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Students’ Union General Election
Voting Days: March 4-6, 2014

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Sponsoring Group: CJSW 90.9FM

Rationale

CJSW 90.9 FM is proposing a $1.00 increase to its current levy (detailed in Table 1 below). Additional revenue generated from the increased fee would allow for the addition of a new full-time staff member and website upgrades in order to podcast all radio programming. CJSW would be the first campus and community radio station in Canada to do this with all of its broadcasts.

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If the proposed fee increase is approved by undergraduate students, the Students’ Union will request that the Registrar at the University of Calgary assess the revised fees shown in Table 2, for the start of the Summer 2014 session.

The CJSW fee will continue as long as CJSW remains active and in good standing under the *Alberta Societies Act*, or until any interested party seeks to change the fee by bringing forward another referendum question for approval by undergraduate students.

Background

CJSW is Calgary’s only campus and community radio station that broadcasts to the entire city of Calgary at 90.9 FM and to listeners around the world on cjsw.com. The station provides a diverse range of programming in music of all genres, and broadcasts award-winning spoken word programming that is recognized worldwide. CJSW is a supporter of the local arts, sponsoring and promoting concerts, festivals, theatre productions, and film screenings.

CJSW has been an important part of student life at the University of Calgary for more than 50 years. It is a non-profit society run by a group of over 250 volunteers drawn from the student body and the community at large. The radio station provides a unique opportunity for all university students to gain hands-on, professional broadcasting experience.
The Question
Do you approve a $1.00 increase to the existing $5.00 per session fee collected on behalf of CJSW 90.9 FM as detailed in Table 2 below?

Table 2. Proposed CJSW Fee if the increase is approved by undergraduate student referendum.

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HOW TO VOTE

VOTE ONLINE:
• Go to www.su.ucalgary.ca/elections;
• Click on VOTE;
• This will take you to the “My UofC website”;
• Enter your username and password;
• Click on Student Centre (may appear under academic/direct access);
• Click on the “Vote in the Students’ Union General Election” link;
• Follow the prompts on the voting web page.
• Remember to log off and sign out when finished.

VOTING STATIONS:
Tuesday, March 4
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., MacEwan Student Centre, Science Theatres and TFDL. Additional polling station open from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Dining Centre.

Wednesday, March 5
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., MacEwan Student Centre, Science Theatres and TFDL. Additional polling station open from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Dining Centre.

Thursday, March 6
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., MacEwan Student Centre, Science Theatres and TFDL.

Voting will take place from any device with internet access as follows:
Beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 4 until 4 p.m. Thursday, March 6.

IMPORTANT: Voters should be aware that they have the right to a secret ballot. If you feel the secrecy of your ballot has been compromised in any way, please contact the Chief Returning Officer at cro@su.ucalgary.ca
Referendum Question for the Creation of a MacEwan Student Centre
Building Redevelopment Fee

Sponsoring Group: The Students’ Union

Background

The MacEwan Student Centre (MSC) is operated by the University of Calgary Students’ Union (SU). Students contributed the majority of funds required to not only construct the original building in 1967 but to drive all its subsequent major expansions (in 1985 and 2002) and renovations. As parts of MSC are now more than 40 years old, a major redevelopment plan was proposed in 2011 to ensure that the building can continue to accommodate the needs of 21st century students.

Last year, the SU undertook a year-long consultation with students to determine what specific priorities should be focused upon for a redeveloped MSC. As part of the consultation, the SU also asked what, if anything, students would be willing to contribute to such a project. 6,350 student respondents were surveyed and four out of five participants indicated a willingness to pay for a portion of the costs, within the range of a $67 to $92 increase in annual student fees, assuming that most student priorities were included in the redevelopment.

The SU is committed to keeping student fees low. SU student fees have not increased in 17 years and, in fact, were lowered by $0.50 in 2005. The SU is also committed to keeping all fees student-approved.

