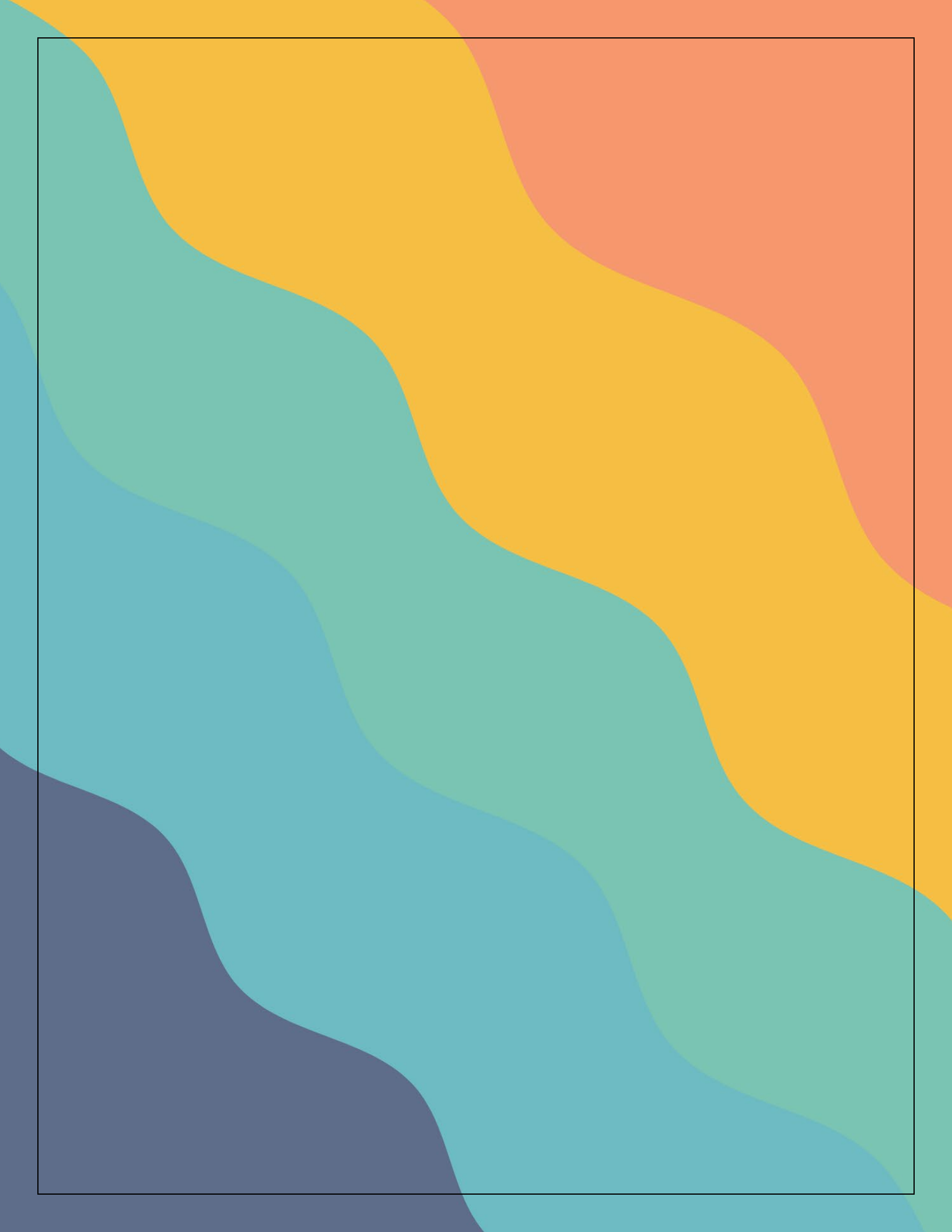


2022-23

**STUDENTS' UNION OF
VANCOUVER
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ANNUAL REPORT**



STUDENTS' UNION
OF VANCOUVER
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BCFS LOCAL 16



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023

Executive Summary

Campaigns

- Vancouver and District Labour Council endorsed the Fund It Fix It Campaign
- Sent over 1000 Fairness for International Students' Postcards to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills
- Encouraged students to vote in the municipal elections

Government Relations

- Participated in the BCFS Annual Lobby Week at the Provincial Legislature
- Presented to the Select Standing Committee on Finance
- Met with numerous government and opposition MLA's throughout the year.

