

**James Connor**  
MBA, first year (five years at Dal)  
Board of Governors

1. In my mind the number one issue that has to be represented here is rising tuition fees, and at the same time the correlation that exists between rising tuition fees and the decline in the quality of education.

Right now the administration of the university wants to attack the deficit by increasing revenues and decreasing expenses. I'd rather they put the burden on the professors. They represent the highest — I think it's around two-thirds — of the operating expenses. I think it should be focusing on them, and reducing their wages, or at least putting a freeze in their wages.

If we were to reduce the number of professors taking sabbaticals every year by 50 per cent we could save about two million dollars in one year. The other thing I would look at would be the tuition waiver benefit that the profs also receive. If that was cut it would result in significant savings.

2. I came back to school when I was 24. I first got a B Comm, last year I completed a BA in economics and this year I'm in my first year in an MBA program. I also have the ability to talk to people like those that sit on the Board. They come from the business world and also from a number of other areas of the community.

3. Quite frankly, no they don't. Only 20 per cent of the student body votes during an election. I think that pretty well says it all right there. There's a general feeling of apathy throughout the student body.

4. I would have to say I have no favourite cartoon character because I don't watch cartoons.

**Lisa Lachance**  
int'l development studies, third year  
Board of Governors

1. I think one of the things we have to work out with the students, faculty, staff and administration is our mission, and where we want Dalhousie to go. I think this year we've seen some differences. More people are starting to vote with students. Next year there's proposals to make changes to the structure of the Board of Governors. It's definitely a challenge. Right now we're in a state of flux, and we're seeing a lot of changes from the provincial government, with rationalization, and over the next few years we're going to see changes in the federal government as well.

2. I've always been involved in things at Dalhousie. I've been involved with DUNMUNS, which is the model United Nations society, and I was on Shirreff Hall Residence Council. Last year I was Member-at-Large on the Dalhousie Student Union and this year I was Vice-President External. I've been involved with societies that are very diverse. That's been a real challenge this year, representing Dal on provincial and national bodies because it's a very diverse campus. I like that about Dalhousie.

3. I hope that they care. A lot of people talk about student apathy, but I honestly don't see a lot of apathy on the Dalhousie campus. When you go and cheer a varsity game, or some people are in classes all day and work all night in the lab — to me that's all contributing to Dalhousie. Definitely the Dalhousie Student Union could do more, but then there's a point where it's hard to figure out what else to do.

4. I really like Calvin and Hobbes. I think it's because Calvin looks at things in a different way and if we could all look at things the way Calvin does the world might make more sense.

**Adam Block**  
history, second year  
Board of Governors

1. I think the one theme that is prevalent now is an inclusion not exclusion. The Board of Governors has been about dollars and cents and what it should be about are the students and the faculty. There are certain things which have to be straightened out. One of which is more students on more councils, for example, the Budget Advisory Committee.

2. I was the Secretary of the Dalhousie Arts Society and I was also the chair of the promotions and entertainment committee. Now I represent roughly 3,000 students at Dalhousie. I am presently on the Dalhousie Sexual Assault Education team. I have been trained to properly speak to different groups around campus. I also have training in being a counsellor for leadership training, for programming, and for spirit training.

3. From what I understand there is maybe only ten per cent that comes out and vote. Perhaps they choose or perhaps they just don't care. I think that just by the number of students, the other students that don't come out and vote, that there is not a big interest.

When I am walking around campus and I tell people that I am running for the Board of Governors, they ask me what the Board of Governors is. They have no idea that we even have our own building. For justifiable reasons they don't have time to get involved, maybe some don't even care.

4. The first cartoon I always turn to is Garfield. He always has something funny to say. Garfield is always in trouble and I probably associate with him in that way.

**Chris Whynacht**  
poli sci/economics, second year  
Board of Governors

1. The current budget crisis is the most important issue that's facing Dal students, and I think that Dal students have to stop reacting to the administration and start acting. They have to come up with a program themselves, and present proposals to the Board of Governors, or go down and lobby the legislature, who appoints the Board members. Standing up and yelling for one day of the year is not going to solve anything, and most likely will get us laughed at by the administration rather than getting us listened to.

2. I've had experience lobbying for political parties, and I think that I have an interest in it. With a little help from Dal students and other people on the Board of Governors and the executive of the student union, I think that we should be able to find a few proposals for the Board and see if they get accepted.

3. I think they care that their fees are increasing, and when they realize that the student union are the people who might be able to keep their fees lower, I think they really do care. A lot of people think that it's good to be cynical, but deep down a lot of people do care what's going on with the student union, and as soon as they're affected by it, they're going to realize that something has to be done. With the proposed cuts that Professor Clark has put in, students are going to be wondering where they'll be going to school two years from now, and they're going to start paying more attention to student politics and try to get stuff through so that they will be able to continue their educational careers.

4. I think it would be Opus, because he's hilarious.

**Natalie Archer**  
biology, third year  
Senate-Science

1. Tuition is one of the main issues, as well as recommendations for closures to programs. In terms of representing the science students on the Senate, I believe we need a closer association with the DSU.