Rationale

The proposed fee will allow the SU to establish a MSC redevelopment fund. This fund will enable the SU to develop current and new student spaces by undertaking a major renovation of MSC, one based on the results of last year’s extensive consultation. As the fee is being collected, the SU will continue to ensure that student priorities and concerns are the driving force behind all aspects of the project through ongoing consultation and by passing all decisions through the Student Legislative Council, a body made up entirely of students elected to represent undergraduate interests at the university.

If the proposed fee is approved, the Students’ Union will request that the Registrar at the University of Calgary assess the revised fees shown in the table below on undergraduate students no earlier than the start of the summer 2014 session. The duration of the fee will continue until such time as the redevelopment is completed or until the SU or any other interested party seeks to change this fee by way of bringing forward another referendum question for approval by undergraduate students. The SU will immediately leverage the approval of this fee in order to secure additional funding from private, university and governmental sources so that the redevelopment of the building can begin within the next five years.
Referendum Question for the Creation of a MacEwan Student Centre Building Redevelopment Fee (continued...)

Should students decide not to approve this fee, no large scale renovation of MSC will occur in the foreseeable future. However, the SU will continue to address ongoing maintenance issues and will continue to undertake minor, targeted renovations of the building financed via other means.

**The Question**

Do you approve the creation of an MSC Building Redevelopment Fee as detailed in the table below?

| Proposed MSC Building Renovation Fee if Approved by Undergraduate Student Referendum |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| Fall                            | $35.00              | $17.50              | $35.00               | $17.50               | $0.00               | $0.00               | $4.50                       |
| Winter                          | $35.00              | $17.50              | $35.00               | $17.50               | $0.00               | $0.00               | $4.50                       |
| Summer                          | $8.75               | $4.50               | N/A                  | N/A                  | $0.00               | $0.00               | $2.25                       |

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Executive Cabinet

President

My name is Dave Beninger and I am ready to continue standing up for Students as your President!

Over the past year I have advocated for the importance of the University in-person with the leaders from Alberta’s top five political parties, including one-on-one with the Premier of Alberta. Last March I founded a student empowerment group on campus that stood-up to the Provincial budget cuts. Last October I was honoured to be elected by my peers as your Senator. I am ready to lead.

I have the experience and motivation necessary to serve as President. I will work tirelessly on your behalf and put students’ interests first in every decision I make. I know our community. City and Province are behind us - which is why if elected, I will promote our success stories, ensuring people are aware of the critical factors students require to continue succeeding.

A NEW WAY OF DOING LEADERSHIP
• Consultation: Fall & Winter townhalls for consulting students on issues.
• Advocacy: Continue Municipal, Provincial and Federal advocacy work.
• Responsibility: Hold Administration accountable for spending.

BUILDING OPPORTUNITY
• Affordability: No tuition increases. Loan forgiveness. Free course materials.
• Choice: Easier opt-out options. Lobby for legislation of non-tuition fees.
• Network: Host Charity, Corporate and Employer mixer nights.
• Housing: Subsidized housing. Lobby for legalization of secondary-suites.

SECURING OUR COLLECTIVE FUTURE
• MacHall: Close negotiations. Use consultations for redevelopment.
• Web-app: Centralize services in one place. Increase business revenues.
• Clubs: Expand Clubs week. Invite Executives to President’s mixer.

I am ready to continue engaging decision makers in dialogue - challenging them when their decisions don’t represent the needs of students. Back Beninger!

I am asking for your Vote March 4th to 6th.
www.BackBeninger.com
@DaveBeninger on Twitter
www.facebook.com/BackBeninger

Dave Beninger
Candidate for President

Jarett Henry
Candidate for President

I’m Jarett Henry, and I’m here to serve. I’ve spent my years on campus dedicating my time to making a difference for students, and this experience has prepared me to be your next SU President. As President of the Residence Students’ Association, I managed a team of over 50 full-time volunteers and put a stop to the proposed meal-plan increases. As an Arts Representative on the SU this year, I co-founded the first-ever Faculty of Arts Students’ Association. But enough about me, let’s talk about what I can do for you:

1. Campus-wide WiFi Improvement

This past year I spearheaded a project to use the Quality Money fund to improve WiFi on campus. We only had time to map out WiFi coverage in Mac Hall before the Quality Money deadline, but if elected I will work from day one to ensure that this essential service is fixed throughout the rest of campus.

