

FUS General Election Instructions

2024-25

FUS General Election Q&A

Monday March 4th 6 - 6:30 pm

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Join to meet & ask the current FUS Council about our experiences on FUS - highly recommended for candidates of the General Election

Calling all Forestry undergraduate students:

Do you want an active role in shaping student life in the Faculty of Forestry? Are you dedicated, open-minded, collaborative, and adaptable for growth? We invite you to join us at the Forestry Undergraduate Society (FUS)! From planning and hosting events to media design, our Executive and General Councils both have positions to suit your interests.

Please thoroughly read this document then [nominate yourself here](#).

Our election self-nomination period will run from March 4th - 15th (with a designated March 18th - 24th campaign week coinciding with the voting period). A voting party will be held on March 20th (more details to come), allowing nominees to present their campaigns to the student body.

Please review the [FUS Position Portfolio for 2024-25](#) to familiarize yourself with all the FUS Council positions' responsibilities, note that below are bookmark hyperlinks to all the available positions for this General Election.

Executive Council:

- [President](#) (1)
- [Vice President Academic](#) (1)
- [Vice President Administration](#) (1)
- [Vice President External](#) (1)
- [Vice President Finance](#) (1)
- [Vice President Internal](#) (1)
- [Vice President Media](#) (1)
- [Vice President Student Life](#) (2)
- [AMS Representative](#) (1)

For the Executive Council positions above, all students are welcome to run regardless of year or program. Previous experience in FUS Council or leadership through other organizations or work is highly recommended.

General Council:

- [Christmas Tree Farm Manager](#) (1)
- [CIF \(Canadian Institute of Forestry\) Liaison](#) (2)
- [Equity Diversity Inclusion Representative](#) (1)
- [FPBC \(Forest Professionals of British Columbia\) Liaison](#) (2)
- [Graduation Committee Chair](#) (1)
- [Graduation Committee Representative](#) (6)
- [Greensales Representative](#) (2)
- [Media Outreach Coordinator](#)(2)
- [Photographer](#) (3)
- [Social Media Administrator](#) (1)
- [Student Life Representative](#) (6)
- [Sustainability Representative](#) (1)

For the General Council positions above, all students are welcome to run regardless of year or program.

General Council (Program Representative):

- [Forest Bioeconomy Sciences and Technology Program Representative](#) (1)
- [Forest Operations Program Representative](#) (1)
- [Forest Resources Management Program Representative](#) (1)
- [Forest Sciences Program Representative](#) (1)
- [Natural Resources Conservation Program Representative](#) (2)
- [Urban Forestry Program Representative](#) (1)
- [Wood Products Processing Program Representative](#) (1)
- [2+2/3+2 Transfer Program Representative](#) (1)

For program representative General Council positions, *individuals can only nominate and vote for the corresponding degree program they are currently registered in.* Transfer program students can nominate for either or both the 2+2/3+2 Transfer Program Representative and their registered program rep position but will only be elected into one of the positions for council.

How do I self-nominate?

Nomination Process:

1. Decide on 1-2 positions you are interested in nominating for.
2. Draft a nomination blurb about yourself, why you want to join the FUS Council and why you are nominating for the position(s) you chose (word limit: 200, up to 400 for 2 positions - please draft separate paragraphs for each position).
3. Submit the nomination form - [here](#) (also linked at the top) by Friday, March 15 11:59 pm you may select up to 2 positions and can fill up to 2 positions (see rules below).

Individuals may:

- a) *Nominate for and fill **1 position*** on either the General or Executive Council as long as they receive adequate votes for the position from the student body that outcompete other nominees (if applicable).
- b) *Nominate for and fill **2 positions*** on the General Council as long as they initially indicate interest in filling both, receive adequate votes for both positions from the student body that outcompete other nominees (if applicable), and can commit to the extra workload.

- c) *Nominate for 1 Executive (has to be their first choice) and 1 General Council position but only fill the Executive Council position* if they are voted in (and relinquish the general position even if they receive more votes than other nominees for that position). This is to account for the workload of an Executive Council position and to have more nominees on board to share the workload.
- d) In the event that a position (Executive or General Council) has no nominees upon election, any elected General Council candidate who is not already filling 2 positions may self-nominate within the FUS Council to serve as interim Exec till the By-Election in October 2024. The 2024-25 Executive Council retains the decision power to approve of any interim position appointments.

