

# 2020 Elections Student Society

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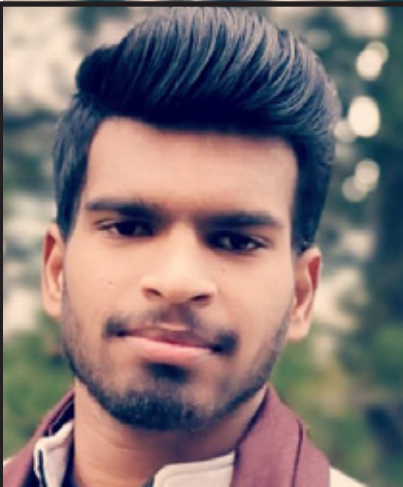
**Voting opens Online from  
9:00 AM April 7th, 8th and  
closes at 9:00 PM 9th**

**Puneet Kaur**  
Interurban Executive



Hey fellow Camosun Students! My name is Puneet Kaur, and I'm running for the position of Interurban Executive. I'm here to work for you and to make great efforts that will benefit you. I assure you that I will make sure that students will continue to get good services and events from the CCSS. More than that, I will work hard to make sure your recreational, cultural and social needs are met. Additionally, I'll make sure that your opinions will be considered by the student society, and Student rights are to be respected at Camosun college. Currently I am an Interurban Director on the CCSS Board of Directors and am a Business student with a lot of experience to share. I enjoy planning events and have been involved in governance before. I know the world is in crisis and that everyone needs to stay safe, but democracy is still important and fortunately this election is online! Make your vote count on April 7-9 and elect Puneet kaur ( myself ) as your next Interurban Executive. (Lansdowne students can vote too.).

**Shivam Gupta**  
Interurban Executive



"Arise, Awake and stop not till the goal is reached" I, Shivam Gupta uphold a strong inspiration towards these words. I am true believer of powerful building of student foundation. I am visionary and dedicated towards the social needs of students. With the honour of being a Camosun student, I will stand for the position of an Interurban Executive. I stand to resolute in bridging communication gap, efficiently meeting the student requirements as well as making aware about the resources to the freshers that Camosun College Student Society provides to enhance the student's skills. I have volunteered in the National Service Scheme in India which was initiative to aware the people about The Clean India and The Digital India. Moreover, I'm currently working with the Camosun College Student Society as an Interurban Director. I have always been ardent about carry people of all the race, nationality and ages together which forms a high intercultural environment for students in the campus. I will act upon my promised actions and work with all the loyalty as well as hard work for all the student operations and carry the torch forward in making the joyful and eventful experience for every student in this campus. I thank you for your precious time and aspire and hope you all show your love and support again to me. So, please Vote Me. . . Have A Great Day and Stay Safe.

**Fillette Umulisa**  
Finance Executive



Hello folks,  
My name is Fillette Umulisa and I am running for the position of Finance executive in the Camosun College Student Elections. Over the past two years I have worked as your External executive. This role gave me the opportunity to advocate for Camosun students at all levels of government as well as in our campus community. I have organized and helped hold events on both Lansdowne and Interurban campuses, I have run multiple campaigns through tabling and in class talks and have worked tirelessly to make sure I am present for every student initiative on campus, so as to connect with everyone and listen to your concerns first hand. This election I am running for Finance executive because I believe that my role as an external has helped me understand how the student union handles and utilities our finances, I have also been on the finance committee and have actively participated in our yearly budget discussions. This plus my role as one of the signing officers make me very suitable for this position. I will greatly appreciate your vote. Voting will be online from April 7th - April 9th 2020. Thank you

**Gurkirat Singh**  
Finance Executive



Let's Make A Difference!  
As a commerce student from St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, and moving on to be a marketing one in Camosun College I have always been an individual taking up challenges and responsibilities in all the aspects of my career. Being a sportsman has also instilled discipline and made me learn how to balance both the fields in an effective way. I was appointed as the Chair of the Finance Committee of the X- Uberance Festival in St. Xavier's School handling the cash funds which was allocated for the fest. I was responsible for making budgets, expense approvals, reconciliations, bookkeeping and holding meetings. This event made me work my way through many important situations and make vital decisions. I have learnt from being a part of the Operations Committee of Commerce Fests in my university that it is not about having a lot of money but about knowing how to manage it. This profile will give me an exposure in dealing with culturally diverse students and further help me widen my horizon in this field. Based on my prior experience and positive attitude, I strongly believe that I am the right fit for the Finance Executive position and will perform to my fullest with the support of all my student friends and college staff.

