

Hi, I'm Pranay Ratan, a passionate Data Science major at SFU, and a candidate for SFSS VP Equity and Sustainability. My commitment to social justice is rooted in practical action, as seen in my co-founding of the Testify Foundation, which has supported education and equity by establishing a slum school in Mumbai. With my sustainability certification from the University of Illinois, I'm equipped to bring informed change and ready to make a tangible difference. SFU stands at the forefront of sustainability among global universities. It's our responsibility to think bigger and be the leaders of change, setting a precedent for what a truly sustainable and equitable future can look like.



My experience with the Mission Green Mumbai campaign underscores my dedication to sustainability, and I aim to bring substantial improvements to SFSS, such as:

New Initiatives:

- Increasing Student and Staff Involvement: I plan to facilitate direct participation in sustainability initiatives through workshops and projects.
- Sustainable Exchange Portal: I aim to establish a university-specific thrift portal for students to exchange items, promoting reuse and sustainable practices within our community.
- Enhancing Transparency: I will keep the community informed via a digital dashboard showcasing real-time progress.
- Women's Centre Enhancement: My vision includes not only making the Women's Centre more accessible and supportive but also educating the SFU community about its inclusivity.
- Energy Conservation: Advocating for 'Dark Hours' to reduce electricity wastage at the university.

Service Improvement:

- Advocating for culturally sensitive SFU Health and Counselling services.
- Developing support structures for marginalized communities within the SFSS.
- Conducting equity training workshops, informed by my data science background for inclusive practices.
- Ensuring essential student support centers have adequate resources.
- Creating a fund for student-led social justice initiatives.
- Promoting financial aid, inspired by my foundation's mission to help those in need.

Collaboration for Sustainability:

- Partnering with entities like Embark to enhance the SUB planters and community gardens.
- Supporting SFU 350's call for divestment from fossil fuels.
- Elevating the SUB's sustainability practices using a data-centric approach.

Let's forge a student society that truly reflects our commitment to equity and sustainability.

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