



SUO By-Election 2022/2023

Candidate for Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Student Representative

Hailey Wright



My name is Hailey Wright and I am in my fourth and final year B.A. of International Relations. Enduring the pandemic has taught me a lot, and I think one of the most impactful lessons I learned was how community involvement, building social connections and hands on learning is vitally important to maintaining a positive outlook on life (physical and mental health). I feel what is missing from the campus may not be entirely difficult to solve, but rather this election could be a critical juncture in connecting different communities together. I have visited a few different universities since being in my undergraduate degree and have come to the conclusion that our campus needs to take action in curating more inclusive spaces between community and students to learn outside the classroom, and give back.

I am a big advocate for mental health, sustainability (food sovereignty, teaching practical skills) and giving back to our earth! I imagine spaces that professors, students and community leaders have the chance to communicate and innovate new solutions to some of the most challenging of problems. I am advocating for nature walks, with experts, such as Indigenous community members, and other working professionals to come together in building knowledge subsets and integrating these relationships with people and the land. I want to help connect voices in strengthening advocacy for climate change, and giving students a central role in partaking in these profound experiences. Furthermore, connecting and implementing student volunteer networks into the communities and enhancing experiential learning– learning by doing. In the Art and Social Science Faculty, careers come with diverse learning experiences and creativity. That being said, I hope to build and connect this Faculty to have accessible, inclusive access to communities, friends, professions and lifelong skill building. Thank you for reading!

Platform points

- Build food waste reduction programs. (building partnerships with community organizations- COFB)
- Build a fun, inclusive, sustainable and unique UBCO spirit and culture.
- Create diversified spaces for students, community members and faculty members to connect, network, collaborate and innovate solutions to pressing issues.
- Build a community garden and revitalize unused spaces on campus.