College Relations

- Continued to lobby the College for a 2% cap on International Student tuition fee increases
- Fought to limit ancillary fee increases
- Sat on numerous College committees to provide a student perspective

Campus Life & Events

- Hosted SUVCC's first Pride party
- Hosted a new end of semester party in April
- Cohosted numerous cultural events with VCC

Internal Affairs and Finance

- Board of Directors Election saw high candidate and voter turnout
- Updated numerous policies and bylaws to reflect current practice

Services

- Added 6 discounts to the Deals App
- Started selling discount reusable menstrual products
- Helped over 100 students file their taxes for free

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Campaigns

Provincial Campaigns

Fund It, Fix It

The goals of the Fund it Fix it campaign are to:

- Freeze tuition fees at current levels
- Establish a plan to progressively reduce fees in the future
- Engage with on and off-campus groups and unions about the goals and to present to them the aims of the campaign
- Ask the above groups to officially endorse the campaign
- Garner media about the cost of education and;
- Lobby government by meeting with local Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Students' Union presented the Fund It Fix It campaign to the Vancouver and District Labour Council in the Fall of 2022. In December 2022 the VDLC voted to endorse the campaign.

Fairness for International Students

The goals of the Fairness for International Students campaign are to:

- Mobilize domestic and international members to fight for fairness and predictability for international students
- Lobby the Institution for international student tuition fees to be limited and only increase as much as domestic students' tuition fees and;
- Collect stories from international students to personalize the issues for on- and off-campus advocacy.

During the Annual Diwali event members were asked to sign the Fairness for International Students postcards calling on the Board of Governors of VCC and the Ministry of Post Secondary Education and Future Skills (PSFS) to put a 2% limit on international student tuition fee increases. Over 400 postcards were signed and mailed to the then Minister of PSFS Anne Kang in November and over 750 were sent to current Minister of PSFS Selina Robinson in January.

Open Textbooks Now!

The goals of the Open Textbooks Now! campaign are to:

- Educate faculty and students about open educational resources (OER) and demonstrate support for adoption of and the creation of more OER and;
- Create and share content for Open Access Week and Open Education Week

During Open Access Week, the Students' Union shared information about the provincial Open Textbooks Now! Campaign through campus events and social media to bring awareness of Open Education Resources and how they can be used at VCC. Members were asked how much they have to spend on textbooks through an interactive post on social media.

The Union continues to meet with the VCC Library throughout the year to find ways to collaborate and encourage more instructors to use Open Education Resources in their courses.

During Open Education Resources Week the Union asked members to sign OER postcards highlighting how much members had spent on textbooks in the past semester.

Get out the Vote

The goal of the Influence the Vote campaign is to:

- Increase youth and student voting in the municipal election
- Increase awareness of the role of municipal governments

The Students' Union ran this campaign from October 3 – 15th, encouraging domestic students to get out and vote in municipal elections across the Lower Mainland. While international students were unable to vote in the election, the Union still encouraged these students to spread the word about the importance of municipal elections and encourage their domestic classmates to vote.

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Local Campaigns

Period Promise

The goals of the Period Promise campaign are:

- The cost-free provision of menstrual products in all washrooms on campus paid for by the College and;
- The cost-free provision of menstrual products in all washrooms in all public buildings in the province

The Students' Union partnered with VCC to run the Menstrual Equity (ME) campaign. As a pilot project, VCC installed free Aunt Flo menstrual product dispensers in all gender neutral washrooms on both campuses. This year the Union has pushed for the program to become permanent and to expand the program to include dispensers in all washrooms on both campuses. Currently the funding for this project comes from the equity fund however the Union has also continued to lobby for the cost of these supplies to be included in the facilities budget.

