STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Aidan Gough for SFU Board of Governors

Dear friends, students, staff, faculty, and community at SFU,

My name is Aidan Gough, and I am a third-year Political Science student. It is my deepest honour to be running to serve as your student-elected member on the 2026-2027 Board of Governors.

For as long as I have been part of this institution, I have made it my mission to serve our community and represent the diverse sectors of our student body to the best of my ability. As Co-President of the Political Science Student Union, SFSS Councillor, Vice-Chair of the Finance and Administration Services Committee, and a member of the Oversight Committee on Executive Officers, I have consistently worked to advocate for students across multiple levels of governance, and ensure prudent financial stewardship, with transparent allocation of resources toward priority areas that directly support our student body's needs.

I currently serve as an elected Student Senator for the 2025-2026 term, sitting on SPCSAB and SUAAC, where I contribute to decisions that directly impact student access to financial support. Through my role in the Senate, I will be able to liaise between both governance bodies, and represent each chamber's priorities to the other, ensuring stronger coordination overall.

Everywhere I go, I strive to represent the full breadth of our student body, and advance a more transparent and accountable governance structure. The student perspective is essential to the foundation and future of this university. I have dedicated my time at SFU to serving this community with integrity, and if elected to the Board of Governors, I will ensure that student voices are listened to, and meaningfully reflected in our policies and decisions.

My Priorities, and focus are on:

1) **Safe and Equitable Investments:** Align the Board's management of funds, endowments, and assets with our community values and SFU's Responsible Investment Policy (B10.16).
2) **Student Affordability:** Use the Board's authority over fees, budgets, and financial supports to reduce financial barriers for our students.
3) **Accessible and Inclusive Campus:** Ensure campus infrastructure and spaces are safe, accessible, and inclusive for everyone.
4) **Grants, Bursaries, and Scholarships:** Strengthen student financial support through the Board's powers over awards and funding and ensure equitable distribution.

If elected, I am committed to truly representing the student community and ensuring that our institution reflects the needs, values, and ambitions of its students. Please feel free to reach out to me at amg33@sfu.ca, or through my survey: https://forms.gle/ThVn2Ph3qYQv1Xoy9, to share what you want to see from our university.

Sincerely,
Aidan Gough

