

2024 TRUSU ANNUAL REPORT





CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE

The Campaigns Committee was pleased to be able to connect with a number of students on issues that mattered to them at the federal, provincial, and municipal level and to facilitate a number of students coming together to discuss and problem solve related to these issues. More specifically, we were excited to have been able to expand our Breaking Bread Program to facilitate more opportunities for students to come together and discuss their experiences. Further, we are excited about the data we have collected around bus service in Kamloops and look forward to taking this data to decision makers in the near future.

QUICK FACTS

- Engaged over **100** participants in the Breaking Bread Discussion Series.
- **397** We Ride Survey Respondents.
- **87** On campus voters in Provincial election.
- **4** Municipal Academocracy Campaign Endorsements

Jan 17

BREAKING BREAD DISCUSSION: TRU FLAG CEREMONY

Discussion with representatives from TRU World to discuss the importance of flags and national symbols at TRU International Days.

Feb 22

BREAKING BREAD DISCUSSION: HOUSING

Discussion on the issues students are facing in securing and maintaining housing in the Kamloops region and potential solutions to these issues.

Mar 20

BREAKING BREAD DISCUSSION: STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

Discussion on the issue of student mental health, the services and supports that are available, and tools student are using to support healthy habits.

Sep 18

BREAKING BREAD DISCUSSION: VOLUNTEERING

Discussion on the value of and preferences for volunteering on campus and in the broader community during your studies.

Sep 18-19

VOTER REGISTRATION

The Campaigns Committee worked with Elections BC to ensure there was a voter registration table on campus in the lead up to the Provincial Election.

Oct 15-16

ON-CAMPUS POLLING STATION

The Campaigns Committee worked with Elections BC to ensure that students, staff and faculty had access to an advanced polling station on campus.

Oct 16

BREAKING BREAD DISCUSSION: AMERICAN ELECTION

Discussion about the American Election and its impact on global and local politics.

Oct 22

FALL TRASH BASH AND PIZZA PARTY

The Campaigns Committee partnered with the TRU Sustainability Department to host a campus cleanup to prepare the campus for winter.

Nov 20

BREAKING BREAD DISCUSSION: CREATIVE ARTS AND POLITICAL CHANGE

Discussion about the role creative arts plays in bring about and sustaining social change.

Nov 29

WE RIDE CAMPAIGN OUTREACH

Outreach sessions to discuss the issues students were facing with public transit.

Dec 18

BREAKING BREAD DISCUSSION: THE AFFORDABILITY CRISIS

Discussion on the affordability crisis and its impact on students.





ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Campus life events and activities play a vital role in the university experience. The Entertainment Committee hosts events that offer students opportunities to connect with one another and the TRU community. These events support students by helping them explore new interests, develop lasting relationships, and acquire new skills.

The Union carefully curates the Entertainment Committee's activities to ensure they provide a series of safe, accessible events throughout the school year. The student experience is further enriched by ensuring these events are unique and not easily available within the Kamloops community.

This past year, the Entertainment Committee successfully delivered a line-up of marquee events, launched a semesterly Games Night event, and strengthened the brand identity of adventure-themed movie nights.

QUICK FACTS

- Over **400** attendees at the Common Voices Lecture Series.
- Over **6,000** students at the Back-to-School BBQ.
- More than 125 vendors set up a booth at the Back-to-School BBQ.
- Over **800** students served at the Welcome Breakfast
- Attendance of over **700** at the Adventure Film Screenings.
- More than **\$5,000** raised for financial awards for students
- Over **400** students attended the Annual Last Class Bash.
- Over **150** students attended the Games Night.
- Over **600** students attended the Winter Fest.
- **3,000** led bulbs lighting up the campus Holiday Tree.

Feb 29

COMMON VOICES LECTURE SERIES WITH DR. ROBERTA BONDAR

Lecture about Perspective Shift by Dr. Roberta Bondar, Canada's first female astronaut and neurologist in space.

Mar 23

REEL ROCK 18 - KAMLOOPS PREMIERE

Movie Screening sharing the biggest stories from World of Climbing. Proceeds go towards funding financial awards for TRU Students.

Apr 05

LAST CLASS BASH

Beverage garden with cash bar, music, local food trucks, cake, games, prizes, and more to celebrate the end of semester.

Sep 06

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBO

Annual outdoor resource fair with games, activities, live music, burgers, hot dogs, and more to welcome students to the TRU campus.

Sep 13

WELCOME BREAKFAST

Hot pancake breakfast with music, games, activities, and a stage. The event served as an opportunity for students to get to know each other and welcome new members to campus.

Sep 19

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT AND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Outdoor screening of The Fall Guy in the campus commons with food trucks, games, and more.

Oct 23

GAMES NIGHT: BINGO NIGHT SOCIAL

Bingo Night Social with free admission and \$3,000 in tuition credit as prizes.

Nov 14

CALM BENEATH CASTLES - KAMLOOPS PREMIERE

Screening the flagship ski movie by Matchstick Production. Proceeds from the ticket sales shared as fundraiser for the Freestyle Club and funding financial awards for TRU Students.

