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 AdministrationVice President for Student AffairsVIce 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