

## **UFV Students for Sustainability**

### **Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to bridge education with action to work towards creating a more environmentally sustainable future.

### **Vision:**

- To develop student leaders through promotion, involvement, organization and advocacy
- Raise awareness regarding environmental issues from local to global scales
- Inspire action and student involvement in increasing environmental sustainability locally and globally
- Work to advocate for environmental change, in efforts to move towards a more sustainable future

### **Values:**

These values are integrated into the greater agenda of SFS. Through these values SFS hopes to inspire sustainable development for students, UFV, the community and more globally. Through these guiding values, the hope is that students can move beyond SFS, and influence sustainability through their work and furthermore lives.

**Environmental Stewardship:** We all have a responsibility to care for the planet we live on. Through SFS we aim at protecting the environment through the education and projects we deliver on campus and in our community.

**Social Advocacy:** We are all interconnected. What happens in North America has effects on others around the world. SFS values social advocacy in that the projects we develop aim to raise awareness of oppression that occurs on both local and global scales.

**Leadership Development:** We all play various roles throughout our lives and at some point in time we will be given the opportunity to lead the group. Personal leadership growth and development will see that in those moments students can move forward with confidence and strength.

**Awareness:** What we know influences what we believe. What we believe influences how we act. Through education which seeks to increase awareness of both local and global issues SFS hopes to raise awareness which inspires action.

**Direction:** SFS' vision is to see that we can move towards doing better things rather than doing things better.

**Connection:** We are all connected. SFS strives to not only develop networks locally but globally. Through working with other campus groups, community groups and more global groups, are aim is to promote connections between

individuals so that we can not only more evidently see the effects of our decisions, but we can work cooperatively to solve issues in sustainability.

### **Long Term Operational Plan:**

- Continual promotion and training to increase association sustainability
  - Student Leadership Workshops and Training
  - Conferences and Networking goals
  - Tools and Training
    - Professionalism
    - Governing
    - Proposals
    - Presentation and public speaking
    - Organization
    - Self-care
    - Teamwork
    - Media Toolkit
  
- Annual Strategic Planning
  - Monthly Public awareness campaigns
  - Student action proposals and campaigns
  - Campus student action proposals
  - Community student action proposals
  - Global student action proposals
  - Fundraising and Revenue
  - Events
  
- Marketing and Promotion
  - Logo and website development
  - Media
    - SFS Website
    - UFV website
    - UFV desktop
    - UFV hallway powerpoint
    - Cascade –bi-weekly articles
    - Local newspaper
    - Regular promoted meetings
    - Civil Radio
    - Postering
  
- Networking
  - With students
  - With other clubs
  - With other associations
  - With the Student Union Society
  - With Faculty

- With Administration
- With Staff
- With External Agencies
- With the community

**Constitution and Governance:**

**Article 1** UFV Students for Sustainability

The name of the Society shall be the UFV Students for Sustainability club (SFS), University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford BC, hereinafter referred to as ‘the Association’.

**Article 2** Aims of the Association

The aims of the Association shall be to bridge education with action in order to move towards creating a more sustainable future

**Article 3** Membership

- 3.1 All fee paying students of the University shall be eligible to become members of the Association.
- 3.2 Any eligible person shall become a member of the Association on signing their name to the official membership list of the Association.

**Article 4** The Executive Committee

- 4.1 An executive committee shall conduct the business of the Association.
- 4.2 The executive committee of the Society shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, or, if necessary, at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 4.3 The executive committee shall consist of the following members: the Director; the Associate Director; the Administrative Assistant and other leadership defined at the annual AGM. All members of the committee shall be required to be members of the Association.
- 4.4 **Director**  
The Director shall have overall responsibility for the affairs of the Association. He/She shall chair all meetings of the Association, save where decided otherwise by the committee or where otherwise provided for in this constitution.
- 4.5 **Associate Director**  
The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President should the President be absent or unable to fulfill his/her duties.

4.6 **Administrative Assistant**

The Administrative Assistant will manage the financial affairs of the Association, in consultation with the President and the Student Union Society. He/She will maintain the financial records of the Association. He/She will prepare and present to the Association and the University the end of year accounts and treasurers report for the Association. The Administrative Assistant shall keep the non-financial records of the Society, including the official membership list, and manage the correspondence of the Society and submitting the end of year report.

4.9 **Committee Meetings**

4.9.1 Meetings of the executive committee shall be held at least bi-weekly during the academic year. Decisions will be made on a consensus based model.

4.9.2 The quorum for a meeting of the executive committee shall be [four] committee members.

4.10 **Term of Office of the Committee**

The Executive committee shall hold office from the first day of the semester subsequent to their election until the end of the semester.

**Article 5** General Meetings

5.1 **Annual General Meeting**

5.1.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall take place in the second semester of the academic year, at a time to be determined by the executive committee of the Association.

5.2 **Extra Ordinary General Meeting**

5.2.1 An extra ordinary general meeting will be called in such a circumstance of resignation of an executive member.

**Article 6** Election of the Committee

6.1 The committee of the Association shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

6.2 The Director shall act as returning officer for the elections. Where the Director intends to be a candidate in any election, a returning officer, who is not a candidate in any election, shall be appointed by the executive committee.

6.3 All members of the Association shall be eligible for election to the committee.

- 6.4 Candidates for each position on the committee of the Association must be proposed and seconded by members of the Society at the A.G.M.
- 6.5 All members of the Association shall be entitled to vote in the election of the executive committee.
- 6.6 The election of members of the executive committee shall take place by a show of hands.

**Article 7 Resignations from the Executive Committee**

- 7.1 The resignation of any member of the committee shall be instituted by a letter of resignation to the Secretary of the Association. In the case of the resignation of the Secretary, resignation may be instituted by a letter of resignation to the President.

**Article 8 Management of Finance**

- 8.1 The finances of the Association shall be managed by the Director and Treasurer of the Association.
- 8.2 No member of the committee of the Association shall receive remuneration or use their office for personal financial gain.

**Article 9 Amendments to the Constitution**

- 9.1 Amendments to this constitution may be made at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society.
- 9.2 Such amendments to this constitution as may be approved by an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association

**Article 10 Dissolution of the Association**

- 10.1 The Association may be dissolved by a [two-thirds] majority vote of its membership at a General Meeting, or should it fail to validly elect a committee for three successive semesters.
- 10.2.1 On dissolution of the association, its assets shall become the property of the Student Union Society and all monies shall be rendered by the University by the development office for the purpose of donation towards a bursary directed at a high school student with demonstration of environmental advocacy experience.

**Article 11 Working Committees**

- 11.1 Working committees shall carry out proposals under the association
- 11.2 Working committees shall have a chair, vice chair or co-chairs. Chair positions are to act as representatives and contacts for the Association under the specific proposal
- 11.3 Working committees will become active under the permission of the executive committee
- 11.4 Working committees are accountable to the executive committee and therefore must act under the support and approval of the executive committee.

**Article 12** Communication Privileges

- 12.1 Those in the executive or under the direction of the director are granted permission to proceed with external communications on behalf of the association.