Nov 27

WINTER FEST

Celebration of the end of the semester with an outdoor winter fair and tree lighting ceremony. The event included firepits, live music, marshmallow roasting, food trucks, hot chocolate, games, and more.





EQUITY COMMITTEE

The Equity Committee had a productive year, focusing on bringing our community together to learn, take action, and celebrate diversity. Through our eight core programs, we engaged thousands of students, staff, faculty, and community members in meaningful equity initiatives to help grow and strengthen connections within our community.

We provided opportunities for learning through events and initiatives that explored topics like disability inclusion and Indigenous knowledge. Our outreach campaigns encouraged direct engagement with social justice issues like Water is Life and RAVEN Trust, while sending 15 Amnesty Urgent Action Letters demonstrated our commitment to addressing human rights violations on a global scale.

We also recognized and celebrated leadership and diversity through initiatives such as the Pride Parade and Women of TRU campaign, which highlighted meaningful contributions and emphasized the importance of inclusivity. These events brought people together, reinforcing a shared commitment to equity and inclusion.

The Equity Committee looks forward to building on this year's efforts and continuing to advance this equity work for the next year to come.

QUICK FACTS

- Raised **\$630.70** for RAVEN Trust.
- Donated **\$3500** collectively to local non-profit organizations.
- Outreach **10** times, 8 on campus and 2 in community.
- Sent **15** Urgent Action Letters Addressing Human Rights violations.
- Trained **25+** people on Disability Inclusion and Awareness.
- Received **50+** personal messages in support of the Water is Life Campaign.
- Received **80+** Nominations to be considered for Woman of TRU 2025.
- **125+** people attended first annual EDI Lecture Series
- **75+** people attended Women of TRU Charity Luncheon.

Jan - Feb

CAMPUS CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Collected donations from campus and Kamloops community for the Campus Clothing Exchange and hosted a week-long pop-up shop where students could browse lightly used clothing donations and take what they need for free.

Jan 17

WHO NEEDS FEMINISM CAMPAIGN OUTREACH

Campus outreach to engage students in the Who Needs Feminism campaign.

Feb 14

WATER IS LIFE OUTREACH

Campus Outreach to engage students in the Water is Life Campaign and sign a banner sent to Indigenous Services Canada.

Mar 08

WOMEN OF TRU

An online showcase of the seven selected women nominated by the campus community as leaders on campus. Followed by an International Women's Day celebration where the Women of TRU gave a \$500 donation to a Local Non-Profit of their choice.

Mar 14

ELIMINATE RACISM OUTREACH

Campus Outreach to engage students in how racism can present in day-to-day life and how to eliminate it.

Mar 27

AUTISM AWARENESS OUTREACH

Campus Outreach to engage students to support the International recognized Autism Awareness Day.

Sep 25

TRUSU PRIDE PARADE

On campus parade that celebrates 2SLGBTQIA+ people and marks campus a safe place to study, work and live. The event also included a sign making event to build excitement for the event and outreach to the campus community.

Sep 25

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

Committee organized a delegation to attend the Kamloops Take Back the Night Parade to end violence against women.

Oct

RAVEN TRUST FUNDRAISER

Hosted a fundraiser for an organization that helps Indigenous Communities in court with legal fees to fight for land rights.

Oct 30

EDI LECTURE SERIES

Hosted a Lecture for the campus and broader Kamloops community on Indigenous Knowledge in Curriculum by Hon. Judge Marion Buller.

Nov - Dec

MEETINGS WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Conversations with Indigenous Communities about what their priorities are for Post-Secondary Institutions.

Nov 14

DISABILITY INCLUSION AND AWARENESS TRAINING

Training facilitated by Victoria Disability Resource center that provided an opportunity to learn more about Disability Inclusion and Awareness.

Dec 06

DECEMBER 6TH VIGIL

Equity Committee attended the TRU vigil for December 6th, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

Jun - Dec

AMNESTY URGENT ACTION LETTERS

Sent biweekly letters through the Amnesty Urgent Action network addressing a wide variety of human rights violations around the world.



SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Services Committee is responsible for the development, implementation, and administration of the basic needs, professional and educational services that helps students succeed while pursuing education at TRU.

In 2024, the Union continued to improve and provide a comprehensive range of services to students that helps members financially, creates a community, and promotes academic success. The Union's services like the Health and Dental plan, UPASS, Locker Rental, Deals Discount Program and Common Grounds helped members' save time and money while services like Chefs Package, Community Meals and Emergency Food Security Program focused on reducing food insecurity on campus and building a community.

QUICK FACTS

- Provided **3950** free Community Meals to students
- Awarded **20** \$1,000 Student Bursaries from TRUSU Endowment
- Distributed **1950** Chefs' Packages
- Provided Free Swimming Lessons to 84 students
- Distributed **200** Free First Aid Kits.
- Provided **33** Students Emergency Food Support.
- Registered/Renewed **129** Student Clubs.
- Funded **408** students to attend conferences
- Funded **306** student events funded



Jan 24

FIRST AID KIT GIVEAWAY

An installment in the TRUSU Wellness series that distributed 100 First Aid kits to students to help them respond effectively to common injuries and emergencies.