Access BC

The goals of the Access BC campaign is:

- To make prescription contraceptives free in BC

In the fall of 2022, the Students' Union sent a letter to Minister Adrian Dix urging the government to fulfill their electoral promise and make prescription contraceptives free in BC. On February 28th, 2023 the BC Government announced that the 2023 provincial budget would include \$119 million over three years to fund free prescription contraception across the province. As of April 1, 2023 prescription contraception in BC will be free, including most oral hormone pills, contraceptive injections, copper and hormonal intrauterine devices, subdermal implants and Plan B (also known as the morning-after pill). This is an amazing win for our members and for BC residents as a whole.

Consent Culture

On Valentines Day the Union provided care packages to members which contained condoms, safe sex education information and stickers. Board members heard education information on what consent means and asked members "how do you practice consent?"

International Women's Day

On March 14, Women Students' Representative Kaur held an event at the Downtown Campus for student who identify as women to meet and discuss on and off campus issues impacting women and how women can support one another. The event was well attended and many great conversations occurred.

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Government Relations

Provincial Government Relations

2022 BCFS Lobby Week

On October 25-28 the Students' Union participated in the BCFS annual Lobby Week at the BC Legislature in Victoria. Delegates from student's unions across BC attending meetings with MLA's from multiple parties to lobby for the following changes:

- Increased grant funding
- The creation of an apprenticeship completion strategy
- A cap on tuition fee increases for international student tuition fees
- Increased funding to the post-secondary system of \$200 Million annually

Delegates notes that there was cross party recognition that the current funding model does not work and needs to change.

Select Standing Committee on Finance: Budget Consultation

On May 30th The Students' Union presented to the Select Standing Committee on Finance for the 2024 Budget Consultation. The presentation had one simple ask, for stable, reliable, long term funding that actually covers the cost of delivering programs and will end the continued exploitation of international students to make up for funding shortfalls.

Letters

Letters of congratulations were sent to the new Ministers of Finance, Workforce Development, Post-Secondary Education and Future skills, and Jobs Economic Development and Innovation.

A letter of support was sent to government in solidarity with the Emily Carr Students' Union regarding their institutions international tuition fee hikes.

Meetings

On January 20th the Union sent 750 Fairness For International Students' postcards to Minister Robinsons office. The Postcards called for the government to institute a 2% cap on International Student tuition fee increases.

On February 1st members of the board met with MLA Coralee Oaks and 11 other BC Liberal MLA's who were at the Downtown Campus for a caucus meeting. Members of the Board educated the MLA's on VCC's longstanding funding issues and discussed the funding review allow with other Post Secondary matters.

Minister Selina Robinson

Members of the Board of Directors as well as volunteers met with Minister Selina Robinson at the Broadway Campus on April 12th. The members shared with the minister issues that student are facing on campus and had the opportunity to ask a lot of questions of the Minister

Local Government and External Relations

Local Government

The Union sent a letter to the newly elected Mayor and Council of Vancouver congratulating them on their election and requesting a meeting with them. On December 9th members of the board met with Vancouver Councilor Pete Fry to introduce him to the Union and discuss how they could work together on issues affecting VCC students.

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College Relations

College Governance

Board of Governors

At the November Meeting the Board of Governors voted to again increase International Student Tuition fees by 4% for the 2023-24 Academic Year. The Student representative on the Board stressed that this continues to put an unfair burden on students who are already paying high tuition fees. It was noted that this decision, and the discussion surrounding it, highlights the importance of the funding review and the need to advocate for appropriate funding from the Provincial Government.

