

Memorandum



TO: Ashneet Kaur, Communications Coordinator
Josh Thomas, Director, Policy & Campaigns

CC:

From: Jaismine Kaur, Campaigns Assistant

Date: 21 March, 2025

RE: **CSU April Newsletter Content**

📦 Don't Forget to Vote! 📦

Final voting day for Federal Elections: Monday, April 28, 2025

📌 On-Campus Voting Days:

- **Sunday, April 13** | 12 PM – 6 PM
- **Monday, April 14 – Wednesday, April 16** | 9 AM – 9 PM

Make your voice heard!


For more election details, visit: [Elections Canada](#)

We Demand Direct Buses to Capilano University!

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Since TransLink cut the 28, 130, and 239 bus routes to Capilano University in 2020, students face overcrowded, unreliable transit. The newly introduced 245 shuttle route is inefficient and unable to meet the demand of our growing student population.

 **Take Action!** Tell your local MLAs and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to restore direct bus routes to Capilano University.

Click [here](#) to send a pre-written, or a customized letter, to the decision-makers.

Every submission counts!

Link: [Connect CapU](#)

What We've Been Working On:

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Advocating for Students

On March 15, CSU VP of Student Affairs Ekam Sandhu and Director of Policy & Campaigns Josh Thomas met with MP Patrick Weiler at CapU's Squamish Campus to push for better public transit, affordable student housing, and stronger protections for international students. Discussions included restoring direct bus routes, eliminating the \$75 BC health fee, and increasing work-hour limits.

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Government Relations Luncheon

On March 19th, the Capilano Students' Union (CSU) hosted its Annual Government Relations Luncheon in the Maple Lounge for CSU board members and staff to network and connect with the elected officials from all levels of government over a catered lunch.

Attendees included:

- **Acting Mayor Councillor Jordan Back** (District of North Vancouver)
- **Acting Mayor Councillor Sharon Thompson** (District of West Vancouver)
- **Mayor Armand Hurford** (District of Squamish)
- **MP Terry Beech** (Burnaby North—Seymour)
- **MLA Bowinn Ma** (North Vancouver—Lonsdale)

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- **MLA Lynne Block** (West Vancouver—Capilano)
- **MLA Susie Chant** (North Vancouver—Seymour)
- **Staff from MLA Jeremy Valeriot's office** (West Vancouver—Sea to Sky)

The event aimed to strengthen professional relationships between CSU representatives and the policymakers to promote connections for further advocacy efforts of CSU.

Fighting for Grocery Rebate Support

February 20, 2025, we sent a letter to the Finance Minister Brenda Bailey to reinstate the cancelled grocery rebate, highlighting student food insecurity. With over one-third of CapU students struggling to afford food, we continue pushing for dedicated financial support in Budget 2025 through measures like targeted grocery rebates, direct financial assistance, or student-focused tax breaks.