2. Open Textbooks

The BC Government just published 29 peer-reviewed textbooks for the most common University courses, and is working towards creating even more. These textbooks are FREE to use, and can be edited by professors to make sure that they fit your course requirements perfectly. If elected I will lobby the Alberta government to expand this initiative, and work with University faculty to expand the use of existing Open Textbooks so that you can start saving money right away.

3. Club Matchmaker

With 320 clubs on campus, it’s nearly impossible to find the clubs that are best suited to your interests. That’s why I’ve developed the foundation of a ‘Club Matchmaker’ quiz, where you can learn about the best clubs for you from answering just five short questions. These are just three of my ten platform points, so check out the rest at jaretthenry.wordpress.com!

Jarett Henry
Candidate for President

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To Serve and Connect
1. Connect. Enhance the quality of life on campus for students

As President of the Women in Leadership Club, I found that it’s extremely difficult for students to receive a full SU grant for events. Our SU clubs and sports teams reach a vast majority of the undergraduate population. They connect the U of C community.

As President, I will bring transparency to the grant allocation process, making sure students know how they can get the full grant and why money is delivered the way it is.

2. Collaborate. Mac Hall Renovations and Renewed Lease

Despite the fact that the SU manages most of the affairs of Mac Hall, we currently only have tenant status, while the University owns the building.

As President, I will ensure that the SU becomes an owner of Mac Hall, just like the university. This will position the SU as an equal partner when negotiating the renovation of the building. This will provide us with the leverage we deserve to maximize Mac Hall’s revenue and get these resources back to students, clubs, and Dinos teams.

3. Advocate. Cut administration costs, not our programs!

Given the provincial budget cuts, there are a plethora of programs at our University that are on the road to being cut. I have talked to students in these programs and their lives would not be the same without them.

As President, I will make sure the university explores every possible option before considering program cuts.


As President, I will continue the efforts of our previous presidents in areas like having a full week for Fall Reading Break and increasing study space for students.

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Videos are also available via the SU YouTube page.
In my three years at U of C as a Biological Science student, I have seen what areas I like and other areas that I feel need attention. With this in mind, I had the opportunity of going out and discussing areas of concern amongst students and their experiences around campus. This was very insightful as many said they wanted to speak their mind about issues but had never had the chance or never knew whom to approach. This is an issue I want solved if elected president. I see the vast majority of issues arising strictly do to miscommunication and/or lack of communication. This is why I am advocating for: Transparency on matters that concern students and the facilitation of student body concerns towards the direction that the student council is taking.

The majority of students choose the TFDL as their sole study area on campus. The fact is, it can be better utilized, especially around midterms and final exams. I am dedicated to keeping TFDL quiet floors open later during the week and 24-hour quiet floors during midterms & final exams. I will accommodate student needs and better access, as I can respect everyone learns differently.

Finally, many post secondary institutions allow for a full week after classes end, before final exams begin. We are currently given 3-days, in which many students complain to not be nearly enough time. When elected, I will strive to give students a full week between end of class and final exams. The greatest issue at hand, I believe is voter participation. I encourage students to take a minute and have a say in their future governing body to allow for representation by population, the truest form of democracy.

Get involved in the discussion on:
Twitter: @Nasser4Prez
Facebook: Facebook.com/Nasser4Prez

Jacob Nasser
Candidate for President

Hi Everyone,

My name is SuperCow and I am running to be your Students’ Union President. I am the official mascot of Engineering and I am here to share with you my VISION, which I call SUPER EYES, for the Students’ Union and why I am the best candidate for the job. Firstly, the qualifications; I have over 55 years of student government experience. I am sexy, smart, and I milk the opportunities I get.

