

Vice-President Community Affairs and Communications

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Gerry Faber - 21
3rd year BSc Psychology

1. What experience makes you the best candidate?

2. What motivated you to run for election?

3. How would you improve upon the performance of your predecessor?

4. If you were elected right now, what would be the first thing you'd do?

5. How will you use your position to make the DSU useful and valuable to the student body?

8. There were problems last year with the communications side of this position. How will you improve this situation? Do you think it's possible for the duties of communications/community affairs to be handled by one person?

9. How do you want students to view the DSU?

10. How do you want the community to view the DSU?

1. My experience as manager of Dalhousie's mens basketball team lets me use some skills needed for this position. I've gotten to use skills in organization, finance, accepting responsibility, meeting deadlines, working in a team, and making split-second decisions. I also think being on the community affairs committee gives me an inside look that some of my competitors do not have.

2. Someone suggested it and I laughed. What she did was plant a seed in my head, and with more thought, it appealed to me. I decided to try running for this position because I thought I could run an effective campaign.

3. I think Carman has done a fantastic job. In terms of Community Affairs, I want to take his foundation of Tiger Pride and expand it by forming a type of executive with a head for each sport. I also want to expand it to include more women's varsity events, as they too deserve attention. It is harder to identify one aspect of the communications side.

4. I would meet the people I do not know around campus. Knowing these people would be of great assistance to communication as they would lay down the base for a network of communication. This would help with building a more unified student body which is one of my concerns.

5. I would make the position valuable to the students by using it as a springboard to give school spirit a boost and unite the black and gold "family".

6. I will deal with problems that occur personally and use the various communications mediums to ensure that problems do not occur. I think that the combined duties can be handled by one person although there may be things where assistance is needed.

7. I think that students should view the DSU as knowledgeable peers who have the power and means to affect every student. They should not be considered absolute because each new council is bound to make mistakes.

8. The community should view the DSU as an organization that emphasizes leadership and cooperation and couples this with an enthusiasm for a variety of tasks.

Natasha Tattersall - 20
BSc Psychology

1. I am currently the New Eddy House Sports Representative, part of the Shirreff Hall Sports Committee. I also had the honour of being named best female on campus frosh leader by the DSU. I am a dedicated swimming instructor and coach for the past four years.

2. When I came to Dalhousie I was intimidated and scared but with the help of leaders I became comfortable here. I have received so much from Dalhousie that I feel it's my turn to give something back.

3. I would try to work on better relations with all the Dalhousie organizations because with better relations I feel we would have better participation.

4. I would begin to get to know all organizations at Dalhousie and begin planning the best year yet.

5. I would keep relations intact and work on better communication with the student body and be sure to be approachable and energetic throughout my term.

6. I would continue on as Carman has and appoint a communications officer. I believe that it can be done but as the saying goes, "Two is better than one." If two can do the job, then why change something that works.

7. As an approachable organization that represents and works for the benefit of the students.

8. As a respected union of students who not only benefit the University but benefit the community. I want them to see us as we are.

Luke Lilly - 20
2nd year BSc Chemistry

1. Currently I am the treasurer of Cameron House in Howe Hall. Our house is financially stable in times of economic hardship at Dalhousie. Also, I have always been involved in the community in such organizations as Youth Partnership, VT "In From The Cold", local soup kitchens, etc.

2. It is the best job at Dalhousie. I can provide flexible, creative leadership to get the job done...and have fun!

3. Carman did a great job this year so I would continue and improve what he has accomplished including Shinerama charity drive for CE, Homecoming, Winter Carnival, and Mardi Gras. Also I would like to continue to involve the community kids having Halloween and Christmas parties for more fun! Some of my exciting new ideas are possible jazz/folk festival(s), events to get varsity athletics active in the community to draw fans and raise money (i.e. players auction), involve Halifax kids through mini-games at varsity events' intermission and high school bands at games. Those are only some of the ideas to build and improve the community!

4. The first thing I would do would be to spread the word that I am the new VP Community Affairs and make myself available to the people so we can get the job started and have fun.

5. The best way to make my job useful is to involve lots of students and have a great time.

6. The position of VP Community Affairs is currently a position for one person though it will take hard work and dedication. Proper communication and cooperation could improve by making the existing forms of communications more efficient and available. A new electronic sign could be used in front of the SUB to inform the students and community of events happening across the campus. I would further utilize the Gazette as it is the most widespread source of information for students at Dalhousie. The DSU must be aware of what's happening with the students and vice versa.

7/8. I would like to see the DSU work more closely and smoothly, with less conflict than in the past. I will approach this position with a "united we stand, divided we fall" attitude. With cooperation we can easily attain goals and build spirit and pride within the DSU, the students, and the local community.

Andrea Smith - 21
3rd year BSc Kinesiology

1. I've been Carman's (the present VP Community Affairs) official assistant this term, serving as the first DSU Communications Commissioner. I've also been on the Community Affairs Committee all year. So, I've not only seen, I've EXPERIENCED what the job entails.

2. Now that I understand what VPCA is all about I can see what can be done to improve this new position. I want to use my EXPERIENCE AND INTENSITY to get things done efficiently and shake things up a little.

3. Continue and intensify TIGER PRIDE (those crazy Dal fans who party it up and wear black and gold painter suits to sport events). Combining more societies for events (\$ advantage and increases participation). More recognition for involved students. More fun events (like family feud) and bigger prizes for winners/participants.

4. Besides throw a huge bender?! I'd update the website, visit teams, societies, set compatible goals, set up award system for student appreciation night, be visible, etc.

5. By working with other student leaders (from varsity athletes to society members), becoming visible, showing we care about student support and hoping to see more of the student body at events.

6. We need campus-wide communication. I plan to organize a communication committee (made of DSU and non-DSU) who can visit classes once a month and talk for 3-5 minutes at the end of class about DSU issues, society events, and where to go to get updated info. You can give feedback on the spot and tell the DSU what you expect from them. The website will be updated weekly and for those of you who are not computer friendly I will hold web info sessions.

As I've said before, yes, I know it is possible for one person to handle this huge VPCA portfolio. The new committee will alleviate "some" of the workload on the communication aspect.

7. The DSU needs to be visible and approachable. It's kinda sad that you only see us when the elections come about. The DSU should be seen as a link and facilitator for events from all societies.

8. I want the community to view the DSU as available, powerful, efficient, and charitable (with more of a focus on local charities).

Terence Tam - 20
3rd year Political Science with a minor in Business

1. My constant sugar high will keep me kicking all year long. I am involved with the Dalhousie Arts Society, during Winter Carnival I organized SUB Fair '97 which was attended by over 400 students, and this has been my second year as treasurer of the Dal Outdoors Club.

2. I offer students a full meal deal of experience, enthusiasm and ideas. I have been involved with student activities for three years and I have had the most amazing time, and I want to share my experiences with the students of Dal.

3. More direct communication between the Union and the students. Make my position more accessible to the students.

4. (a) SCREAM!!!
(b) Buy a TV Dinner and a pop for everyone who helped me.
(c) Buy pants.

5. The DSU is currently a valuable resource for students, it's up to us to let people know what it can offer.

6. I am already working on providing Community Affairs notice boards in every building from the Tupper building to the A&A to the SBA. Use but not abuse Email, one on one classroom announcements. I think it is possible to handle two positions by having a communications system set up over the summer, however I am open to any ideas.

7. I want the students to view the DSU as an exciting place to gain new experiences and meet new friends.

8. A united body full of spirit, which is ready to help the local community, the national community and the Dal community.

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