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Budget Advisory Committee, had input into all the detailed decisions about the budget. That was very important. This year, that committee has been disbanded. A lot of the decisions have been shifted to the departments and to the senate and through to the president's senior advisory council which doesn't have a student on it. My impression is that students are really worse off because of that.

There are probably a lot of things like that where the new administration is busy making decisions quickly and we haven't kept up with that. That's one of the things I feel really strongly about that has to be corrected. Students have to make sure we're in everywhere where decisions are being made that affect students because they affect students and because we speak for students.

If the proposals for the increase in student seats on senate would lead to more student input and if they represent particular faculties, then I think it would be good. I think it is important, however, that the student senators have common perceptions on how students will be affected and that they co-operate on the fundamental issues.

5. One thing that we think is really important is making sure that students are back where they should be as far as participating in decisions, especially because of the finances of the university. Students notice it with larger classrooms and with hidden costs. We're also going to try and work with lobbying the provincial government to make sure they realize what the effect of their funding decisions have been. It's something that may be gradually beginning to happen and something we might be having an impact upon.

We think that some changes need to be made to make sure that students are making the important decisions here. There's talk that they're going to make a major renovation to the SUB and spend hundreds of thousands of dollars. There probably aren't 30 students who know that they're going to do that.

That certainly isn't the way that we'd want to govern if we had the chance. To me, it's inconceivable that somebody would make a decision like that without letting people know that those things are being considered. My first reaction is that there should be a referendum or at least people should be given a chance to know about it and to react.

6. Mostly, the DSU constitution needs to be cleaned up; it needs to make more sense. We don't have any particular agenda for changing the constitution.

7. Students have to be willing to use whatever tactics they have to use in order to get things done and I think students can afford to be a bit more outrageous than most other groups in society. I don't think you have to have a march to show that you're serious; I don't think you have to have six people shot to show that you're very serious. I don't think any of that is necessary, particularly in the Canadian political climate.

There are lots of other ways to make an impact. However, I don't think you can have meetings with politicians and be effective unless the politician really thinks that you represent students. A march is just one way to show that you really represent students.

It's just a question of using the political options that you need to use in order to get things done. For student politicians, student apathy can be a big excuse to do nothing and that's certainly not my approach.

8. Student organizations should be involved in political and social issues where there's a student interest in doing them - not where students necessarily benefit but where students feel the issues are important.

People on students council shouldn't impose their own political agenda and spend students' money doing it. They're supposed to be representing a group of people and they're supposed to try to gauge what matters to those students. When you get involved in things that aren't purely student issues, you should do it in a way that will be effective. An example is anti-apartheid work. It's an issue that's come to a head in the last couple of years; it's an issue that you can have a lot of impact on and be effective. But there are probably a lot of things that you can't have a lot of impact on but spend a lot of students' money on.

It's important for students to realize that the things that affect students are things that are going on in the whole community. The way we think about poor people has an impact on student issues and it has to do with thinking that everybody should be able to afford to go to university so that people aren't necessarily stuck in the same things that their parents did - that they can do something different if they want to. The government has some responsibility to make sure that they can go afford to go to university if they have the qualifications to do so and if they want to.

Education is an important part of women's changing role in society and so what we do about making sure that it's possible to be a part-time student and to make sure that it's possible to have classes at night, that it's safe to go on campus at night, and have daycare has a lot to do with the women's movement. They're student issues but they also tie into broader social issues and we should make sure that what we're doing fits in in a good way with those social issues.

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when you're talking about Supersubs, they don't represent the largest groups on campus. A lot of students students in the Law School, for example, don't have anything to do with the SUB socially. Their needs have to be catered to as well. A lot of them haven't done their undergraduate degrees at Dal.

I think direct contact is one of the most important things the vice-president has to do - to get out and be in touch and contact with people who walk up and down University avenue every day. I don't think it's enough to put up posters - maybe we need people selling tickets for us in the residences.

I also want to more closely explore corporate sponsorship. I don't think we should be afraid of corporate sponsorship. Maybe we should have breweries sponsoring entertainment and big bands. If money's a question, then let's go to Coca Cola or Oland's Breweries or C100 to get help. I don't think you're signing a contract with the devil just by getting a little corporate help. I don't think breweries necessarily have a place in orientation week.

I think that renovating the Grawood is a very important tool at the hands of the student union to provide a focal point on campus for the students. The problem that I have with that kind of a major expenditure it is that we need a lot more input from students as to what they would like to see done with it. We should really be trying to reflect their tastes instead of just opening something something that we hope they'll approve of.

I would be very much in favour of getting their input for that reason as well as for making it topical - making it something they'd talk about. That free

publicity is one of the most important things - generating an interest on campus that doesn't seem to have been around for a while. If we miss getting the students' input on specifics of renovating the Grawood then as a union we would be misrepresenting their interests

7. That's a difficult question to answer. I would suggest that if the question came down to unionized workers on campus who perhaps couldn't do the job for a month, then I wouldn't hesitate to go off and sign a contract with an outside business. I think they have to be business decisions. If you have the option you should stay on campus. I understand why they don't want us to contract outside. They're just protecting their own livelihood and I think everybody can understand that.

But I think it just comes down to just basic business decisions: if something can be done better, cheaper, and quicker off campus, then depending on its importance, then perhaps it's not a bad idea to contract off-campus. I don't think that you'll ever see that to a large extent. It's a little bit of give and take between the union and us. It's working relationship and you can't alienate one another. There has to be some give and take.

8. I think it's absolutely necessary to have that type of position. I more problems in everything from the residence council to the union that may be the result of the turn-over. Everyone has different approaches; something that was started in one term may be completed in the next but may have a completely different character because of a new personality who has taken over or because of a change in direction. I think when you are responsible to students for their fees, I think it's important to have a professional who will be there from year to year and lend some sort of continuity to the turn-over.

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a student representative on senate and I support that proposal because with only five senators it's very difficult to be representative of the student body.

5. I think the main crisis facing both students and this whole university is the financial issue. Faculty departments are being asked to cut back even when they already feel they've been cut to the bone. The president and the BOG have agreed to implement clause 26 of the administrator-DFA agreement freezing hiring new faculty positions. I think the financial constraints being placed on this university are the biggest crisis facing this university and I would like to see that during this period, student services and the quality of education are not sacrificed. It frightens me because it seems as if this is a big possibility. At the Senate recently, there was a lot of talk about raising tuition fees in professional schools. Luckily, calmer heads prevailed and this wasn't recommended to the BOG. I think this is a key issue and I would do everything in my power to ensure that student services and the quality of education do not suffer.

I'm concerned about the reform of the academic appeals process. I'd like to do everything in my power to make sure that accessibility to the academic appeals committee is not reduced.

6. I'd like to see the committee system reformed. There's a large number of committees and council as a whole often doesn't really know what's going on a great number of these committees. I'd like to see the committee system more centralized and less autonomous so council has an idea of what's going

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What we asked the candidates for president:

5. What main issues do you plan to act on as DSU president?

6. How should the DSU constitution be changed?

7. This past year, Canadian students have witnessed an intensification of student protest around the world while remaining in front of their TV sets. If there a problem here?

8. In July 1986, the Ontario Supreme Court ruled that the use of compulsory union dues to support social and political causes violates guarantees in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. In light of this decision, should the DSU provide services and support for social, political, and/or community groups?

What we asked the candidates for vice-president:

5. What is your understanding of the role of the v.p. in dealing with societies on campus?

5. The campus entertainment program has lost a lot of money this year. What do you plan to do about it?

7. Should the student union sign contracts with businesses with non-unionized workers to provide services for the student body?