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4. One of the main reasons we chose this year to run for the DSU is because we are both very near in completing our undergraduate careers at Dalhousie. This factor would, if elected, allow us to concentrate on the duties of President and VP Executive, while carrying a relatively small course load. However, if we were not elected to these positions, we both choose to complete our degrees and pursue the opportunities which come with a Dalhousie education.

Marie Abi Daoud – Senate

1. I believe that students want and deserve a high quality education with professors that are good lecturers, not intimidating, and an education at a reasonable cost. We want a university with excellent study conditions and a friendly atmosphere. That means smaller classes, a university accountable for their education, affordability, accessibility to all students of different backgrounds and foremost, a career after we graduate with our degree. Also, we want more funding for research, bursaries, grants, scholarships, and loans from our provincial and federal governments. Less debt at the end of our education helps in the process of a better life.

2. Running as a nominee for student representative on senate, I will make sure that your views are voiced on the senate. I will listen to what you are saying and make sure that your best interests are portrayed to the university. To reach goals we need dedication and perseverance. I will make sure that the university administrators and faculty hear us.

3. I want to be student senate representative because I believe it is important to know what is happening at our university and I want your best interests to be voiced. There are a lot of student issues to be addressed to administration and faculty at Dalhousie. I want to make sure that with the cooperation of the executive and Board of Governors representatives, we can work as a functional group to achieve more for student issues at our university.

4. If I am not elected as a student representative, of course I will be very disappointed. However, I will still try to get involved within university life through other avenues. Also, I will share my opinions and concerns with the DSU executive and senate representatives.

Mark Galley and Aryn Lalji did not submit answers.

Robin Mace – VP Internal

1. a) I know one thing for sure, students want their money's worth! All of us here at Dalhousie have paid a lot of money in the hopes that we will find whatever it is we came looking for. Some of us need this education for the careers we hope to pursue, some of us came to university to learn more about ourselves. Education is not only about acquiring knowledge, it's also about becoming a well-rounded person and exploring your potential.

b) No one likes to come to university and feel like they are just a number. Students do not want to feel as though they are being used for their money. First and foremost students desire respect and appreciation. University should provide students with a social and intellectual environment suitable for the personal growth most of us gain while attending university.

c) I think students want to be remembered by our federal and provincial governments. And not just for what they may or may not become in the future but for what they are right now. It's fine to talk about young people being Canada's future but don't forget that we put money into the economy, and we are members of the work force and, just as much as any other group. I think students want to feel as though our government is looking out for them. If they don't, we may just have to raise our voices a little higher.

2. Learning what the students want is the first step to finding out how I can help them. Working closely with the DSU Council representatives and society representatives will provide valuable feedback from the student body. Traditionally a society roundtable is held once a year. I would like to have representatives from all the DSU societies and societies from across the city meet once a month to share ideas and learn from each others' experiences. If all of the student groups in the community work together toward the

goals they have in common so much more could be accomplished.

3. I just have to say I love being on Council. It's so exciting and fun to know that the hard work you put in has the potential to touch so many people. Before this new position was created there was no one position so tailored to my interests, but here it is, V. P. Internal. The DSU can be a fine oiled machine at times but it does have its problems, advertising is one of those problems. The DSU provides so many great services, financed by your Student Union fees, but if students don't know about all these wonderful services than the DSU has not completed its job. Provide top quality advertising along with these services and every student gets more for their money.

4. No matter what happens I want to stay involved with the

4. The same thing I'm doing right now. Being involved. Doing everything I can do to make Dal a better place for everyone. Title or no title, the job is the same: to make everyone at Dal more informed about what they may be missing.

Feras Al-Banna did not submit answers.

April MacQueen – Community Affairs

1. a) What do students want from their education? The satisfaction that after three or four years of university, their diploma is more than just a piece of paper that costs \$20,000. As well, that their diploma and years at university will guarantee them placement in the work force, other than an entry level job.

b) What do students want from their university? A well rounded education that includes classroom knowledge and social activities. Our first, and main, reason for coming to university is to gain the knowledge necessary to further us in life. However, we would all burn out before the end of our degrees without the social aspect of university. Education is not only classroom knowledge, but social knowledge.

c) What do students want from the Federal and Provincial governments? More funding to the university in order to cut down the cost of their education. As well, for those who are on student aid/assistance, a more forgiving pay-back program with lower interest rates.