Education Council

The Education council reopened the discussion on the appeals oversight committee but ultimately chose to dissolve the committee and create a special working group outside of Edco. The working groups is composed of senior leadership and the Students' Union staff which focuses on procedural fairness at all levels of decision-making at the college, not just student appeals.

Other College Committees and Initiatives

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Working Group and Steering Committee

The Committee has reviewed its Sexual violence Policy as per the Ministry's directive. The Committee also launched its participation with the REES (Respect, Educate, Empower Survivors) online sexual violent reporting platform. The platform allows for anonymous reporting and reports can also be sent directly to the Vancouver Police Department.

SUVCC also sits on the following College Committees

- Administration Policy Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Education Policy Committee
- Education Quality Committee
- Environmental Sustainability Advisory Group
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- Equity Spaces Sub- Committee
- Mental Health & Well-Being Steering Committee

Operations Council

VCC made the decision to increase multiple ancillary fees such as the domestic application fee, confirmation of enrolment letter, and official transcript letter among many others. The reasons stated for these increases were to a) bring the fees up to an "industry standard" and b) recover the cost of providing these services as many of the fees had not been increased in 5 years. The Students' Union had the opportunity to meet with the registrars office and was able to negotiate some concessions such as making the appeal fees refundable if successful and spreading the cost increase of some fees over 3 years rather than 1. This was a small victory. The fees were discussed as an information item at Operations Council and the Union stressed that these fee increases but an unfair burden on students who are already struggling with inflation. It was also noted that these fee increases highlight that the College remains underfunded and requires increased funding from the provincial government.

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Campus Life & Events

Events

2023 FALL EVENTS

Welcome Days – September 13th & 15th

The Students' Union and College held a joint welcome day on both campuses, giving out hotdogs and drinks to students and staff. As this is often the first time many students are learning about their Students' Union there were information table set up to show the many services members can access through SUVCC as well as the advocacy work being don.

October 24: Diwali

The Students' Union and International Education celebrated Diwali at both Downtown and Broadway campus, giving out samosa, aloo Tikki, pakora, Gulab jamun and pop for members, faculty and staff. The Students' Union also had information about Diwali and its significance with an action item where members would write messages of love and good wishes and a chance to win a prize pack.

October 31: Halloween table event and Movie Marathon

The Students' Union had tables at both Downtown and Broadway campus with Halloween treats to hand out to the membership Broadway campus also had a Movie Marathon with Halloween themed movies, Casper, Abracadabra, Hocus Pocus and Coraline.

November 28 - December 2: Holiday poster boards

The Students' Union decorated the poster boards for Christmas and hung candy canes.

November 29 & December 1: Tea and Hot Cocoa

The Students' Union held a tea and hot cocoa day, handing out hot beverages to the membership to spread holiday cheer.

December 5: Holiday photo booth

The Students' Union created a photo station where students could take photos with their classmates before the winter break.

December 7 & 8: Stress Busters

During exam season the Students' Union ran stress buster activities to help members. This included handing out holiday snacks, hot coca, yoga, puppy therapy with the BC Alberta guide dog puppies, and a holiday movie marathon.

2023 WINTER EVENTS

January 4 - 12: Info tabling

The Students' Union introduced new and returning members to the many benefits of their membership with SUVCC. Board members provided information on services such as the Deals App, Health and Dental, the member handbook, and handed out swag.

January 17 - 18: Welcome Day

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January 23: Lunar New Year

The Students' Union celebrated Lunar New Year at both campuses. The International Education department also took part, providing fortune cookies, and spring rolls created by the Asian culinary department. Board members handed out lucky red packets that contained lucky candy and well wishes to the membership. A few of the lucky packets contained special prizes that members could use to claim swag. The membership was also able to learn about Lunar New Year and their Zodiac sign.

February 14: Valentines Day

The Students Union ordered handmade cookies from the VCC baking department. Board members packaged cookies and candy and handed them out to the membership. Board members also talked to members about the Let's Get Consensual awareness campaign and handed out safe sex kits. During the event, members were asked to write how they practice consent.

