

Student Life Circle

PREAMBLE STUDENT LIFE UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

The Student Life University Circle was formed to address the need to shape the student experience and learning environment at UBCO for the continuum of OUC and the integration of UBCO - prospective students, current students - undergraduate and graduate - and alumni. The purpose of this university circle is to provide leadership in enriching, enhancing and supporting the UBCO student experience.

The Student Life University Circle operates under the premise that we will build on the success of OUC and integrate the services to meet the needs of OC and UBCO when ever possible. The Student Life University Circle identified key issues that complement the work of the other University Circles in particular: Performing Arts, Miscellaneous Services and Athletics University Circles. We support the recommendations of these University Circles and limited our discussion to the needs and scope of the future UBCO student.

VISION

Students Come First!

To enable and champion student success that positively impacts their personal development, their local communities and the world. To create a vibrant atmosphere that fosters the holistic development of the UBCO student.

MISSION

To advance student success, alumni engagement and the TREK 2010 vision, the Student Life University Circle will identify outstanding opportunities and quality services to:

- First and Foremost Represent Students
- Enhance Student Life
- Engage Students to get involved
- Recruit and retain the best students for UBCO
- Support students and alumni to be active learners adept career and life planners, and global citizens
- Foster a safe, inclusive and sustainable campus community
- Facilitate student transition into, through and from the University and support their lifelong connection with the University

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- Provide a positive and dynamic University community experience for students and alumni
- Enable students and alumni to identify and achieve their goals
- Promote student intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual and physical well-being
- Celebrate student and alumni learning and achievement (Distinguished Alumni Award, Excellence in Teaching, etc.)

VALUES

The values shared by the Student Life University Circle include the freedom of expression, intellectual integrity and accountability that are fundamental to an academic institution.

Underlying these core values are three fundamental beliefs:

1. Students and alumni are **active** participants in their learning.
2. Students have full access to the learning opportunities that fulfill our vision to **educate** global citizens.
3. Learning inside **and** outside the classroom is essential to a university education.

These core values will reflect:

Trust; Respect; Involvement; Personal and Corporate; Responsibility; Diversity; Inclusion; Innovation; Professionalism; Partnership

PRINCIPLES

In everything we do and say, the Student Life University Circle strives to:

- Ensure Students come First!
- Integrate OC and UBCO
- Advocate for the needs of our Students
- Support student success
- Exceed Student Expectations
- Practice sustainability
- Listen and collaborate
- Support a learner centred model
- Create global citizens

GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Access and Retention

Enrol the best students for UBCO, support their degree completion and stay connected with them after they graduate.

- Recruit and retain the best students for UBCO on a regional, provincial, national and international level
- Ensure full access by supporting student transitions, meeting needs for academic accommodation and providing adequate student financial support
- Create opportunities for students and alumni to develop academic and social connections that facilitate academic success and involvement in the life of the university and the extended community
- Recognize and reward student, faculty and alumni achievement and contributions

Campus Climate and Culture

Provide a welcoming, healthy, inclusive and safe living and learning environment that embraces diversity, supports sustainability and builds community.

- Foster student and alumni well-being that integrates social, physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual dimensions
- Promote understanding and mutual respect of personal and cultural differences and similarities
- Create physical space and programs that promote engagement and build a spirit and sense of community
- Support and contribute to a safe campus community

Personal Responsibility and Self-Management

Empower and guide students and alumni to develop the personal skills to effectively learn, live, work and play with others in a multicultural and diverse community.

- Provide learning opportunities that develop personal skills, including self-esteem, self-management, leadership, teamwork, interpersonal communication, problem-solving, conflict resolution and critical analysis
- Create experiential opportunities that strengthen personal skills
- Deliver services and programs that help students overcome barriers and support students at risk

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Academic Readiness

Prepare students to engage and succeed in a learner-centred curriculum that is interactive, experiential and embraces student learning inside and outside the classroom.

- Develop programs and services to assist students and alumni to transition to and through university life
- Promote effective independent and team learning through peer programs and other forms of learning opportunities when and where students need them
- Partner with faculties to identify and eliminate barriers that impact academic achievement
- Promote undergraduate and graduate research

Career and Life Planning

Ensure that UBCO students and alumni are able to identify and pursue fulfilling career options that integrate their personal and educational goals.

- Facilitate student and alumni development of employability, work, and life skills that contribute to career and personal success and to positive career self-management
- Provide opportunities and support to students and alumni to identify and pursue career options
- Support students and alumni in their transition from university life to work life by providing effective mentoring and other transition programs that contribute to lifelong engagement with UBCO

Global Citizenship

Create opportunities for students and alumni to be agents for positive change in University life and in their local and global communities.