Jun 19

2024 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Recognition of students who demonstrated exemplary service to the campus community in accordance with the Union's strategic priorities through the distribution of seven \$2,000 awards.

Sep 01

UPASS MOBILE APP MIGRATION

The UPASS program was successfully transitioned from a physical card to a mobile application called Umo for easier and affordable access to public transit.

Sep 11

CLUBS DAY

This annual event showcased clubs and campus grounds, providing more than 75 clubs an opportunity to recruit new members and promote their activities.

Sep 16

TENANTS RIGHTS WORKSHOP

A workshop supporting members in addressing common issues they might face with regards to housing and accommodation.

Oct 16

CLUB LEADERS GATHERING: CAMPUS SERVICES

This gathering introduced club leaders to a wide variety of campus services and allowed club leaders to ask questions of the individuals who manage those services.

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Nov 20

CLUB LEADERS GATHERING: GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP

This gathering provided club leaders with tips and tricks for seeking sponsorship and grant funding for their clubs activities.

Nov 21

SUB STUDY NIGHT

The inaugural SUB study night was an overnight event designed to assist students in completing assignment and papers at the end of the semester.

ONGOING EVENTS

COMMUNITY MEALS

This meal program provided students with a communal space to interact over a hot meal every two weeks throughout the entire year in the Students' Union Building.

CHEF'S PACKAGES

This program provided students with a meal kits to make at least two healthy home cooked meals every month of the year.

LEARN-TO-SWIM SESSIONS

Six 5 week sessions of this program were held throughout the year allowing students who had never learned to swim with the basics of swimming and water safety.



UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

QUICK FACTS

- Supported **182** student representatives across two terms of the Student Caucus.
- Attended **15** meetings of the TRU Senate and Board of Governors.
- Hosted **8** consultation sessions for Student Caucus members.
- Conducted **136** Student Caucus interviews.
- Procured **9** new student representative positions.
- Developed **8** resources for student representatives in TRU's governance.
- Hosted **6** Student Caucus Gatherings.
- Submitted **7** requests across university governance.
- Advised **18** committees on student representative support.
- Conducted **11** classroom presentations.

The University Affairs Committee is responsible for the institutional advocacy work of the Union. This includes overseeing the Student Caucus program, participating in consultations, appearances, and submissions through the Student Voices program, and directing university lobbying campaigns.

Over the last year, the University Affairs Committee continued to grow its Student Caucus program and encourage meaningful student participation in decision-making across TRU's governance system. Updates included several new student representative and committee support frameworks, training opportunities, and online resources.

Additionally, the University Affairs Committee organized Student Caucus participation across a variety of Student Voices activities including participating in a campus-wide food service consultation, receiving support for a request for additional campus microwaves, and attending several key university governance activities.

Jan 16

UNIVERSAL DESIGNED LEARNING CONSULTATION

Student Caucus members participated in a consultation session to discuss the future of accessible learning and course design at TRU.

Feb 22

SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION & RESPONSE POLICY CONSULTATION

Student Caucus members attended a consultation to provide input on the sexual violence prevention and response policy with the Faculty of Student Development.

Feb 23

TRU CHANCELLORS ANNOUNCEMENT

University Affairs Committee members attended the announcement and welcome of the new TRU Chancellor, DeDe DeRose.

Mar 04

FACULTY OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Student Caucus members attended a consultation with an external reviewer for the Faculty of Student Development.

Mar 07

PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS CONSULTATION

Student Caucus members attended a consultation on the potential of implementing a campus-wide procedural fairness policy.

Apr - May

GRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS PROJECT RECAP PRESENTATIONS

University Affairs Committee members presented the results of the Graduate Student Success project to representatives from the Faculty of Education and Social Work, the Gagliardi School of Business and Economics, and the Research Office.

Apr 30

THE FUTURE OF THE TRU LIBRARY CONSULTATION

Student Caucus members attended a consultation with an external reviewer for the TRU Library.

Jun 12

TRU MICROWAVES REQUEST PRESENTATION

University Affairs Committee members presented a request to the University Space Planning Committee and received support for increasing the number, locations, and cleanliness of microwaves across campus.

Aug 15

TRU PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH SUBMISSION SESSION

Student Caucus members attended a session to help draft a submission for the TRU Presidential Search Committee.

Aug - Sep

STUDENT CAUCUS RECRUITMENT

The University Affairs Committee led a recruitment drive to identify and select suitable candidates to fill vacant positions across TRU's governance.

Sep 28

STUDENT CAUCUS ORIENTATION

Selected Student Caucus members were oriented to the TRU governance system and their role on a university committee.

Oct 23

FOOD SERVICE CONSULTATION

Student Caucus members attended a consultation with an external reviewer for the food services across TRU's campus.

Nov 13

PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM CONSULTATION

Student Caucus members attended a consultation with the TRU Policy Specialist to provide input on a variety of policies on credits, grading, and transfer credits.

Nov 21

TRU ELECTION PROCEDURES SUBMISSION SESSION

Student Caucus members attended a session to contribute to a written submission on changes to the TRU Election Procedures.