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February 28 & March 1: Midterm Stress Busters

Board members gave out tea, hot cocoa, granola bars, and juice boxes, to help members during their midterms. Members could also win swag such as post it notes, notebooks, pens, highlighters, and shirts.

March 16: Donuts and cookies (St Patrick's day)

Board members handed out green donuts and cookies and asked members to write down why they felt lucky.

2023 SPRING EVENTS

April 4 & 6: End of semester Tropical Sizzles

The Student' Union celebrated the end of semester at both campuses with a tropical themed event. Members could play games, win prizes, dance, taking photos at a photo booth, and eat lots of free food!

May 4 Eid celebrations

The Student' Union and the College worked together to celebrate Eid al-Fitr. There was information about Eid and how it is celebrated, as well as traditional food.

May 9,11,16,17 Welcome info tabling

The Student' Union welcomed students taking classes in the summer semester with snacks, and information about the Student' Union and the services it provides. Board members also gave out lanyards, chapstick, phone wallets, pens, highlighters, post it notes, water bottles and stress balls.

May 18 Mental health and wellness day at VCC

The Student' Union participated in VCC's Mental health and wellness day, by donating a sheet cake. One of the board members opened the day by talking about her personal mental health struggles.

June 13 Pride info table

Board members set up an information table at the Broadway campus to teach members about PRIDE, what LGBTQS+ means and answer questions.

June 22,27 PRIDE party

The Student' Union had PRIDE Parties at both campuses. There was an outdoor event at Broadway with games, dancing, freezies, pizza, cookie decorating and information on what Pride means.

The event downtown was similar but held inside. VCC also had the convocation for graduating members at the same time, and lots of graduating members participated.

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Internal Affairs & Finances

Governance

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

BC Societies Act

The Students' Union maintains compliance with the College and Institute Act in order to ensure that its fees can be collected by Vancouver Community College. The Students' Union was in compliance with the Act through the 2022-23 year.

College & Institute Acts

The Students' Union operates under the Societies Act of British Columbia and remained in compliance with the Act through the 2022-23 year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting

The Union held its Annual General Meeting on October 25, 2022 via Zoom. The meeting was not quorate. Members received the 2021-22 Annual Report.

Special General Meeting

The Union held a Special General Meeting on January 24th, 2023 at the Broadway campus to approve the 2021-22 audited financial statements and make bylaw changes. The Bylaw changes included; a change to the Union's AGM requirements which gave more flexibility on what it holds its AGM's (within the Societies Act requirements), changing the Queer Students' Representative to the Pride Representative, removing reference to the no longer active Annacis Island Campus including the removal of the Annacis Island Campus Representative from the Board of Directors, and reducing the minimum for the Health and Dental fee to better align with current practice.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS AND ORIENTATION

Two elections were held in the 2022-23 year. The Fall election ran from October 4 - 6 and was held online using ElectionBuddy. 20 candidates ran for 13 vacant positions, and 587 ballots were cast. There were no disqualifications.

A board orientation was held on October 14. Sessions held at the meeting taught directors about the Students' Union's structure and finances, the legal responsibilities of directors, labour relations, and the regular responsibilities of directors among other things.

POLICY AND BYLAW UPDATES

Bylaw Updates

- Bylaw's VI, VII, VIII, and IX were updated to remove reference to the Annacis Island campus which is no longer operated by VCC
- Bylaw II amended to reduce the minimum Health & Dental fee from \$292 to \$250
- Queer Students' Representative renamed to Pride Representative. Bylaw's V, VI, and VIII amended to reflect this change.
- Bylaw IV amended to remove requirements for when an Annual General Meeting must be held. Annual General Meetings are now held within the timeline specified by the Societies Act of BC.

