

# Appointed positions provide continuity on 84-85 council

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Another year's crop of would-be student advocates joined council last week to complete its executive.

Aside from the president and vice-president who are elected, all of the key positions on council are appointed by council itself. Of the student reps on the Board

of Governors one is elected and one is appointed by council. Also appointed was a member-at-large.

The recruitment committee of council, which screens applicants for all council appointments unanimously recommended all successful candidates to council for the vote.

The new council members are:

## Vice-President External: Caroline Zayid

With three years on council, medical student Caroline Zayid has a strong background in the Student's Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), qualifying her for the VP-External position.

The VP-External acts as a liaison between the student union and other student unions and organizations.

"I think it is important to make students more aware of SUNS. As well, information about student aid and appeals will have to be increased," she said.

Since the VP-External has the responsibility to remain actively aware of student organizations on a national scale, Zayid says she wants Dal to continue cooperation with the national student organization, CFS.

"We would like to improve amalgamation within CFS, and maintain democratic control of this group," she said.

## Vice-President Academic: Jill Allen

For the second year running law student Jill Allen was appointed VP-Academic. This office is responsible for academic affairs affecting Dalhousie students.

Allen's previous experience as VP-Academic will provide continuity on council plus enabling her to follow up on recent developing projects.

"When I started with the course evaluations, the academic planning committee, and the part-time degree report, I felt like in the middle of it all. I wanted to see things through," she said.

The university's financial negotiations are a direct concern of Allen's. "The results of financial negotiations have a great impact upon academic planning. In the past universities ran academic planning on an ad hoc basis," she said.



Caroline Zayid was appointed as Vice-President External by the newly elected Student Council at Dalhousie.

## Office of Community Affairs: Reza Rizvi

Reza Rizvi, newly elected Community Affairs Secretary, has had varied positions during his two years on council. His experience has included two terms as Science rep, sitting on the Academic Affairs Committee, last year's Recruitment Committee of



Neil Ferguson, Catherine Blewett, Geoff Martin and Reza Rizvi were all appointed to positions by the newly elected Dal Student Council. Neil Ferguson will be Treasurer, Catherine Blewett, member-at-large, Geoff Martin, Board of Governors Rep and Reza Rizvi will take over the Office of Community Affairs.

the student union and the university Refugee Committee.

Reza said by the end of Caroline Zayid's term as Community Affairs Secretary, council should have picked one charity to support.

"We plan to coordinate activities to raise funds for this group using Dalhousie's facilities," he said.

## Member-at-Large: Catherine Blewett

Catherine Blewett, a political science student, now appointed under the auspices of member-at-large, is to ensure communication between students and council.

Blewett, who ran for Senate, basically got to meet people and became interested in shared student concerns.

At this council meeting Blewett was also elected to the Grants Committee, which goes through the summer.

"I hope that concerns of the students don't dissipate after the elections," she said.

## Board of Governors Representative: Geoff Martin

Geoff Martin, third year political science student, was appointed Board of Governors

Rep, a position involving the financial management of the university. Martin, who ran in the recent presidential elections, lost by a narrow margin of 3 votes.

Martin says his involvement with the Arts and Science Committee has provided him with experience in dealing with the internal workings of the university's finances.

Martin wants to get involved with the Residence Student Relations Committee and the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Governors. He says he would like to sit on as many committees as possible this summer.

## Treasurer: Neil Ferguson

Neil Ferguson, first year law student, was appointed Treasurer by council. Ferguson's ability to read record books and experience with computers will give him an understanding of the

management of the student union's budget.

Ferguson recognizes the precedents he will have to follow. "I hope to live up to the reputation Shawn built up for the office. Shawn has done a really, really good job," he said.

Ferguson is confident that this year's council will be good to work with and is looking forward to working with "Rusty 'n Lex."

## Chairperson: Steve Coughlan

Steve Coughlan, second year law student, is going for his second term as chair of council.

As a chair he is responsible for maintaining the rules of order during council meetings.

Coughlan attended University of Ottawa between 75-79 and then University of Toronto 79-82. Coughlan is presently working on his fourth degree program totalling 10 years in university.

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