

DSU hopefuls had to say

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Catriona MacFarlane For DSU Executive Vice- President

Most important concern

The biggest issue facing students in the next year will be whether Dalhousie adopts online and phone registration. Many universities throughout the country have already implemented such a program to become more efficient and better service student need. I would strongly agitate to have Dalhousie switch to this proven and reliable service. This way we could ensure that Dalhousie students have the same effective technology as other universities.

Why are you running?

I am running for this position because in the past four years I have seen a number of changes. These changes have been good and bad, but at the same time too much has remained the same. I want to be able to help initiate changes! Dalhousie should be leading other universities in its student programs and services, rather than falling further and further behind. I would lobby to ensure that this period of hesitancy concerning student concern ends.

Qualifications

As far as qualifications, I am a political science and English student. I am vice president and a mentor for the political science society and am also a councillor on the Dalhousie Arts and Social Science Society. I lived in residence my first year and from this I know it is possible to have a strong and united campus when people are made to feel they belong. I will strive to make sure that this feeling is strengthened, with a fresh approach and new ideas for both Dalhousie and DalTech.

New Ideas

I am full of new ideas and services that could be brought to the DSU. One of which I have already mentioned, online and phone registration. In addition I would like to see open and innovative communication between the DSU and students. This could be accomplished by bringing back campus criers and holding public forums, to let students know about upcoming events. Also I would like to publicise Tiger Patrol, by better advertising what it is, the routes it takes, and where to catch it. This, coupled with using the van as a shuttle service between campuses will further help to integrate the diverse university community.

Favourite word or phrase

One favourite phrase is too little. Any phrase uttered by Jay and Silent Bob is my favourite.

Brianne Johnston For DSU Vice-President Internal

Most important concern

Without question the biggest issues facing most university students are rising tuition and the quality of education. Yet in my individual position there is not a lot I can do to directly improve these dilemmas. However what I can do is be in contact with societies and other members of the university and voice their concerns to the members of the executive who are directly involved in dealing with those type of student issues.

Why are you running?

I am a huge advocate for societies and strongly believe in the opportunities they provide to students. I feel that all students should be given the chance to participate in societies and it is my goal as VP Internal to inform Dal students of the societies on campus so they can benefit from them as myself and many others already have. I also want to be there for societies by helping them fundraise, recruit new members and most importantly by making myself accessible to them.

It's unfortunate that the relationship between Dal and DalTech is strained. However, I want DalTech students to know that helping them is a priority of mine and as VP Internal I want to work with DalTech to establish their place and role in the greater workings of Dalhousie. I want to make them more aware of what is going on within the university and ultimately develop a better relationship with them.

Qualifications

My experience as a Residence Assistant, summer orientation leader, Welcome Fair Co-ordinator and current Editor-in-Chief of the Dal Gazette have allowed

me to see societies from both perspectives, that of someone who is involved in them, and someone who has also helped promote their benefits.

As Editor-in-Chief of the Dal Gazette I have had the responsibility of planning budgets, holding regular staff meetings, chairing committees and dealing with issues as they arise. This job has taught me a great deal about the importance of organization, communicating well with others and with the university and it's workings in general.

New ideas

There are a lot of new ideas that I would like to implement during my term in office and the advantage to them is that they are all feasible.

I love the idea of having a Welcome Fair to introduce students to societies and would like to see that type event happen more often during the first two months of school and at different locations across campus. I would also like to see societies receive their money from the DSU earlier in the year to allow them to begin their activities and attract new members sooner. I would also like to improve the web page, give more societies the chance to create their own web page and possibly provide links to other university societies. I would really like to work with the newly elected president, vice president executive and DalTech to try and resolve some of the issues that exist there. Tackle the communication barriers and discuss the possibility of more autonomy.

Favourite word or phrase

I have a lot of rather odd words that I like to use but one of my favourites is "superfantastic" because it's taking two great words and putting them together to put an even bigger emphasis on what you are trying to say.

Chrystal MacAulay For DSU VP Student Advocacy

Most important concern

I think the biggest issue next year will be tuition increases. Right now all we hear are rumors, but some say we will face increases of anywhere from 10 percent to 15 percent next year alone. The reason for this is the federal government's plan to slash funding to the provinces through CHST payments. We won't know anything for certain until the budget comes down at the end of this month, so this will be a controversial issue in the news very soon.

As VP Student Advocacy, it would be my job to voice student opinions to both the federal and provincial governments, as well as the university administration. An increase of that magnitude would be devastating for the majority of students, particularly if scholarship and bursary programs are not infused with a comparable amount of funding (which is unlikely). Accessibility has always been a major concern for me, and I would like to lobby specifically for a regulated system of tuition increases.

Why are you running?

I've always been interested in leadership and lobbying positions, especially dealing with academic issues. I've had an interest in the VP Advocacy job since my first year at Dal, and I believe I am now prepared to take on that role and to excel within that portfolio. My Frosh name was "Mouthy" and I'd love to let the government know why.

Qualifications

I am currently a University Senator, so I have already been heavily involved with academic issues at Dalhousie for almost a year. I've tried to get involved in as many ways possible, and have done so through the Fall Orientation Committee, the Dal Arts and Social Sciences Society, the DSU Election Committee, the Gazette, and the DSU Council. Credentials aside, one thing I have prided myself on is my dedication and active participation. I don't believe in simply attending meetings, I like to speak out and visibly represent the students who elected me. As VP Student Advocacy, I would have an even larger audience and more opportunities to make our opinions known and voices heard.