SUPER EYES consists of a few prongs: I want to see tuition rise. Our education is so good we are not paying enough for it. Students are focused on the short-term. Students need to think of themselves as future tax payers, and the more we get to make students pay, the more they save in their future.

Jack up those mandatory non-instructional fees. We are not here to learn, we are here to have fun.

Brand NEW STRESS MORE Week. This platform point will feature a reduced fall reading break, porcupine rooms, and stress packs.

We need more ARTs, at any cost. I will advocate for the expansion of the Nickel Arts Museum to the first and second floors of TFDL. This will mean the loss of nearly 700 study spaces—something we’ve been pushing for year after year.

Lastly, we need to increase apathy and course loads. I am going to advocate to increasing the full-time minimum course requirement to 6 courses. This will create equity between all faculties. All student clubs will be banished and my rule, and student leaders will excommunicated.

Supercow
Joke Candidate for President

ELECTION RESULTS
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THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Join us at 5 p.m. in the Den to congratulate your newly elected officials!

See you Thursday.
Vice President Academic

Hana Kadri  
Candidate for VP Academic

My name is Hana Kadri and there is nothing that I want more than to be your VP Academic. After serving as Faculty of Arts Representative last year, I have seen all the great things that the SU can do for students and I want to continue to be a part of that. I hope to work on the following tangible objectives when elected:

Quality of Teaching and Learning
- Bettering the Learning Experience
  o CREATE MORE STUDY SPACE. It has always been an issue and I want to continue the mission.
  o Develop standards which professors must meet in order to teach students (i.e. verbal English proficiency) through the Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning
- Setting students up for success
  o Work to get course outlines up at least one week before classes begin
  o Move up the grade posting deadline between the Fall and Winter semesters so that students can better plan their second semester
  o Ensure that any required courses that are only offered in the Fall semester are properly advertised for students looking to graduate.

Mental Health
- Stress-Less Week
  o Ensure that this interactive week continues with more events to allow for higher student participation
  o Brainstorm with fellow peers and students on more creative ways to reach out to students

Hi! I’m Lauren and I want to be your next VP Academic. As VP Academic, I want to improve the academic quality of life by engaging and empowering students to become active participants in their education.

Quality
1. Improve academic advising
2. Continue to work to improve the affordability of course materials
3. Continue to improve student life and de-stress initiatives
   a. Improve awareness of under-utilized study space on campus
   b. Look at implementing mid-semester de-stress initiatives

Engage & Empower
1. Develop policies to maximize student consultation
2. Improve communication of resources

Vice President External

Tsering Asha  
Candidate for VP External

Hey everyone, my name is Tsering Asha and I want to be our next VP External! I’m a fifth year Political Science student and have a few interesting experiences under my belt. These ideas are the result of that. What do you think?

Get Engaged
Digital Townhalls
I will be your VP External who is doing my job for students. So I will bring that to the students. Having Digital Townhalls with politicians and external stakeholders so that we can ask the hard questions, from the lecture hall to your home, is a simple, transparent way that we can get real-time information and I can create results.

Tackle Tuition
Non-Instructional Fee Regulation
- Positive Mental Health groups
- Promote positive mental health groups such as the Community Helpers Program to students.
- Promotion of these groups through SU clubs would be ideal
- Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS)
  o Establish a University Fund through the Development office so as to allow external donors to contribute to URS Scholarships
  o Work with the Student Calling Program to create an annual fundraising campaign for the URS

Let’s work together and make this university a great university. Vote Hana Kadri for VP Academic.