Policy Updates

- Operations Policy 10.01 Elections updated
- Operations Policy 10.02 Conflict of Interest adopted
- Operations Policy 10.03 Non-Disclosure Agreement adopted
- Services Policy 30.02 Student Financial Assistance and Food Security Services rescinded
- Campus Life Policy 40.01 Student Activity Fund Administration adopted

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Staffing

REGULAR STAFF AND STAFFING CHANGES

The Students' Union successfully negotiated a 4 year Collective Agreement with its staff who are unionized with CUPE 15. The new Collective Agreement increased part time staff hours to better meet the needs of members, among other minor changes. The new agreement will expire June, 2026.

Financial Management

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2021-22 Audited Financial Statement

The Students' Union's 2021-22 financial statements were prepared on time and audited prior to December 2021. The statements, along with the auditors report, were presented at the Special General Meeting held January 24, 2023.

2022-23 Audited Financial Statement

The 2022-23 audit took place in November 2023. The Audited Financial Statements will be presented to the general membership at the AGM on Wednesday, December 6th.

DUES COLLECTION

The Students' Union collects its fees through automatic assessment and collection by the Vancouver Community College in accordance with the College and Institute Act. The Students' Union also uses the same mechanism to collect fees on behalf of the BC Federation of Students

Students' Union Fees

The Students' Union fees were increased for the 2022-23 year to \$52 as per the referendum held in April 2022. The Students Union currently collects two fees from members;
Membership Fee: \$52 per semester (adjusted annually for inflation)
Accessibility Fee: \$2 per semester

BC Federation of Students' Fees

The Students' Union collects fees on behalf of the BC Federation of Students (BCFS) consistent with VCC students' membership in the Federation. In 2021-22, the fees for the BCFS were increased by the rate of inflation per the organization's bylaws. The BCFS fee is currently \$9.91.

Membership Communications

Newsletters/Print Media

Newsletters were sent out to the membership for the purpose of sharing information, giving notice for elections and meetings, promoting events and services, and raising awareness of ongoing advocacy work. Approximately 10 newsletters were sent throughout the reporting period with an open rate between 39-80%.

Social Media

The Students' Unions Facebook and Instagram accounts are some of its primary modes of communication with members. Along with posting our own services, events, and campaigns, the Student's Union also shares content from the BCFS, VCC community and other important things on our story consistently. Our Instagram followers have increased from 1420 to 2450 and on average posts reach around 1800 students.

BC Federation of Students'

GENERAL MEETINGS

41st Annual General Meeting (January 19 - 22)

The Students' Union sent ten delegates; Directors Kaur, Kennedy, Ligeralde, Ors, Sahagun, Sarnoh, Singh, and Serter and Staff persons Joyce, Nielsen to the General Meeting.

84th Semi-Annual General Meeting (July 7 - 10)

The Students' Union sent four delegates; Directors Ng, Sahagun, Sarnoh, and Serter, and Staff persons Gaidu, Hutchison, Joyce, and Nielsen to the Semi-Annual General Meeting.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Between the start of the fiscal year and October 2022 the SUVCC representative on the Executive Committee was Dilara Ors, Director of Internal Affairs. Between November 2022 and the end of the fiscal year the SUVCC representative on the Executive Committee has been Airan Sahagun, Chairperson.

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Services

Health And Dental Plan

Provider

The Students' Union's Health & Dental plan is provided by Greenshield Canada. The Union has worked with Greenshield for many years and continues to be pleased with the low cost of the plan as well as the speed in which they process claims.

Broker and Third Party Administrator

The Students' Union uses Prosum Health Benefits as its broker, allowing it to add beneficial services to the H&D plan with minimal additional costs.

AGA Benefits is the Union's Third Party Administrator (TPA). As the TPA, AGA Benefits ensures that students and their dependents are enrolled onto the H&D plan as efficiently as possible every month.

Member Handbook and Dayplanner

The Students' Union produces its annual handbook through a service of the BC Federation of Students. The BC Federation of Students continually keeps the price stable and as affordable as possible, with handbooks arriving early in August every year in time for orientation and welcome back events. This was the first year in recent memory that every handbook was handed out to members.