New ideas

First, I would like to work on strengthening Senate caucus - that would mean working closely with all five student Senate reps to plan a team strategy. From there, I would like to see the caucus conducting informal polls of students on relevant issues and taking these responses directly to the Senate. What better way to hear student voices than asking to actually hear them? I would also like to see a monthly article published in the Gazette and the Sextant to let students across all three campuses know what issues we are facing, and how we are serving their needs. As for external issues, I would first work to build a dedicated academic/external committee, and together come up

with a viable plan to lobby for student interests (e.g. regulated tuition increases).

Favourite word or phrase

Mmmm, CHOCOLATE!!! It helps me stay focused. And if I'm elected, my first task will be to see that all concrete in the LSC is replaced with chocolate. And vendors in the SUB giving away chocolate everyday. And anyone who voted for me would be entitled to give me a large gift of chocolate. See how I think of YOUR needs?

Shawn Tracey For Vice President Community Affairs

Most important concern

Undoubtedly the biggest issue facing students in the upcoming year is the university's response to the much anticipated provincial budget to come in early March. But these types of things are left to the DSU President, VP Student Advocacy and their committees. My job, as VP Community Affairs, would be to help students forget about such stressful issues and try to have fun during their stay at Dalhousie. By no means am I trying to make light or downplay the seriousness of tuition increases, but I would consider no part of my potential portfolio to be "The biggest issue facing students".

Why are you running?

I am running for this position because I feel it to be the fun position on the executive. Honestly, where else could you find a job where not only do you get to plan week-long parties and fundraisers, but you also are given the awesome powers of being on the executive. (ok maybe not so awesome, but it sounds pretty cool)

Qualifications

I am currently one of the student representatives to the Board of Governors, so I have experience on the DSU council. I am also Chairperson of the Dalhousie Science Society, President of the Dalhousie Association of Biology Students and a member of various committees. One of those committees is Community Affairs, so I have helped to plan or run most of the events which fall under the portfolio of the VP Community Affairs. I feel this takes a bit of the "steepness" off the learning curve and gives me a unique perspective whereas I have seen the events run first-hand.

New Ideas

As for new ideas, I do not have a lot in mind. This year Rosanne Cousins, the current VP Community Affairs, helped to bring back the Booster Club as well as supported a new fundraiser called "Raising the Roof" which benefits Halifax's homeless. These, along with all the traditional events and fundraisers, makes for a very busy year. I'm not saying new events are out of the question, but my first priority will be to run those established event to the best of my ability.

Favourite word or phrase

Nothing like a good "get to know you question". To be cheesy and quote a line from a song by Dave Matthews; "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we'll die." It seems a little harsh, but the underlying meaning is sound. Let's make the best of the time we have here at University. These are supposed to be some of the best years of our lives. Get involved and have FUN!!

Ian Robson and Jo-Anne Galarneau For Board of Governors Reps

Most important concern

Rising tuition costs are a huge concern for all students. As a Board of Governors Rep., we would ensure that the BoG was made explicitly aware of the fact that today's students are debt-ridden, and under increasing financial pressures. To do this, not only do we have to be elected, but we shall also require the constant input of the student body. We are merely representatives of the Dalhousie student body, and as such we can only express the will of the students. Tell us what concerns need to be brought before the BoG, and we shall bring them forth. Increased communication coupled with tenacity and vigour is what is needed.

Why are you running?

We are running for this position to bring our involvement to the next level. Both of us, have been involved in the Dalhousie community and we feel that this position helps us continue that. The board of governors is the highest decision making body at Dal and if you want to make a difference this would be the best opportunity.

Qualifications

Both of us have been involved with the DSU for a number of years. We would bring a high level of maturity and experience to the BoG as well as the DSU Council.

New Ideas

The BoG is a small council, and the number of student reps on it is even smaller. This necessitates a strong voice for students, and we can and will provide a strong voice.

Favourite word or phrase

Ian - "Every man must believe in something, I believe that I'll have another drink." W.C. Fields

Jo-Anne- "Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt, and dance like you do when nobody's watching."

Devin Roberts For Senate rep

Most important concern

There are many issues facing students these days. I believe one of the hardest issues students will have to face next year is tuition increases. Dal currently has the second highest tuition in Canada and I believe there are plans to increase tuition by another eight percent. This will put a real strain on the student body because many students have difficulties affording university.

Why are you running?

Currently, I work many part time jobs on top of my school work and volunteer work, and I know many other students have to work in order to afford


university. With tuition increases students are going to have to work more and more just to make ends meet. This is one of the main reasons why I would like to be part of the DSU. I want to work together with the new council and find some feasible solutions to these difficult problems. I will work hard for the student body if elected because I know how hard it is being a student these days and I want to do my best to ensure that a university education at Dalhousie is attainable for all students.

Qualifications

As for my experience, I have been involved with many councils, committees and teams in the three years that I have been here. Here's a quick run down of a few of these activities.

- Henderson House Vice President
- Employee of the Grawood and the Corner Pocket
- Member of the Dalhousie booster club and Dalhousie Community Affairs committee
- Announcer of the IWK Charity Cup and many varsity sports
- Participated in the "Toque Tuesday" charity event
- Chair and National Representative of the Nova Scotia Youth Committee for Scouts and Venturers.

As you can see I have tried to stay involved in as many different organizations as possible and all the experience that I have gained from each of these organizations I believe will help me as a DSU Senate Rep if elected.



GENERAL ELECTIONS 2000

THE CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Steven Cote & Rosanne Cousins
Zac Crouse & Jarrod Crouse
Mark Galley & Chauncey Kennedy
Leon Thomas & Catriona Macfarlane

VICE PRESIDENT POSITIONS

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	STUDENT ADVOCACY	INTERNAL
Shawn Tracey	Chrystal MacAulay	Brianne Johnston

REPRESENTATIVE POSITIONS

SENATE	BOARD OF GOVERNORS
James Eaton Ryan Macdonald Devin Roberts	Jo-Anne Galarneau W. Ian Robson

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