

Julia Chaves

**SUO  GENERAL
ELECTION 2023**

Vice-President External Candidate





Hello everyone,
My name is Julia Chaves, (H-ulia) (she/her),
I was born in Mexico City and currently am a second-year student at UBCO. I am planning to major in International Relations and minor in Economics because I am and have always been very passionate about international justice and conflict resolution. In the future I see myself working toward being Mexico's Foreign Affairs Officer.

I am running for Vice-President External because I believe the SUO should play a greater part in strengthening the relationship between Students and Kelowna's community. Our growing city is full of opportunities for students to create and lead projects potentially benefitting the community and granting real-life work experience. We need to go beyond the borders of our University and become key actors in building Kelowna's and UBCO's future.

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Platform points

1. Reconciliation between Indigenous Peoples and Students.
 - More spaces for discussion, debates and conversation.
 - Projects built around finding solutions to problems affecting Indigenous Peoples.
 - Indigenous students representation in the SUO.
2. Sustainable Development of UBCO
 - Focus on the social and economic feature of sustainability:
 - Affordability for students.
 - Spaces of discussion with the landlord community for further improving housing prices.
 - Availability of funding for projects focused on sustainability.
3. Diversity and Respect
 - Tying international students to Immigrants communities of their own country to form
 - relationships with marginalized communities.
 - Every student no matter their ethnicity, gender or religion is welcome and has a voice in the Student Union.
4. Opportunities for Students
 - Incentives for Students to tackle real life problems in Kelowna. Projects with have a positive impact in the community.
 - Opportunities for multidisciplinary work between students from different specializations.
 - More funding through new partnerships.

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