Hey everyone, my name is Lauren Voss and I want to be your next VP Academic. After serving as a Faculty of Arts Representative last year, I have seen all the great things that the SU can do for students and I want to continue to be a part of that. I hope to work on the following tangible objectives when elected:

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  o Work with faculty representatives to create faculty specific resource pages on D2L

3. Expand opportunities for experiential learning
   a. Look to improve inter-faculty collaborations
   b. The Taylor Institute of Teaching & Learning will be developing experiential learning on campus, I want to help provide a student perspective to their plans

4. Increase awareness of research opportunities
   a. Advocate for the development of a research portal
   b. Work to develop a listing of studies requiring participants to provide a different perspective into research
   c. Develop a “Speed Date a Researcher” Event to assist students in their search for a supervisor
   d. Work with clubs that already hold research nights to provide them greater support

Past Experience
- Member of the Dinos Ringette team (3 years)
- Thrive Centre Volunteer (2.5 years)
- Thrive Centre Fundraising Coordinator (1.5 years)
- Kinesiology Representative to the Students’ Union (1 year)

• Currently sit on: General Faculties Council, Faculty Council, Curriculum Review Steering Committee, Teaching Excellence Awards Committee, Advisory Council on Knowledge Engagement
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Average of 80% on their textbooks since. We need to build on that progress and bring OER’s home.

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As VP External I hope to become an integral member in the SU’s representation of the student body. I look forward to participating in initiatives which will improve the student experience, and to confronting and addressing the issues that we as students will be facing in the coming year.

The students union is a vehicle that allows student concerns to be integrated and brought to the attention of the community. Throughout this campaign I strive to speak with as many students as I can to get them involved. It is my hope that I can reach out to the student body and increase voter turn-out to record high numbers this year, a trend that we need our undergrads to carry on to our municipal, provincial, and federal elections.

In the face of budget cuts implemented by the Government of Alberta, we as students need to be aware and active in assuring our tuition prices remain transparent and predictable. The opening of the Post-Secondary Learning Act later this year provides a great opportunity to lock down tuition prices. As VP external I will make sure that the student body is adequately represented and that student concerns are a priority when these legislative decisions are being made. Closure of loopholes which allow market modifiers to be levied on tuition fees and getting tuition fees locked in with the CPI are primary concerns.

With the world community becoming so globalized, the value of a post-secondary education has never been greater. The fact that Albertan has the lowest post-secondary attendance rate in the country is a wakeup call. We must take steps to increase opportunities for potential students in our province. As VP External it is my goal to provide avenues that allow more Albertans to reach their fullest potential through education.

I’m not in this to build a resume. I’m in this for one reason only – I want to leave this university a better place than when I found it. I’m in 4th year political science and have been an Arts Rep for the last year on SLC: I have a great understanding of how government works and how it works with student organizations.

1) Close tuition loopholes
   - The university can’t raise tuition more than around 2% per year. This would be great! … if they didn’t start charging an extra $450 dollars for ‘non-instructional’ fees and looking at market modifiers for faculties like Haskayne and Schulich almost immediately. This sort of backdoor fundraising needs to be illegal and I plan on lobbying to change the legislation governing post-secondary institutions to do just that.

2) No Corporate College
   - A third-party college is being proposed that would see a for-profit corporation run a U of C international college to increase the amount of international students. I’m all for increasing the rate of international students at the U of C, but I want to ensure that any institution that uses the U of C logo in an academic setting is motivated to provide the best education possible, and I do not believe a third-party would have this motivation.

3) Open Textbooks
   - After spending copious amounts of money paying tuition, fees, rent, food and other expenses, my wallet really hurts when I have to spend $500+ on textbooks every semester. We need to adopt a policy similar to B.C., where the government buys the copyright of the most used textbooks and distributes them for a much cheaper (or free) cost.

I know how to get this done and I have the passion and experience to follow through.

Vote Levi Nilson for VP External. I live for this.

It is my humble privilege to seek your vote for the office of Vice President External of the Student’s Union. In justification of this desire, please allow me to outline my case, and the ends to which I intend to work:

A. An Expanded Coop Office

Students want a strong University as well as to be employed in our field of study post-graduation. The accomplishment of both is possible through an expanded Coop and Career Services Office. Because they are currently understaffed to meet potential student demand, these currently lag behind in progress already made at other Canadian institutions. Nonetheless, these offices empower students with employable experience beyond that provided in our education. Because strong Alumni means a strong University.

