

Cade Desjarlais

**SUO** ✓ **GENERAL  
ELECTION 2023**

**President Candidate**





My name is Cade Desjarlais, and I am 3rd year political-science student. I am your current VP External and am looking for the opportunity to serve on the SUO for another term. I was elected last year to address some our students' most pressing concerns: affordability, advocacy, accessibility, and a better overall student experience. I have worked for the last eight months on these priorities, and more. I have re-established the SUO as a major lobbyist in the Okanagan, expanded our network of connections, and provided students with the opportunity to voice their concerns into someone, and towards something more impactful than a yearly survey.

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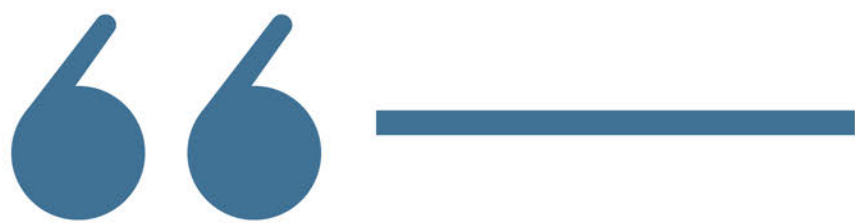
I have challenged the highest governance bodies in our institution and brought your concerns to the leaders in our municipal, provincial, and federal governments. I have advocated for increased funding to academic advising, expanded UBCO recreation space, later food services on campus, increased funding for food insecurity, improved public transit, more equitable financial supports, accessible mental and sexual health resources, continued environmental action, and more affordable parking on campus.

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As your Vice President External, I have learned that change on our campus does not come easy. Although I have been working to address key concerns on our campus, some significant shifts are on the horizon. This is why I am running for President; to push forward with the progress we've made. To use my experience and advocate for better. To continue building up the SUO and empowering our student community with accountable and effective leadership.

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### Platform points

- With opt outs nearly impossible and the cost of living increasing, I commit to creating a subsidy program to reduce a portion of U-PASS fees.
- I commit to continued pressure and work towards improving public transit, parking services, and making our campus more accessible.
- I commit to providing the Pantry Foodbank increased funding while demanding increased support for Mealshare and other targeted supports.
- I commit to building the Recreation Fieldhouse

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