- Build a strong sense of community by providing programs that encourage students and alumni to participate in the university and local communities
- Strengthen our efforts to internationalize UBC-O by expanding both student mobility opportunities and opportunities for domestic and international students and alumni to interact locally and globally
- Increase opportunities to practice sustainability in the University and the community
- Actively support institutional efforts to exercise corporate responsibility and global citizenship

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Identification of Current Issues:

Appointment of a champion for Student Life UBCO

- Students need an advocate as part of the senior management team
- Work in conjunction with UBCV VP Student Life

Transportation

- We support the transportation recommendations of the Miscellaneous Services University Circle
- You shouldn't have to own a car to attend UBCO
- Shuttle service to downtown core

Communication

- Develop an effective communication strategy for connecting with UBCO students
- Construction of a kiosk in each of the main buildings on campus that display upcoming events, directions and maps to these events
- Have a directory of daily, weekly and monthly events on campus
- Ensure there is adequate signage around the campus
- Have computer stations situated around campus with scrolling information regarding UBCO events

Create a Network of Neighbourhoods at NKC

- We support the housing recommendations of the Miscellaneous Services University Circle
- Foster the development of learning communities based on the development of neighbourhoods that target specific segments of the student population (first year students, mature students, families, graduate students)
- Design residence that fits the needs of the demographic profile of the UBCO student community
- Development of self-supporting village at NKC with supporting amenities (grocery store, health and wellness centre, daycare facilities, fitness facilities)
- Work in collaboration with the Student Association to develop student gathering spaces (to facilitate group work, coffee house, entertainment area with a billiards and games room, social entertaining, restaurant)
- Development of OUC International House that will facilitate the integration of domestic and international students
- UBCO Housing office for on and off campus housing
- Frat house-sorority house
- Construct a multi-level Parkade

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Enhance Student Satisfaction

- Ensure all UBCO faculty and staff are regularly trained on how to provide EXCEPTIONAL customer service
- Hire Student Ambassadors to facilitate the registration process
- Streamline the channels of communication for prospective students and parents
- Walk home program for students
- Develop a permanent Food bank
- Develop a Student Phone book
- Develop a Student Handbook
- Develop a Student Yearbook

Expedite the design and construction of a Student Union Building

- Student Association office
- Games and billiards room
- Pub
- Provide wireless access for laptops
- Coffee shop
- Restaurants (fast food chains, healthy alternatives)
- Copy shop
- Campus bookstore
- Have group study rooms
- TV room
- Financial Institution and/or bank machine
- Vending, Change and Bank Machines
- Health and Wellness and Quiet Centre
- Conference and board room for Course Union and Club Meetings
- Develop a Student Success and Learning Centre complete with tutors, computer labs and Peer Support
- Increase the number of computer labs and make the library, gym and computer labs accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week
- Implement a Go Green Program-work with Central Okanagan Regional District

Expand the access to On-Campus Social and Cultural Events:

- We support the recommendations of the Performing Arts University Circle
- Implement user fees that reflect the services provided
- Establishment of performing arts centre on campus
- International centre on campus
- Graduate centre on campus
- Differential parking with a separate fee structure
- Develop a paved path around NKC for running, cycling, rollerblading that connects with the Quail Ridge system
- Banff Film Festival
- Foster the professional development of students

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- Campus Games
- Charity Ball - with a Silent Auction
- Year End Celebration
- Comedians and Live Musicians
- Athletics Ball
- Expos featuring Student Artistic and Cultural talents
- International Student Demonstrations

Development of an extensive athletics and recreation and leisure program that recognizes and respects the Okanagan Region

- We support the recommendations of the Athletics University Circle
- Implement user fees that reflect the services provided
- Intramural sports - Health Body - Healthy Mind
- Varsity sports
- Club development (that reflects the unique opportunities available in the Okanagan region i.e. Extensive Outdoor Recreation Program, mountain biking, triathlon, golf, snow sports, paddling, climbing, caving, swimming, hockey, inter-tube water polo, music and performing arts)
- Build on Course Union Program
- Special interest groups (Ethical/Cultural, Political, Media, Spiritual, Social Clubs)
- Activity/Interest/Hobby Clubs
- Work with community partners (i.e. Parks and Recreation, Sport Kelowna, YMCA/YWCA)
- Have more showers available for cyclists that commute to work

Develop Orientation and Welcome Back Week Program

- Work from “Imagine” UBCV model
- Ensure OUC representation at the 2004 UBCV Imagine Day
- Foster school spirit
- To make students feel welcome
- facilitate a smooth transition to university
- build a strong and inclusive community of students
- to make students comfortable in their academic, social and environmental contexts
- to provide a solid foundation for a successful university experience
- Develop a U101 Course with appropriate academic credit
 - To assist students with their transition to the academic environment and university culture.
 - To provide students with the necessary campus information.
 - To assist students with their personal adjustment to the social environment.
 - To involve the entire university community.

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Develop parent orientation program

- Designed to address the needs of the UBCO parents
- Built on the UBCV model
- Work with Imagine UBCO organizing committee
- Showcase UBCO Student Services

Develop Homecoming Program

- Build on traditions of OUC and UBC

Recognition of student accomplishments

- Expand the current OUC events i.e. athletics banquet, scholarship banquet, honour roll dinner

Develop a Co-Op and Career Centre for students and alumni

- Develop comprehensive web site
- Recruitment fair and Career fair
- Enhance portfolio of employers in the Okanagan Region and beyond
- Expand the co-op program

Trek 2005 Adventure

- Orchestrate a walk, bike, run, paddle from UBCV to UBCO on September 2-4, 2005
- Invite Members of Parliament, Prime Minister, Royal Family
- Celebrate the establishment of a “New University”

Enhance the profile of the UBCO Student Body in the Okanagan Community

- Develop community projects that foster the growth and development of the UBCO student and encourage the students to get involved in their communities

Expand the UBCO scholarship and bursary program

- Provide a website that is a one stop resource for ALL Scholarships and Bursaries available to UBCO students

Ensure the student activity fees reflect the services offered at UBCO and UBCV

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