B. Textbooks and Non-instructional Fees

Non-instructional fees fly in the face of reason and common sense. The provincial government has finally indicated its willingness for review of this exercise. I’ll make sure that happens.

Similarly, open source and e-textbooks provide an obvious reprieve from the woeful current state of affairs. I am not a proponent of free education, but rather (perhaps more reasonably,) of an affordable one.

C. Off-Campus Housing

Calgary is ground zero to one of the toughest housing markets in Western Canada. Although city council has long made big promises, students have yet to see much progress toward actually easing our housing market pains. Last summer’s flood has compounded the sense of urgency. Now is the time to change via rentor tax incentives, and by cutting down on red tape for renters.

D. Reform Transparency and Accountability

Our SU is essentially democratically broken. I pledge reform; bad decisions should cause embarrassment. All (especially financial) votes should be made public quickly, and be made readily accessible to students online.

Together, let’s move forward and get action.

**VACANCIES**

- Faculty Representatives, Nursing (1) and Social Work (1)

Interested parties please contact nikhat.ahmed@ucalgary.ca for more information.
Hi, I'm Ilyas Gora and I'm a student just like you. This past year, I've had the incredible privilege of serving as your Senate Representative, making sure our voices are heard while highlighting the role we play in making this campus a diverse intellectual and social hub. As a third-year Operations & Finance student, I've gained the necessary skills to tackle the challenges ahead. However, my true experience and passion comes from the ideas, frustrations and dreams you've shared with me!

As your Vice President Operations & Finance, I will work to bring these dreams to reality by advocating for the things that matter to us:

1. Technology
   • Improving wireless access on campus. Enough said.
2. Transparency & Communication
   • Regularly holding “out-of-office” sessions to hear concerns and input directly from students.
   • Continuing to attend your club meetings, events, bake sales, fairs, shindigs, cultural nights, and whatever else you-host to connect you to the resources you need.
   • Exercising fiscal responsibility by making sure every dollar that flows through the SU creates value for students.
3. Student Experience & Spaces
   • Continuing progress on the MacEwan Student Centre (Mac Hall) Redevelopment and Lease Renegotiation, ensuring Mac Hall stays in the hands of students for years to come, and that development is based on our needs and desires.
   • Repurposing underutilized space in Mac Hall to create a true hub for student life.
   • Ensuring our Tri-Media outlets (The Gauntlet, NUTV, CJSW) have the appropriate resources to continue providing the student body with quality content and programming.

Together, we can make sure every single one of us has the university experience of a lifetime!

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As Vice President of Operations & Finance, I plan to increase awareness of ongoing events and initiatives for the students, by the students. My goal is to advocate for a well-informed student body and create for complete transparency between the students and their governing body. Some of the main points include:

• Ensuring Mac Hall stays for the students: keeping our student hub under the maintenance of the SU and allowing the students to have a say in the operations of the center, for example allowing students to choose which new vendors will be available.
• Organizing more events on campus: advocating for events that interest the students to create for a more diverse and well-connected student experience.
• Promoting and growing our green initiatives: we need to take the necessary steps in implementing a nation leading green program.

These points are just the beginning, as the main goal is to ensure that we the students have the ability to be involved in all decisions on campus. I encourage students to become involved by following the campaign and voicing questions and concerns that pertain to you and your fellow students. I hope to achieve a smooth transition into a better-informed student population that is proactive in the decisions made around our school.

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I’m Adam Swertz and I would love to represent you as the next VP-Operations and Finance for our Students’ Union. This school has given me four of the best years I could ever have hoped for and I want to make sure that every student in the future is able to have that same experience.