2. As Vice President Community Affairs, my position would deal more with the social aspect of university and the well rounding of students. To get what students want, I am going to increase school spirit through warm up parties before varsity games and having more hype during varsity events; increase student involvement with societies and clubs; and have Dalhousie/DalTech be more visible in Metro.

3. I want the job of Vice President Community Affairs because I don't want to be just another face in the crowd. I also want to spread this attitude to other students through Community Affairs events.

4. If I lose, I will continue to be active on campus, including the Community Affairs committee, and I would apply for the position of the Assistant of Community Affairs to work even more closely with the VP Community Affairs. I would possibly run for the position again the following year.

Dean Naugler – Community Affairs

1. Although these issues don't fall under my portfolio as VP Community Affairs in a direct way, I realize that they are very important to us. I think that students want a chance at a successful future from their education. From the university, I feel that students want fair tuition, smaller classes with focus on quality of education, and more involvement in campus life. From our Federal and Provincial governments, I think students want more support, which will make furthering our education easier and less stressful.

2. With my experience on the Community Affairs Committee, I have seen what this job requires. I've worked with many of the DSU people in planning and promoting events and activities at Dal. I'm very open to new ideas and love to try new things! The VP Community Affairs is here to organize the events and fund-raisers that Dal students want to see on campus. All I need is for people to get involved and approach me with their ideas so we can make this coming year the best one ever at Dal!!

3. I want this job because I love raising money for charities! I've already done a lot of fundraising at Dal, and there is so much more that I want to do! I love meeting new people and getting everyone involved, and I am so psyched to do this job!!!

4. Nothing special, but if I win I'm going skydiving for my first time!

VP Internal

DSU Council. You don't have to be on the DSU Council to be involved. The need for volunteers is endless! Community Affairs committee, Academic/External committee, Judicial Board, Frosh Week, Communications committee, Sub-Operations committee as well as several Senate committees are just a few of the many ways that students can help out. My job this year as Council Secretary did not have as obvious constituency as many of the other positions but I did have one; it was the entire student body. It is every Councillor's duty to ensure that the DSU Council acts responsibly and to its fullest potential. If I am not elected for the position of V. P. Internal you can be sure I will be doing everything in my power to make sure the DSU stays accountable to you no matter where that station may take me.

Nick Murphy – VP Internal

1. I believe that students want a well rounded education. This includes an educational opportunity provided not only in the classroom and from text books but a chance to interact with the people around us in a unique learning environment. Students want a University that can provide them with a chance to excel academically while learning more about themselves and others. A great deal of this learning takes place outside of the classroom. Dalhousie must provide an atmosphere where we have the opportunity to interact with new and different people all the time. This social component of learning is a big part of what the DSU should strive to provide. The government comes into play in our lives by deciding how accessible this educational experience will

be to us. By helping to keep universities affordable while maintaining high standards, the government will have given us what we need to pursue our educational goals.

2. I think that before this question can be answered it is important to find out what students really want by working directly with the societies that represent them. Societies at Dalhousie, unlike the DSU, have a more personal feel to them because of their smaller size and more familiar faces. By working with societies, we would be able to bring the DSU much closer to that personal feeling and therefore be able to provide students with the services and events they want.

3. Plain and simple, I love Dal. I sit on the DSU council, I'm the social coordinator for the Undergraduate Neuroscience Society, I was a frosh leader and I sit on numerous DSU committees. I really want to make other people love Dal as much as I do. In order for this to happen, I think people have to get involved! They have to know about all the great stuff going on at Dal and they have to be excited about it. They also have to feel welcome and feel like this is a place where they belong and want to come. I believe that I can make people excited and make people feel like they belong. I want every student to see the Dal that I love. I can't think of anything I'd rather be doing.

Community Affairs