

Lakshay Karnwal

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Vice-President External Candidate





I believe having a long-lasting impact on the world starts with having an impact in your vicinity. Whether inspiring my elder sister during one of her most stressful periods or mentoring the school debate team to excel at competitions, making interpersonal relationships to motivate people is instinctive to me. Hello everyone. My name is Lakshay Karnwal, and I am running for Vice-President External for the upcoming student elections.



As a freshman, I struggled with waste segregation at the station and realized that many other students did too. To tackle this issue, I became the Campus Waste Initiatives Co-Lead. I led a team of sustainability enthusiasts to educate over 800 students about proper waste sorting through a simple "Sorting game." We're also working with UBC management to create more user-friendly waste disposal signage.



Another issue I've noticed on campus is the nancial stress of limited healthy food options for commuter students. Everyone deserves access to nutritious meals, regardless of their nancial situation. That's why I'll be working to make my "\$4.99 meals" program a reality during my tenure.



My on-campus experiences highlight my skills in concise communication, persistence, and empathizing with the community. I won the 2020/21 Roger Watt's Advocacy debate and have collaborated with several organizations, such as the Computer Science Course Union, Engineering Society and Student Experience Oce.



I am passionate about creating a positive impact on our UBCO campus, and I believe that my community-building skills can be a catalyst for change.





Throughout my tenure, I will dedicate myself to advocating for the following platform points

- '\$4.99 meals' program: I'll collaborate with campus food services to address food insecurity by introducing an affordable (\$4.99) program for healthy food options.
- Establishing student initiatives as the primary pillar of campus culture: I believe in the power of students to create meaningful change. As VP, I will advocate for more space and resources for student-led initiatives to foster a culture of initiative and inspire positive change.
- Advocate for additional ways to commute to campus: Last year's transport issues show the need for more commuting options to campus. Advocating for Carpooling apps and eco-friendly services can offer alternative transport and reduce parking demand.
- Connect students to the right mental health resource with minimal delay: I aim to address delays in accessing mental health resources by partnering with more organizations in Kelowna to create a resource portal for students.

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