So you want to change something about evergreen? Great, here’s how!

There are two ways to get your item on the ballot:

1: Through the GSU

* + Come to a GSU meeting and present your idea during public comments
  + GSU can either endorse to be put on the ballot, or suggest you petition

2: By petition

* + Requirements:
    - 10% of student body to be put on the ballot.
    - Petitions must be done the same Academic year as the vote. (You can’t petition during spring, for a vote the following year’s fall)

There are **Five** types of initiatives:

* Advisory vote/Poll
  + The results of this vote are non-binding
* GSU Policy (Constitution/bylaw change)
  + Participation threshold:  10% of students vote for action to be taken
  + Example: 2015 GSU constitution changes
* College Fee
  + Participation threshold: 25% of students vote for action to be taken
  + Example: CRC fee, WashPIRG fee
  + Required on the Winter ballot, submitted to the GSU no later than week 2
  + Requires prior consultation with college budget officer
  + If passed, requires administrative review and board of trustees approval
  + If threshold is met administration must respond to the student body by week 5 the following quarter.
* College Policy
  + Participation threshold: 15% of students for action to be taken
  + Example: Mascot name change, Ban the bottle
  + If passed, requires senior staff and Board of Trustees/Presidential approval
  + If threshold is met administration must respond to the student body by week 5the following quarter.
* State/Federal Policy change
  + Participation threshold: 15% of students vote for action to be taken
  + Requires preliminary review from the director of governmental relations.
  + If approved requires response from Board of Trustees or office of the President by week 5 the following quarter.

Brief description of initiative

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In order for your item to be put on the ballot, some work needs to be done  
1: Decide what type of vote you want to put on the ballot (as described above)   
2: Meet with the appropriate administrator (as shown in table 1)

3: Bring your final proposal to the GSU or begin your petition

*\*If you have any questions, or need some guidance, bring your proposal to a GSU meeting for help\**

**Type of vote**

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| **Type of Vote** | **Meet with** | **Feedback received** |
| GSU Policy Change | Geoduck Student Union |  |
| College Fee | Executive Director for Operational Budget and Planning |  |
| College Policy | Vice President for Finance and Administration  Vice President for Student Affairs  VIce President & Provost |  |
| State/Federal Policy change | Director of Government Relations/Designated VP |  |

For any help or information, please come to a GSU meeting:  
1:15 - 3 PM in CAB 301