

QUINLIN OSADCZUK

**SUO ✓ GENERAL
ELECTION 2026**

Vice-President Internal Candidate





My name is Quinlin Osadczuk, and I'm running to be your VP Internal of the Students' Union Okanagan for the year-long term of 2026-2027.

I would not be the first person to tell you that the greatest crisis facing students today is one of affordability— rent is too high, tuition is too high, and the resources available to students are too limited to make up the difference, and I would know. I've lived on-campus and off-campus, and the only difference I've found is the length of the commute, not the amount of money saved. As a club executive for the IRSA, I learned the deep-rooted issues with funding my club and the forest of red tape that exists. As a writer for the campus newspaper The Phoenix, I've investigated and written articles about the total lack of funding being made available not only to clubs, but also the corresponding deficit that's led to vital staff and offices being slashed by the provincial government.

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What I'm proudest of, however, is my role as a Faculty Representative for the Arts and Social Sciences over the last year: I've helped host events and answer questions for club leaders and students alike, but what I find the most pride in is having been able to help in the establishment of the Graduate Students' Association and to vote no on the proposed \$4 million fee increase for students. In fact, I was a delegate at the BC Federation of Students annual general meeting where we were able to raise this exact topic with other students' unions across the province, not to mention lead a protest over the province's funding slashes which earned us several articles and cable news segments' worth of coverage. To help with that budget shortfall, I will be willing to donate a sizable portion of my salary in this position to various SUO events and causes.

It goes without saying that the work is far from over— that's why I'm running in the first place. Life has only gotten less affordable, and as a Faculty Rep. I've only been able to vote on what goes to the board, rather than manage any of the myriad resources of the SUO. As a VP Internal, practically all of that could change— I wouldn't be a reactive force, but a proactive one who could solve so many of the issues of this campus.

My policies:

- Rewrite our confusing and contradictory bylaws and regulations
 - Simplifying the rules under which all SUO members live and operate, not to mention being able to take community input on how to improve or remove bylaws to make the campus run smoother.
- Change how club orientation is run, streamlining the process
 - Minimize the yearly headache that a total reset entails by creating a shared collection of resources on how to effectively run and maintain a club, host events, and so on.
- Provide new resources and funding opportunities for clubs
 - Be it through budgetary allocation or reaching out to other unions, local and international businesses, and whatever options available to work together with campus clubs, I would be able to use my position to find new funding sources for this campus.

I love my campus, and I want to see it prosper. I humbly ask that you walk that road with me.