My Platform:

1. Assure that the renegotiation of the Mac Hall Lease Agreement is successfully completed in a manner that benefits all students on campus
   • Over half of the original construction costs of Mac Hall were paid by UofC students almost 60 years ago and since then successive generations have always been willing to contribute for further developments. I will keep this building firmly in the hands of the Students’ Union so that its legacy as a student center can continue to grow.
2. Increase the SU’s revenues by expanding Mac Hall’s catering contract
   • Currently catering at the UofC is split between the SU and Chartwell’s, however Chartwell’s contract with the University is expiring soon and I would actively pursue an SU takeover of all catering on campus. These new revenues would allow the SU to increase the services it offers to students at the UofC.
3. Install webcams overlooking the lines at Tim Hortons and The Den in Mac Hall
   • These feeds would be made available on the SU website so that students are able to check and see if they have time for a cup of coffee or the patience to wait in the Den line.
4. Bring a Halal restaurant onto campus
   • This year’s SLC members have made great strides towards making this possible and I will continue to push this initiative forward so that all students at the UofC are able to enjoy a meal on campus.

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Prudent Voice, Best Choice: Elect Ahmad Nasser
Follow the campaign on:
• Twitter @ElectNasserVP
• Have your voice heard on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ElectVPNasser.
Hello, my name is Amir Ahadzadeh and I am concurrently in my third year at U of C as a Health Science student. I have seen the positives and issues that require improvements. I have spoken to a number of vendors in Mac Hall, when purchasing goods with a visa or a debit card. Countless students primarily utilize TFDL to study and are unhappy about the temperatures of floors 4 through 6, as well as, their travelling issues with the weather during winter, especially late nights. I feel that students pay a large amount towards their tuition and thus, should be accommodated and taken care of accordingly.

1. The removal of the extra surcharges used by many of the vendors in Mac Hall, when purchasing goods with a visa or a debit card. The students feel a lot of stress during examination times. Many are under the pressure of exams and assignments, including midterms, throughout the year. I want to ensure the mental health of every student and more so, instill a friendlier environment.

2. I want to increase the temperatures of floors 4 through 6 of TFDL and install heaters in the bus stops at the loop.

3. I plan to continue the de-stress program and furthermore, extend the program to midterm seasons.

As your VP student life, I promise to fight for every opportunity I can to improve your student life & to represent you to the best of my ability, and here’s how:

O WEEK: I will add concerts throughout the week, competitions, a larger variety of events & more ways to get involved! FROST BITE: I will add events such as a slip and slide, games, and a BSD themed photo-booth! CLUBS: I will create opportunities to showcase their stuff! I want to restructure current workshops, and create a system built to help clubs reach their goals! EVENTS CALENDAR: I want you to know what’s up on campus! I will create a campus-wide calendar that DINOS, CLUBS and RSA can add to! MENTAL HEALTH: no student is alone, and there are resources that can help! I want to expand on exam-period initiatives & implement year-round programs. HEALTHY LIVING: I will implement more FREE FITNESS CLASSES on campus with bigger class sizes, more time slots, and more types of classes. I will give you more options to EAT HEALTHY by creating a farmers market, finding healthy food-trucks, and by creating a campus nutrition guide. FALL READING WEEK: This is part of a solution to post-secondary mental health issues that I believe in, and am willing to fight for! I will continue talks with the administration, and will research new solutions to current roadblocks.

I AM HERE FOR YOU! I want to make it easier for YOU to tell ME what you want by increasing communication between the SU and YOU. You have valuable feedback and amazing ideas, and I want to make them a reality!

VOTE FOR 1 CANDIDATE
Vice President Student Life (continued)

Zainab Malik
Candidate for VP Student Life

Faculty Representatives

Faculty Representatives - Arts

Haider Ali
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Arts

Sarah Amiry
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Arts

VOTE FOR 1 CANDIDATE

Club Funding
As a student involved in various clubs on campus and a member of Club’s committee, I have seen the process of club funding. I understand that events cost a lot of money, money that most student clubs do not have. The opportunity for funding is there, but it may not be enough. My goal is to increase the budget for clubs next year to help them hold events with a little more of a financial cushion.

