Hi! My name is Christopher Correia. I am a PhD candidate in the School of Resource and Environmental Management.

Thank you for making time to read my Statement of Interest!

Why am I applying?

- To contribute my knowledge and experience to help improve UniverCity (which is operated by the Trust), as it grows in the future. I would provide a unique perspective as your Student Representative because:
  - My PhD research is focused on how urban planning policies and regulations can better accommodate the impacts from urban development.
  - I've worked for over eight years in urban planning for a consulting firm and the Planning Department of a local municipality.
  - I have a deep understanding of the urban planning factors that must be considered by the Trust as it guides UniverCity's expansion.
- To advance progressive values and priorities to the governance of the Trust. Our values are different than previous generations; we are concerned about more than just money; our awareness of our impact on the world is greater, as are our expectations about what a community, like UniverCity, must provide.

What are my priorities?

- Prioritize the housing needs of students: as UniverCity expands to provide more housing, I want to ensure that affordable housing is available for students. UniverCity should be about more than housing and investment properties for the rich. The Trust needs to consider alternative forms of housing such as co-operative housing, which is more affordable, accessible, and inclusive for students.
- Prioritize social and environmental responsibility, alongside financial responsibility in the Trust’s policies and decision-making process. The Trust’s actions must focus on weighing decisions through the lens of a triple bottom line: social, environment, and financial considerations.
- Prioritize the construction of the Burnaby Mountain Gondola, to ensure reliable access is provided for students to and from Skytrain.

Thank you for reading all the way until the end! I hope to represent you, my fellow student, and your interests as your Student Representative!

January 31, 2019 | Christopher Correia
Jasdeep Gill  
SFU Community Trust Statement of Interest  
January 2019

Dear SFU Students,

My name is Jasdeep Gill, and I am a 4th year undergraduate student studying International Business. I am also currently serving as the Vice President of External Relations on the SFSS Board of Directors. I want to represent SFU students on the Community Trust to ensure that students needs are being prioritized in the continuous community planning on Burnaby Mountain.

The SFU Community Trust plays an integral role in the development of UniverCity, and directly impacts the broader community surrounding our campus. The members of the trust are responsible for developing policies that determine the priorities of the community which currently houses many SFU students, staff, and faculty.

As a student representative on this Board, my priority will be to ensure that the UniverCity community provides:

- **Affordability:** Currently, SFU Residence does not provide enough beds to meet the growing demand for student housing on campus. Even though residence is expanding, there will still only be enough beds to accommodate 10% of the total full-time student population by 2028. UniverCity can supplement this shortage of supply by providing low-end market housing that will be affordable for students.

- **Accessibility:** Along with affordable housing, it is very important to provide the additional community services (i.e. child care, schools, efficient transit) for students that have families and dependents. The services provided in the UniverCity community play a large role in eliminating some of the key barriers students have in attending or returning to school after starting a family.

- **Safety:** A very important concern that impacts SFU, UniverCity, and the broader community on Burnaby Mountain is the risk of being located so close to the Burnaby Mountain tank farm. It is critical to put in place a comprehensive evacuation plan that will protect this community in the case of a spill, explosion, or any adverse aftermath of potential seismic activity in the area.

If these issues resonate with you, please be sure to vote! It is critical to have strong student representation on issues that directly pertain to our experience and safety at SFU.

Sincerely,

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1. [https://www.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/students/residences/pdfs/NewResidenceBuilding/2015-10-20_Simon%20Fraser%20RMP2.pdf](https://www.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/students/residences/pdfs/NewResidenceBuilding/2015-10-20_Simon%20Fraser%20RMP2.pdf)
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I am interested in the position of student representative to the SFU Community Trust. This role involves advocating the position of SFU students within the SFU Community Trust, that makes decisions surrounding developments in the UniverCity community (located on the east side of the Burnaby Mountain campus). As a graduate student in the Geography department at SFU, I hope to see positive developments and opportunities for students in the growing UniverCity community. As a PhD candidate, I can also commit to the full duration of the 2-year term. My interest in this position is not limited to my academic life, as I am also a resident of UniverCity (since 2016). I am in an advantageous position to influence decisions that will benefit the entire Burnaby Mountain community due to my experiences as both an SFU student and UniverCity resident. I feel strongly that everyone should be able to enjoy the amenities UniverCity has to offer now, as well as the amenities it will have to offer in the future.

New rent-only and rent controlled spaces are the most important issue to students, related to the SFU Community Trust, and I would strongly advocate for these developments specifically for SFU students. I am keenly aware that many students feel limited in their residential options in the North Burnaby area, and are often unable to find and/or afford living on the mountain close to SFU. In addition, there are also numerous and long-rumoured projects, such as the new art gallery and art space, that will need to be planned with the SFU student in mind. I hope to convince board members of the need to allocate and incorporate spaces into these plans to allow for more entertainment related events that can better link SFU students to the growing community on the mountain. This would allow for more student and faculty organized events and functions to be held in spaces convenient for students, while also contributing to a growing culture on Burnaby Mountain.

As a ‘mature student’ I have been lucky enough to have several positions outside of school life to help prepare me for this position, if elected. I have significant experience conducting meetings and working in a collaborative environment that requires negotiation and dialogue to resolve issues and achieve consensus. Most recently I have been the acting geography representative to the Graduate Student Society (GSS) at SFU; served as vice-president and general secretary for the Geography Graduate Association (GGA) and I am currently a member of the Communications and Events Committee in the Department of Geography. These service positions demonstrate my commitment to improving on-campus life at SFU and the ability to competently perform the duties assigned to me in an elected position.

If elected, I look forward to serving the students of SFU first, while staying focused on representing both the university’s and mountain residents’ views within the board of directors of the SFU Community Trust.

Sincerely,

John Pickering