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**SUO GENERAL  
ELECTION 2024**

**Vice-President Internal Candidate**







I'm Yazdan, PhD Student in IGS Sustainability.

Why am I running for VP Internal?

The SUO leadership seems to not take students seriously. We pay \$600-\$1000 per year in various fees to the SUO but the decisions that its leadership make are hidden behind bureaucracy and an attitude of "oh, students wouldn't care or understand." This lack of transparency has enabled the SUO leadership to break internal bylaws and Provincial laws on numerous occasions with very few students finding out. This is bad for all students because if someone reports these infractions to the Province, the SUO can lose its standing as a Society – and us losing all our benefits. The SUO also deeply underestimates its power but I'm running out of room to rant about that :

What will I do as VP Internal to fix that?

- Patching the Bylaws and Regulations and introducing new practices that increase transparency and engagement.
- Establish an Ad-hoc Student Workers Committee to focus specifically on improving the working conditions of the students who are employed by UBCO.
- Making sure the current practices adhere to the Bylaws with timely release of Minutes and other Documents.

What previous experience do I have for this role?

I've been deeply involved with the SUO as a Student-at-Large on the Graduate Students Committee and the Campaigns Committee. I've been the President of our course union IGSSS. I'm also a Union Steward with our labour union BCGEU.

Find my detailed platform here [TinyURL.com/Yazdan4VPInternal](https://TinyURL.com/Yazdan4VPInternal)

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