



THE CANDIDATES SPEAK OUT



College involvement and better facilities: Fusca's goals

Q. *What about the running of Council. A lot of people have said that Reya ran Council in a "dictatorial" fashion. Some said this alienated Council and commuter students. How would you run Council?*

A. We were alienated at the beginning. A lot of this had to do with the slate. We got along well as the year progressed. In reference to the alienation of Colleges? I want to get the standing committees going. They are very important to anything a Director does. It also gets the Colleges involved. We started off badly with the College's for some reason and I'm not exactly sure why. I hope to do a few things that might get them more interested. Starting off in May by going to them and introducing myself. I think that these people must receive notices of meetings through the mail. Messages get lost and they are forgotten. More of an effort has to be made to get these standing committees going. Executives should also get more involved. Keep the lines of communications open.

Q. *What are your priorities for next year?*

A. Getting the Colleges more involved is number one. A lot of our meetings this year were cancelled due to lack of quorum. We must make them feel like they are important because they are. Also, through my experience with the clubs I realize that there is a real lack of space on campus. I hope to put together another Student Centre proposal. Clubs serve an essential purpose but they cannot function properly without the proper facilities.

Q. *What about the New Model?*

A. I was really enthusiastic about it at the beginning. Because the Guelph Provost is looking into the Review of Student government it's almost given that we should hold back until we hear what he has to say.

Q. *Should we be waiting for the Administration to tell us what to do?*

A. No. I don't want them to interfere too much. But there is a problem. What I would like to do is sit down with the old and new College Presidents in May and find out why it didn't pass. We must keep close ties with the Guelph Provost and give some input.

Q. *So are you then not trying to implement the New Model next year?*

A. I'm not totally against putting in the New Model, if we sit down in the summer and decide that's what the College Presidents and Council want. They might want to hold back. We thought it would be in last September buy maybe it will be in by next year. There was not enough communication between CYSF Executive and the Constituent Colleges. I hate when people refer to the CYSF just as the Executive because that is

not what it is. That's not what I perceive it to be.

Q. *How do you feel about OFS and what kinds of policies will you institute?*

A. OFS is a given. We just had a referendum and students basically said we want in OFS. If we are putting \$30,000 into OFS we should get our money's worth. We must attend the conferences. Also we have easy access to them and we should be making greater use of them.

Q. *What about opposition from Council as was the case this year?*

A. Anyone running for External Affairs will have to be told quite clearly that we have to work with OFS.

Q. *Are you in favor of the institution of Activity Fees?*

A. Trying to figure out funding at York is probably the most confusing thing I've done at York. We definitely have to sit down and figure out properly, in a very comprehensive format, what money is whose and where it's supposed to go to.

Q. *How would you go about bringing more money into CYSF and how would this affect negotiations with Colleges who wish to stay out of CYSF?*

A. I don't have problems with CYSF throwing a big event to make money. This would then be put into a fund for a specific thing like a student centre. Students pay \$47 for CYSF and I think that is fair. If there was a coming together of the Colleges and a more centralized budget with the colleges working together that would help out. I don't want to increase the \$47. Perhaps the colleges could be persuaded to help fund a researcher.

Q. *What about funding clubs like the York Student Movement Against Apartheid?*

A. I would like to sit down with their representative and look at their proposal. Depending on the project perhaps they could be recognized as an educational group. I would like to see them take on an educational role. I'm willing to consider them but I would not give them any preferential treatment. They have cleared up some organizational problems and I would like to help them out.

Q. *What about the lack of commuter representation in the New Model?*

A. We should mail material to commuter students so they know who we are. I would like to continue with the CYSF newsletter. We could make an office that represents commuter students the same way there would be one representing visa students. Perhaps under a portfolio such as Services and Communications. This brings us back to the need for a Student Centre.

Q. *You've criticized this year's CYSF executive for "alienating the council." What do you mean?*

A. The strategy this year seemed to be that the decisions would come from the top and the bottom would be forced to respond to them. And the bottom in responding did so by not showing up for meetings, by not getting involved in any way. There was never any use of the colleges by the executive.

Q. *How would you get participation from the colleges?*

A. One of my real priorities is to get the committee system working the way it should have been working, the way it's in the constitution right now. Under each director there are committees that are supposed to be formally set up with representatives from each of the colleges on it. For the last few years it hasn't been done, so that the directors have been doing all the work themselves. So they haven't been encouraging participation from the colleges, which is where they should be getting help.

Q. *What do you think of the New Model for student government as it stands now, and what would you do to implement it?*

A. The New Model has a lot in it, a lot of solid things in it, but again it was the same problem with not talking to people about it. I don't think Reya went about implementing it the right way. At one point he tried to

Blink to monitor OFS and query colleges on New Model

pass all the by-laws under one motion—155 pages under one motion, which was an absurd idea. And there was a problem that the way it was going through was slightly unconstitutional, which could have created real problems next year. I wouldn't start all over again and I wouldn't try to implement the New Model as it stands now. What I would insist on is that it has to be talked about with every college on this campus. Rather than going from the top and having it filter down to the bottom, start with the councils. My biggest concern for next year is that we're going to have another year where there's no communication, where the executive feel that it is elected to make these decisions, and I don't think that's the right premise behind a government.

Q. *What are you going to do about OFS?*

A. I know a lot of people were expecting me to come out on this campaign and say 'vote for me, I kept OFS on campus.' I don't plan to use it at all. The good thing about what I did with OFS is that I know more about it than probably most people on this campus know, and that's given me a big advantage over, say my opponent, who I'm convinced wouldn't want to have anything to do with it again. I think that what we have to do is work at it, work hard at it for York, and I don't think that's been done in the past. Last year was just a mockery. What we have to do is go into it and sit

down and say, O.K., York is going to participate fully, and then at the end of six, eight months sit down and then say, 'We like it, it's working, we've got something out of it, we'll stay with it.' Or, 'We don't like it, it's not working' and then I'll be the one that's leading the pull-out. An that's a solid promise.

Q. *Are you in favor of the institution of activity fees?*

A. I want a breakdown for sure. It would also help because if students knew, say that eight dollars of their tuition was going for athletics, and what they can get out of this eight dollars, they might go over there and participate in athletics.

Q. *Should some political clubs, like the YSMAA, be funded?*

A. The YSMAA is an example of a club that is as CYSF construes it 'political,' but as far as people are concerned is a human rights group. I don't think YSMAA is a political organization in the senses of the International Socialists or the Young Conservatives, so it should get funding.

Q. *How do you decide what clubs are human rights groups and what ones are not?*

A. It's messy, but no one at York thinks the YSMAA shouldn't be funded. I don't know where you draw the line but there has to be a line drawn.

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