Students' Union Candidate Profiles ...

Board of Governors

Kimberley Rogers, D'89 slate



Representing student concerns from the grassroots level up is a priority of Board of Governors candidate Kimberly Rogers.

The former Lister Hall floor co-ordinator says she has experience dealing with student concerns and bringing the concerns to a board. "I'm interested in representing these concerns at this level, and I'm willing to put in work at the committee and board levels," says the BOG candidate for the Directions '89 slate.

"It's important to have someone in this position who is in touch with students," Rogers says, adding her work at Lister Hall brought her into contact with students from all faculties.

Rogers is also an Arts Representative to Students' Council and a member of the Nominating Committee and Academic Affairs Board

If elected Rogers believes it will be important to become involved in student activities at many levels to keep informed of student concerns. "I don't believe going to speak in classrooms and keeping office hours is the best way to involve students.

"What students are going to bother coming to the second level of the SU building to discuss concerns with their Board of Governors rep? The chances of this happening are slim, so I believe I'll have to get involved," Rogers says.

Kevin Klapstein, Rep slate



Vocalizing student concerns at the Board of Governors level is the key responsibility of a candidate for this position, says Kevin Klapstein.

Klapstein is the Representative candidate for the BOG position. "The Board of Governors runs this place and without a strong student advocate the students will have no say with the board," Klapstein says.

"If he (the BOG representative) doesn't say anything and he doesn't do anything, then there is going to be a problem ... I think we need a strong advocate, and I'm not afraid to stand up and say what I think.

I'm not in this to make friends, I'm in this to be a student advocate," Klapstein says.

Strong representation for the position is especially important this year because there will be a new Univeristy of Alberta president in place this fall, Klapstein adds.

The Rep Slate candidate is the president of the undergraduate science society; was a student council member for two years; served on the external affairs board, the ethics committee, science faculty council and the science faculty academic appeals board.

If elected Klapstein says he intends to keep office hours, and post the minutes of BOG meetings on his office door. "A lot of students don't even know what the Board of Governors is, and

what it does. That's because there is a lack of communication flowing from the board to the students," Klapstein says, adding he intends to correct this.

Steve Twible, Independent



Board of Governors candidate Steve Twible says experience is the key to representing students at the BOG level.

"The Board of Governors isn't something you can do in one year." says the incumbent candidate. Twible is the lone independent candidate running for the BOG position.

All other members of the board sit for three year terms, and many sit for two of these terms, Twible says.

"A lot of academic policies are still in front of the board and I don't want to leave in the middle," Twible says, adding it would be in the best interest of U of A students to have an experienced board of governors rep.

Twible has also sat on other committees and boards, including the General Faculties Council, the Council on Student Services, Safety on Campus, Facilities Development, Career and Placement Services, Occupational Health and Safety, and the Presidential Search Committee.

"A Board of Governors candidate also needs the experience of sitting on many university committees. They need to understand how the issues facing the board got to where they are," Twible says.

"I'm the experienced choice. It's not going to take me six months to figure out what's going on. I can continue with my work in May," he adds.

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