2022-2023 HANDBOOK

The Students' Union ordered 5000 member handbooks which arrived on time for the Fall. Handbooks arrived on time. The handbook continues to be one of the most popular and tangible services for members. \$995 in ad revenue was generated from the Unions contract with CU Advertising, which assists in offsetting the cost of the handbooks. The Students' Union has signed another contract with CU Advertising for the 2024-25 Handbook and will be working to increase advertising revenue. Handbook costs increased significantly this year so offsetting that cost through advertising is a priority.

Student Discount App

The Students' Union provides student discounts in coordination with the BCFS and other member local unions around the province through the Deals App. The Deals App is a free app for members which gives them access to discounts at business, restaurants, and services across BC.

Discount Solicitation

Board Members worked hard to secure new discounts and renewals this past year. Most discount solicitation is done in the summer however board members do try to get discounts throughout the year.

New discounts added this year:

- Did's Pizza - \$5.99 pasta of the day
- Famoso Pizzeria and Bar
 - 2 for 1 Margarita Pizza
 - \$12 off select pastas
 - 10% discount
- Cartems Donuts – 10% discount
- Proud Zebra – 20% discount
- Totan Donburi – 10% discount
- Kita No Donburi - 10% discount

Promotion

The Students' Union primarily promoted the Deals App online through social media and in person at welcome events.

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Membership Development and Member Supplies

Broadway Office Renovation

The Students' Union has begun renovations of its Broadway Campus Office to reinvigorate the space. The new office will feature couches for studying, desks for working on laptops, and a coffee station. Work has also been done to ensure that the renovations will address the many accessibility concerns the old office had such as a lack of automatic doors. The renovation is scheduled to be complete in February 2024.

Fall 2022 Materials

The Students' Union ordered \$13,000 worth of swag items from the BC Federation of Students' ethical bulk purchasing service. This order included; umbrellas, toques, smart phone wallet, lanyards, basil plant kits, sweat shirts, stickers, highlighters, pens, water bottles, and pencils. Swag items are given out throughout the year at events and in the offices.

Winter 2023 Materials

A small order of \$4,750 was placed to top up supplies for the rest of the 2022-23 semester. This included pens, highlighters, and water bottles.

UPASS

About the Program

U-Pass BC is a universal transit program offered by Vancouver Community College in partnership with the Students' Union of VCC, TransLink and the Province of British Columbia. U-Pass BC provides affordable access to public transit in Metro Vancouver for eligible students. Almost every post-secondary institution in the Lower Mainland participates in this service.

Students' Union Offices

Tax Clinic

The Students' Union runs a tax clinic every year to provide students with free assistance in filing their personal taxes. Last year the clinic helped over 105 students.

Printing Services

The Students' Union offers a free printing service, providing all students 150 pages of free printing accessible at the Broadway and Downtown campus offices. The service continues to be the Students' Union's most popular service, with the added benefit of connecting with members who normally would not have engaged with the Students' Union. Members can buy additional prints for \$5 per 100 pages.

Student Lockers

Lockers are available for rent at \$10 a semester on the second and third floors of Building A on the Broadway Campus.

Students' Advocate

The Students' Union offers a Students' Advocate to assist students when navigating system of the College. The Students' Advocate can assist in grade appeals, conduct appeals, or mediate issues between the College, faculty, staff, and students. This service is free and confidential for members to use.

Yoga

The Students' Union provides free Yoga 1-2 times a month during the Fall and Winter semesters

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Legal Assistance Services

Members who are part of the Health and Dental plan can access experienced lawyers to guide them through most major types of law, including:

- Family
- Criminal
- Civil litigation
- Landlord and tenant
- Residential real estate
- Wills and Estates
- Tax, Employment
- Condo/Strata
- Immigration
- Identity Theft Support.