**Quinn Cunningham**  
External Executive



I'm Quinn Cunningham, candidate for External Executive. It will be my pleasure to represent the Camosun College Student Society if you elect me. In my previous role as a Lansdowne campus director, I had the privilege to accompany the previous members of the executive to advocate for students locally, provincially, and federally. In this position, I will establish strong relationships with delegates from other Colleges and Universities of similar size to learn how to strengthen our student community at both Lansdowne and Interurban. I love our college community, and I want to help it grow. Listening to the student body is a paramount responsibility of any person on the board. In the position of External Executive, I want to hear from every student, so I can effectively represent and advocate on behalf of students from both campuses. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic that has led our school to transition away from face-to-face classes, I think now more than ever, student voices need to be heard at the table. I want to bring my experience gained as a campus director to voice concern for every Camosun student, to ensure student interest is at the forefront of all decision making.

**Savannah Barratt**  
Sustainability Director



In the midst of a climate crisis, it is my goal to become your next sustainability director of the Camosun College Student Society. Using my experience as a seasoned community organizer, committed Camosun student and employee, driven climate justice activist, general volunteer, and strong person with a disability, I will further sustainable practices and opportunities at both campuses of Camosun College. As a University Transfer student pursuing Geography and Computer Network Engineering (CNET), I appreciate the various faculties at Camosun and their role in teaching and preparing our generation and the ones to come after us for the future we will inherit. Through opportunities such as a Camosun's annual Sustainability Day, clothing swaps, repair cafes, workshops by community experts, youth activists, and faculty, the creation of a sustainability resource platform, to be used by students both on and off campus, and various other projects, sprouting from both student and faculty input, I will broaden the sustainability impact that Camosun has and make this impact visible.

Working for students, with the administration, and for the students who will come after us, I will dedicate myself to this yearlong position to make Camosun a part of the global sustainability transition.

**Aby C Alexander**  
Sustainability Director



Hi Everyone, I am Aby, presently pursuing Post Degree Diploma in Applied Tourism & Hospitality Management. Business & Sustainability being one of the core subjects that I am presently studying have drawn my attention to think more sustainably towards our surroundings. I am an individual who strongly believes that we all are a part of nature and should act responsibly and leave enough for the future generations to use. I have held similar positions where I have committed months and years providing leadership with colleagues, juniors and classmates in initiating GO GREEN activities and tree planting projects such as GREENATHON, wherein more than 250 tree saplings and small plants have been planted. I have always been associated with activities such as spreading awareness of car-pooling, avoid using plastic bags, organizing and implementing recycling activities during my service at high school and workplace to reduce environmental footprints. I certainly believe that together we can provide strategic advice and recommendations on how to advance Camosun College's present and future sustainability initiatives, and help to increase the drive for sustainability at Camosun campuses. There are many existing Go Green and sustainable activities already but there are many other things we can do together to keep Camosun green & sustainable! SUPPORT THE CAMOSUN GREEN SLIDE TODAY

**Angela Chou**  
Pride Director



Hi, my name is Angela Chou and I would love to continue to be your Pride Director!

I'd love to hold regular meetups to hang out and do arts and crafts and meet you all.

I'll be doing all I can to continue the Interurban Pride Lounge through all semesters so safer spaces can be available on both campuses.

If there's anything that you'd like to do, I'll do my best to help you make it happen.

If there's anything that you need, I'll do my best to support you, or get you to somebody that can.

Please vote for me!

**Amanda Garner**  
Women's Director



In 1918, the women's suffrage campaign successfully paved the way for women in Canada to vote. As a woman in Canada I urge you to exercise your rights and engage yourselves in the upcoming 2020 CCSS Spring Election. Women's rights have come a long way; however, they still have a long way to go.

My name is Amanda Garner and I am offering myself as candidate for the Women's Director position. As a queer woman with a strong belief in sustainability, a past degree in kinesiology, and previous involvement in student government, I will bring a strong background of skills to this position. Currently, I am finishing the first year of the Environmental Technology program and am looking to help make positive changes in the Camosun community.