In-person / Remote Capacity Clarification

While we highly encourage candidates to be on-campus for the majority of the 2024-25 school year (especially for certain positions as indicated in the Position Portfolio), we can make some exceptions:

*Individuals who are going on field school or exchange in term 1 and/or 2, are in co-op, or may need to join FUS meetings via remote setting may still nominate for and join the FUS provided that:

- (i) the individual clarifies their plan for exchange or co-op or other off-campus periods during nomination and keeps the rest of the Council informed in advance about their capacity throughout the school year, arranging for other council members' stand-in for in-person tasks as needed
- (ii) the time zone the individual is joining from can allow for synchronous meeting attendance (typically weekday evenings in Vancouver time)
- (iii) the individual will have the capacity to join most meetings (provide detailed asynchronous updates prior to meetings if absent) and help with logistical planning (~2-5 hours per week - see Workload Expectations below) via Zoom and other remote platforms

What is the FUS?

FUS stands for the Forestry Undergraduate Society which is a self-governed student constituency led by the council consisting of elected members from the Forestry Undergraduate student body. The FUS Council includes the Executive and the General Councils which direct the FUS and represent the campus-wide Alma Mater Society (AMS) of UBC for the Faculty of Forestry. Annually, all Forestry undergraduate students self-nominate, elect, and vote to form a new school year's council aiming to have representatives in all years and degree programs. The FUS Council shines with enthusiasm by providing professional, educational, recreational and social opportunities. FUS is here to serve and lead to ensure each Forestry student will leave UBC undergrad with experiences they will treasure for the rest of their lives.

What could I expect from joining the FUS Council?

Workload Expectations

FUS Executive Council meets one hour on a weekly basis (key FUS issues discussion and position updates) and the General Council (including the Executive Council) meets for 1-2 hours on a bi-weekly basis (FUS announcements from the Executive Council, General Council members' position updates, and team discussions), ideally reoccurring and in-person at the Forest Sciences Centre but we also accommodate Zoom attendance. Outside of council meetings (determined based on best majority availabilities in the beginning of a term), General Council members should expect to spend at least 1 hour each week to check emails and follow up on messages (i.e. Slack/Instagram/text), review Google Drive &

Google Calendar for any updated reference information about planning, event ideas and contact information, meet their team members as coordinated by Executive Council members or General Council members who are Event Leads to brainstorm/carry out events. Closer to big FUS student life events' weeks or any particular one-off event that the council member or their team is in charge of carrying out, we may use or add General Council meetings for progress check-in and updates. All council members have the flexibility to sign up for events they are available for and interested in supporting, however, around 5 hours of additional preparation and event shift sign-up is expected on average during event week. Please note that the 2024-25 Executive Council retains the decision power to modify specific meeting and work hours.

Perks Sneak Peeks

As a FUS Council member, you will have many opportunities to meet and collaborate with passionate student leaders from different degree programs and year levels; to learn more about, engage and develop networks among the faculty & student communities; to pitch your event ideas and help voice out student concerns; to learn, practice, and share outreach/event planning and communication skills.

You will also be the first to know of any upcoming FUS event and always have the priority to attend for free (likely requiring you to help out here and there though) if there were to be limited capacity (including any certificate/training where we would subsidize your costs of attendance and the use of locker for free).

The FUS Council provides snacks for all in-person meeting attendees and hosts monthly socials (dinners/hang outs) exclusive to the council members as appreciation! The following is an *example list of perks* from the 2023-24 year. Please note that these are offered on a yearly basis based on ongoing partnerships and may not be an accurate representation of the 2024-25 year perks.

- Free entry to FUS events
- Free locker for the whole school year
- Monthly FUS Council Socials (food cost covered)
- Year round 25% discount at Fjällräven stores in Vancouver
- Exclusive 20% discount coupons with Hinbor
- Complimentary food/drink at Hinbor x FUS booths
- Free digital professional headshot at Evangelos Studios

If you have any questions about this document and the nomination process please DM us @ubcfus on Instagram or email our VP Administration, Natalie at ubcfussecretary@gmail.com

Self-Nomination Form