Members also have access to unlimited free summary telephone legal advice and unlimited referrals to local lawyers at preferred rates.

Members who are not part of the Health and Dental plan and who live in Greater Vancouver are eligible for 30 minutes of free legal advice by a lawyer.

Grocery Card Program

In August 2022 the Union launched a free grocery card program aiming to assist members experiencing emergency financial need. The Services Coordinator encountered several issues in administering the program and after much consideration it was decided to put the program on hold and reassess how it should be delivered.

Protein Project

The Students' Union order 70 cases of canned salmon and 60 cases of peanut butter to hand out to members who are facing food insecurity throughout the year. The program has begun slowly and with moderate success. The Union continues to explore ways to help students facing food insecurity.

Reusable Menstrual Products

This year the Students' Union began selling menstrual cups, pads, and underwear to members at cost (no markup). The service has been well received.

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Board of Directors

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF – March 2022 – October 2022

a. Board of Directors

Accessibility Director	vacant
Annacis Island Campus Representative	vacant
Broadway Campus Representative	vacant
Broadway Campus Representative	vacant
Chairperson	Ishaan Saini
Director of College Affairs	Marcus Ng
Director of Events	Dilara Örs
Director of Internal Affairs	Jessica Yeung
Downtown Campus Representative	Harmanpreet Singh
Downtown Campus Representative	Airan Sahagun
Indigenous Students' Representative	vacant
Queer Students' Representative	vacant
Women Students' Representative	Gabriel Sarnoh

b. Staff

Bookkeeper	Helen Huie
Executive Director	Sydney Sullivan
Organiser	Brynn Joyce
Organiser Campus Life	Andy Oya
Services Coordinator	McKenzie Hutchison

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO INSTITUTION GOVERNANCE BODIES

a. Board of Governors

October 2021 to September 2022	Ladan Sahraei
March 2022 to September 2022	Airan Sahagun

b. Education Council

October 2021 to September 2022	Ishaan Saini
October 2021 to September 2022	Jessica Yeung
October 2021 to September 2022	Marcus Ng
October 2021 to September 2022	Poshak Sachdeva

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF – November 2022 – January 2023

a. Board of Directors

Accessibility Director	vacant
Annacis Island Campus Representative	vacant
Broadway Campus Representative	Erfan Torfenezhad
Broadway Campus Representative	Matricia Kennedy
Chairperson	Airan Sahagun
Director of College Affairs	Gabriel Sarnoh
Director of Events	Naz Serter
Director of Internal Affairs	Dilara Örs
Downtown Campus Representative	Ravneek Sing
Downtown Campus Representative	Kritika
Indigenous Students' Representative	vacant
Queer Students' Representative	Jessica Ligaralde
Women Students' Representative	Ravneet Kaur

b. Local Staff

Bookkeeper	Helen Huie
Executive Director	Brynn Joyce
Organiser Advocacy & Governance	Stefan Nielsen
Organiser-Campus Life	Andy Oya
Organiser-Campaigns & Communications	Gurpinder Gaidu
Services Coordinator	McKenzie Hutchison

2. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO INSTITUTION GOVERNANCE BODIES

a. Board of Governors

November 2022 to October 2023	Justine Gonzales (Downtown)
November 2022 to October 2023	Vacant (Broadway)

b. Education Council

November 2022 to October 2023	Gabriel Sarnoh
November 2022 to October 2023	Marcus Ng
November 2022 to October 2023	Sonal Singh
November 2022 to October 2023	Vacant

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF –February 2023 – September 2023

a. Board of Directors

Accessibility Director

Broadway Campus Representative

Broadway Campus Representative

Chairperson

Director of College Affairs

Director of Events

Director of Internal Affairs

Downtown Campus Representative

Downtown Campus Representative

Indigenous Students' Representative

Queer Students' Representative

Women Students' Representative

Marcus Ng

Vacant

Matricia Kennedy

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