We have to look at the 16 million dollar debt of Dalhousie. Somehow we have to come up with a solution but that doesn't mean cutting programs. Coordinating with various universities such as St. Mary's (Engineering and Business) in order to conglomerate something, so that you don't have two universities, side by side, with the same programs. In terms of Senate, I would vote not to cut programs.

2. I lived in residence for two years. I like to be involved with a lot of people. I am also on the Academic Curriculum Planning Committee for Science Students. I have sat on the Senate for the same position for this year.

3. I think they do care. I think it is a question of ignorance because some students don't know what the student union and faculty are doing for you. I would like more people to become involved because that is a good way to know what is going on. I really think they do care.

4. I like Bart Simpson. He is a unique cartoon character. He is a bit crude in the way he expresses himself. I find him humorous.

**Jonathan Sunderland**  
polisci, fourth year (third year at Dal)  
Senate-Arts

1. I would say the main issue is the economic standing of our school. It affects just how we attract other students who are planning on coming to Dalhousie and look at our commitment — to our students, our faculty and our programs. You have to find ways to ensure that the quality of education, of academics, and faculty at Dalhousie in general are sustained.

2. I've been involved in the university community for three years now. I've held various positions on university clubs, I've written for the Gazette, I've been involved in DUNMUNS, the rugby club. By being part of the executive of a number of clubs around campus I have a good idea of how the budget constraints affect not only the academics but also the extra-curricular side of the school.

3. Some people support our student union and student politics. Some people get very involved — for instance the people who are running for the elections — and take an active role, whereas some people take a reactive role — they might go and picket, or write letters or something.

Yeah, I do think they care. Some people say the only time people get actively participating is when they think they can make a difference.

4. Calvin and Hobbes. They just reflect the inner persona of us grappling to retain our childhood, and at the same time face the problems and realities of life. It really makes you step back and say, "This is a crazy world that we live in."

**Nathan Laurie**  
commerce, third year  
Senate-Management

1. I don't want to sound repetitive, but I really do believe the most important concern for most students would be tuition. I would do my best to represent the students' point of view as well, by being friendly and by communicating a) directly with my own faculty, students in commerce,

and b) being on Senate I believe I'd have a responsibility to go one step further and make an effort to listen not only to what students in commerce have to say, so that I just don't have a one-sided view.

I'd try to promote other solutions, i.e. fundraising and promoting Dal in general to hold up the positive aspects of Dal.

2. I've been at Dal now for three years. Although I haven't been in a student union position as of yet, I believe I'm a very easy person to talk to, dedicated to whatever task I do.

3. I think students at Dal are not as involved in students politics as they could be. I believe that is enthusiastic members get elected to Senate and try to facilitate more opportunities for learning for students, bringing more spirit, making people proud of being part of whatever faculty they're part of, I think people will be more turned on to getting involved, more proud of their school.

4. I always enjoyed reading Archie comics. He's always having so much fun, going out to the soda shop — he's so carefree. I'd like life to be that way. I don't think it is, but it was nice to always read and get out of reality for a bit.

**Chris Lydon**  
arts, first year  
Senate-Arts

1. The budget, because that specifically involves every single faculty, whether it be tuition hikes, faculty cuts, program cuts, specifically.

Obviously, I myself am not a drama student, and I'm not a music student, and not directly affected by the scheduled cuts. However, my platform is opposing the cuts, because I don't feel that every avenue has been explored. They are starting to do it now with the tuition hikes, and we're not really in favour of that, but I would gladly pay a few hundred dollars more on my tuition if it would keep the other programs.

2. It's my first year at Dal, so my Dalhousie experience is somewhat limited, but I have years of council experience. I am actively involved with provincial politics. In high school, I was head of the executive council, and 24 extra curricular activities last year. And the main thing I'm trying to stress is communication, and I'm an accessible person.

3. You can guarantee there are

students on campus who don't even know the elections are going on, despite the posters being plastered on campus. Some people don't really care, and they may think of the student union as just an organized lobby group that runs the games room and cafeteria. It has to go beyond this.

4. It depends on if we're getting psychoanalytical. My favourite is Sherman, from Sherman's Lagoon. I do not consider myself to be comparable to Sherman at all, but he's innocent, he's strong and he's not the most worldly of sharks.

**Drew Campbell**  
math, second year  
Senate-Science

1. From my point of view I would say it would be communication. I'd like to see maybe over the next couple of years better communication, because sometimes this is a big university. It's hard to get information out to everybody, especially off campus. I

2. I've been involved in the DSU for the last two years. I'm gotten involved in the science society this year with regard to the communications chair. This is my second year on residence council. I applied after my first year and I'm now running for next as well as treasurer of Eliza Ritchie Hall.

3. There is a lot of apathy out there, this is true. But I think it's up to your student representatives to make people care. We have to continue to reinforce this is what this organization is doing, that is what that organization is doing, this is where your money is going. Some sort of accountability, people have to know. It's a matter of having the DSU push those things.

4. I've always like the Far Side. I don't know what it is, cows maybe, I don't know. He's got a very interesting sense of humour.

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