

VICE-PRESIDENT □ VICE-PRESIDENT □ VIC



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1. The vice president's role is in the running of student union operations, societies, and affiliations which goes into orientation jobs, and working with the representatives of the students.

2. Student services are a very big concern to the V.P. The V.P. should always be aware of the student's needs. We were talking about taking a student survey at the beginning of the year as far as specific forms of entertainment people would like.

Student services is so diversified, it's--you could talk about entertainment for one, that's a big student service. What we're planning on doing is going around and giving out pamphlets or questionnaires and just seeing what the students' interests are in entertainment.

Orientation is a big student service. We were talking and discussing various schemes. Last summer they took 100 students, divided them by 10 and took them around for a day.

We'd like to see orientation as a fun time and also a learning experience. We'd like to get some workshops on study habits possibly. Study habits are different at university compared to high school.

Student services--you can talk about that forever. Student services are everything in the university so it's hard to pinpoint unless you're asking a specific question. We're talking about bar services, we're talking about the games room, we're talking about library services. I mean, there's financial services, security.... We're concerned about security on campus--Shirreff Hall. They're going to a security guard because they feel that security on campus is lacking. With security we can create more jobs.

Bike racks is another plan. Bike racks in prominent places so bikes don't get stolen.

3. Services should be run for the

students and not like a business. Whether a service has to run at a deficit, well so be it. But we will try to get enough students interested so we won't run a deficit.

4. The SUB is being run fairly efficiently. There is an inefficient use of space and that's a problem. This is one of the biggest student union buildings in Canada--there shouldn't be any lack of space. We are looking at the SUB blueprints right now to see if any improvements can be made.

We need more office space for student services like the advocacy service. We are looking into moving the Grawood from the third floor to the Games Room.

5. I haven't been involved with council directly. I've gotten involved in issues that affected me personally, like student aid. I've worked quite extensively* in minor hockey for six years, which is set up almost like a student council because of its committees. I don't think being on council for any number of years really helps that much. It may give you a better idea how things run. But as long as you know the issues and you're open to discuss it with students, then I think the experience on council is no advantage.

6. A lot of people are leaving. This means council will have a whole new face. We are consulting last year's student council and people from other years to get a good idea about what type of person to look for. There is a big pool of talent out there, both on the graduate and undergraduate level. We are confident we can get competent people.

7. We've discussed with John Graham his departure and he has assured us that his door will be open all the time. With any new job though, it takes a while for he/she to get adjusted to that

position. We don't foresee any major problems that we can't deal with. If councillors feel the new General Manager is doing an insufficient job then we will take a serious look at this person. Also, with a new person on the job a review would be necessary.

8. Very important role. Societies contribute a great deal to university life. Without societies you would have a lot of diversified interests and you wouldn't have enough time to get things done. Societies are there to represent people and voice their views as well as organize events.

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9. Instead of having the available correspondence in the office, they should be more out in the open. A big bulletin board posted by the inquiry desk is needed. I think a lot of people are intimidated to go into the council offices. We would like to have the offices move accessible. Maybe by moving the offices out in the open as well.

Another way students could be more informed is an increased *Gazette* role. Obviously the *Gazette* is autonomous, but I would consider it wise to put in a student union news section and report on who showed up to meetings and who didn't. The student press could be very influential in making sure the student union business or issues get across to students. A lot of people read the *Gazette*. I think it would be a good service.

I think it is important to solicit student's views on the entertainment DSU provides. This could be done by making the student union more accessible.

Vice-president

1. How does the vice-president's role differ from the president's?
2. What is the role of the vice-president in the delivery and management of student services?
3. Do you see any problems with the DSU being so service oriented?
4. Is SUB management good, and what changes would you make?
5. Have you been involved in student council? In what capacity?
6. Many experienced people are not returning to council next year. How will you ensure that if there is any void, it will be filled?
7. John Graham, General Manager of the SUB, is retiring this year. Do you see any transitional problems?
8. What role do societies play in student university life?
9. How could students be made more aware of student union activities decisions made by council?

REZA RIZVI Executive V.P.

1. The vice-president's role is directed towards services, and activities and operations in the SUB. The president deals more with external relations with the government and community as a whole. If the president is away, then it is the duty of the vice president to take over his/her role while away.

2. The VP oversees the goings on of the staff in the SUB. He relates to the staff through the general manager. The VP acts as an intermediary between council and the General Manager.

3. Our key role is not profit generation. Services for students come first. Yet at the same time we don't want to have projects that are not making any money. But making losses means we cannot provide services in future. There is always some room for expansion in services. I would go for something which was breaking even but more value to students rather than something of less value but profit oriented.

I don't see DSU being service oriented as a problem. Services are more tangible to students. We have to provide the services, because the university does not provide many by itself. It doesn't serve food or provide entertainment.

4. I can't really talk about the present arrangements because they are temporary, and won't apply in the next academic year. The problem I see may be when the present General Manager leaves. He has been here since the building opened, and knows the place inside out. I think the structure itself is good. The relations between technical, bar, entertainment and office services and the manager is good, and likewise, the link between the DSU and staff is good.

5. I've been involved in student politics for three years. I have been a science rep. for two years, and have served on various committees. I am community affairs co-ordinator for this year. I have also helped in fund raising activities, which is part of my job as coordinator.

6. You are right in saying that this is a major concern. The "old hacks" won't be returning. But the people on the student union are not the only ones that can run a student union. It's good to have people who are familiar with student union operations. What you really need is a strong executive,

because most of the groundwork is done there. If you have people there who know what's going on, the whole process is a lot smoother. Between Catherine and myself we have a lot of experience and hopefully people who fill the other positions will be experienced as well. They must be hard working, sensible and be willing to listen to opposing views with an open mind.

7. There could be problems. John has been at the SUB since it opened and is very experienced, but we have very competent people here. The new person will be shaky at first.

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8. They play a very critical role. I would have 90 societies to coordinate. That does not mean we have to run the societies. My job would be a guidance capacity only. I wouldn't be telling them what to do. Of course there would be intervention if the societies acted in, say, a racist way. This would be a constitutional judgement. I would be a source of advice, knowledge and communications.

9. One of the things we are trying to emphasize is more input from students. One of the ways we see to achieve this is the setting up of a committee of societies' presidents, which will meet once a month. We will tell them what's important going on and they can tell us what they are doing which is important to us. This way we have a direct, two-way communications link. The *Dispatch* is another way, but it needs improvement. There are faults there.

Communications have been a problem, for example with orientation. There are conflicts there because we have several orientations run by upper, lower campus and halls of residence, which clash. It is inefficient to provide several programmes -- we have to make effective use of our existing resources. Another example of resources not used effectively and efficiently is the TV monitors in the SUB. They are an example of a good idea badly utilized. Messages are often old. We also need more space for eating facilities.