal Election Awareness
- Covid-19 Awareness

Budget Consultations

- BC Budget 2020 Consultation
- Federal Budget 2020 Consultation
- Provincial Budget Consultation
- Federal Pre-Budget Consultation

Surveys

Conferences and Skill Development

- Student Care Annual Meeting (Montreal)
- BCFS Annual Symposium
- AMS Union Student Development Symposium

EVENTS COMMITTEE

- Monthly Events
 Manager
- Fall Kickoff (event support; tickets lead)
- Summer BBQ (event support)
- Freezie Fridays (event lead)
- Spooky Pumpkin
 Carving (event lead)
- Carnival X Red Bull (event lead)
- Pub Nights (event support)





ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

- Accessibility Standard Policy
- Psychoeducational Assessments
- Funding requests forms were updated
- Terms of policy were updated

FOR THE NEXT AT-LARGE REP

- 1. Your role has a lot of freedom. Use this to your advantage. What you put in, is what you get out!
- 2.Join the committees that are of interest to you! This way you'll learn a lot, while having fun and it won't ever feel like work.
- 3. If you're planning on joining the events committee and lead events, know that it takes a long time to plan and execute an event. Give yourself lots of time.
- 4. Being on board will push you out of your comfort zone. It seems scary, but it is very rewarding.
- 5. If you want to do a project or start an initiative, go for it! Don't hold yourself back. This is a once in a life time opportunity. Don't let it slip!
- 6. Always be professional.
- 7. Do not be scared to ask questions and ask for help. Your fellow board members and the SFSS staff are there for help and resources. Use them!
- 8.It is okay to make mistakes! You can only learn from them and grow.
- 9.Be confident in yourself and speak up. Voice your opinions.
- 10.The most important thing have a fun board year! It will be over before you know it.

CLOSING REMARKS

Being on the SFSS Board of Directors was an experience like no other. I did not know what to expect going into it. It was very daunting knowing that I had been elected to represent the members. I was afraid I would let them down, however I learned to trust myself, because the members trusted me and elected me. Looking back on the past year, I am glad that I had this opportunity. This board year presented me with many challenges and many decisions had to be made. I was pushed out of my comfort zone on multiple occasions, however it was all very rewarding. Being on board taught me a lot about myself and what I am capable of.

The work, the experiences, and the lessons learned while being on board will never be forgotten and will always be cherished. I am thankful and feel blessed to have had this opportunity. This position taught me lessons that will last a life time. Words will never be able to express my gratitude and appreciation for this opportunity. Thank you for trusting me to be your At-Large Representative for the 2019-2020 board year.