Through this position, I want to encourage the promotion of women in S.T.E.M. disciplines by working with current faculty and high schools. I want to empower Camosun women by highlighting their achievements and to introduce women's workshops that promote confidence, positive body image and leadership. I would like to continue to focus on prevention of domestic abuse, increasing sexual health and consent. Finally, I would like to expand the Aunt Flow program providing menstrual products for women at all Camosun Campuses.

**Sujin Bae**  
*Off Campus Director*



I am Sujin Bae, running for the off-campus director position. I want to represent students who take classes off-campus. I have heard concerns and opinions from several other off-campus students regarding class materials, or expectations for the college. It would be my honour to represent those students to support them.

My goal in this position is to create strong bonds with off-campus students so I can address their voices in the best way possible. Since off-campus students do not have much interactions with student council as much as on-campus students do. I believe my position would be a great opportunity for both students and myself to ensure that their voice is heard, therefore, everyone's voice is heard in the meetings.

It is essential to hear voices from off-campus students since the COVID-19 situation has changed face-to-face classes to off-campus systems. This is new to most of the students who had taken classes on campus. At this point, experiences from off-campus students will be valuable for further decision making. I hope my roles as an off-campus director will assist students who are currently taking off-campus classes to reduce their stress and burden from not being able to take classes on campus.

**Jorge Marin**  
*International Director*



How many international students are you friends with? My name is Jorge Marin and I am running for International Director. Regardless of my answer, I deeply believe that there is always room for more friends. I am running for International Director because I want to help international students feel like they belong in our community. I would do this by creating events and activities where international students would have the opportunity to share their culture and passions with you.

I have been an international student at Camosun College for the past few years now, and I have had the opportunity to meet many international students which whom I am lucky to be able to call my friends. By having friends that come from around the world I have been able to diversify my friendships, know their counties, learn about a variety of cultures, and create an international network. I would like for all students of Camosun College to be able to have the same opportunities as I did to expand on the diversity of their friendships. I want to bring people together because I strongly believe that we are more creative, have better ideas, and can accomplish more TOGETHER rather than alone. I want to work with international students to develop the best ways for students to express their cultural identities in a judgement-free way to make them feel that they do belong in our community. Creating a social network during college could not only help your future professional life but also to develop close personal friendships with amazing individuals that may last years or a lifetime.



**The following students are running to represent you on the College Board of Governors:**

**Fillette Umulisa • Robert Smyth • Henri Van Rooy • Lindsay Van Gerven**

## **CCSS Fee-Referendum Question**

Whereas, to ensure fairness to students, Camosun College and the Camosun College Student Society (CCSS) jointly fund the Office of the Camosun Ombudsperson and the joint decision to move away from a contract position and hire the Ombudsperson as an employee with appropriate pay and benefits has correspondingly increased costs; and

Whereas, in recent years the CCSS has been struggling to fund key program areas such as Walksafer and its Student Advocacy efforts; therefore

Are you in favour of increasing the Camosun College Student Society (CCSS) fee levy\* by \$1 per month in order to fund the student share of the Ombudsperson office costs, and increased program expenses in areas such as Walksafer and Student Advocacy? \*Currently \$10.80/month

## **Statement**

Recently, and before the true nature of the COVID 19 Emergency became apparent to us, the Camosun College Student Society (CCSS) Board of Directors voted to ask the students (CCSS members) to increase the base fee charged to all CCSS members by \$1 per month from the current rate of \$10.80/month.

This request was not taken without consideration and a critical look at the current CCSS budget. We care about the cost you have to pay to attend Camosun and so we struggled with the decision. We have not come to you for more money in a long time and even with this increase the CCSS fee remains one of the lowest in BC. We need more funding now in order to cover increased student focused program expenses such as the Walksafer safety program as well as the costs of advocating for students at the college and with government for programs such as the new BC Student Grant which we just helped lobby for successfully. The other major reason for this ask is the additional costs from making the Camosun College Ombudsperson a regular employee with fair wages and benefits. The CCSS and Camosun College each pay half the costs of the Ombudsperson, but we believe that making this change was the appropriate thing to do and that the increased expense is more than balanced off by making the Ombudsperson position more sustainable and attractive to highly skilled applicants and will benefit all Camosun students.

Please vote YES on April 7th, 8th, & 9th