Charger Bank
The question “Do you have a charger” seems to have become more and more prevalent these days. I understand that in our fast paced and busy lives, our phones and laptops often end up having low battery a bit too soon. I plan to advocate for a charging bank in TFDL. This will allow students to rent out a charger during their study time and will return it as they are done.

Mental Health/StressLess
Puppy rooms were extremely successful! They helped us StressLess for a short period of time. During exam season, we are constantly stressed with assignments and papers; which usually result in long-term stress. I plan to increase the collaboration between the SU wellness centre and StressLess week to have the best of both worlds. We will have our fun and attractive events while adding a little bit more of the educational side to it to help out as long term stress relievers to combat all types of stress for University students.

More food options
Dietary restrictions are very common these days from- Halal, Kosher, Gluten-free and lactose free. Students from all walks of life are affected by the few choices they have. I would like to advocate bringing more of these options for UofC students.

I am an International Relations major passionate about the betterment of the arts student experience. I want to give back to the faculty that has given me the chance to do all the things I love.

The issues I feel that need to be addressed are: maintaining student space, increasing opportunity, and developing a sense of community.

1. Student Space:
We need to ensure that existing space is used well; the arts Lounge in particular has the potential for showcasing outstanding student work. We also need to make the Faculty aware that student space is a priority.

2. Opportunity:
The Co-op and Honours programs need to be expanded to ensure that all Arts students have equal access to them. There should also be a focus on showcasing arts undergraduate research.

3. Community:
Communication + Unity. We need to work towards promoting inter-departmental communication to increase resource and knowledge sharing, and in turn, establish a sense of unity and pride.

The experience I have gained, from being a club president to volunteering on campus will allow me to genuinely represent you as an Arts Faculty Representative. So let’s do this together, from March 4th to 6th, vote #Ali4Arts!

Facebook: /Ali4Arts
Twitter: @Ali4Arts

My name is Sarah Amiry and I’m a 4th year Political Science major and development studies minor at the University of Calgary.

The Arts faculty is an amazingly diverse faculty that is comprised of 20 departments and we are extremely passionate about bridging the gaps and bringing this faculty closer than it has ever been. I am running The Arts Link Slate with Tonia Minhas and we want Arts students to be heard, understood, and connected.

Our platform consists of ensuring accessibility to resources and opportunities and this is how:

1. Faculty of Arts Student Association (FASA) Expansion

   • Create FASA Website: all resources (grants, internships, research opportunities) should be available through this portal for all Arts students
   • Utilize social media- FASA Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the website should be a place where all Arts students can connect to create unity and collaboration
   • Connect department representatives– ensuring each department is represented should be a priority. A bi-weekly report should be encouraged to ensure the continuity of dialogue in our vast faculty

2. Arts Career Fair

   • Organize a career fair specifically targeted towards Arts students in hopes of collaborating with FASA
   • Establish a relationship with stakeholders and department representatives to ensure all departments are showcased for internship and work opportunities

I’m looking forward to “Embracing Diversity, Unifying the Arts Family”. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to email, Facebook, tweet, or even stop me in the halls! It would be a pleasure to represent the largest and most diverse faculty on campus.
When I decided to run for the faculty of Arts rep, there was one thing that I was very sure about: that my faculty is a long way from reaching its fullest potential. Regardless of the great work that it’s doing and the brilliant students it’s producing, I believe that for the Faculty of Arts, there are several opportunities that have yet to be mined. And as the Arts Rep, I want to mine these opportunities.

Firstly, I want to bring an integrated Arts Networking Gala to town. With an increasing emphasis on arts and culture in our ever-growing city, the opportunities for our students are endless. It’s just a matter of pulling all that is out there under one roof. Networking Galas can be the beginning of life-long mentorships for many of our students. They will focus on bringing professionals from different fields of arts, representing the sea of opportunities arts graduates have in and beyond our city.

Secondly, I would like to start for a Faculty of Arts blog that presents job, volunteer and scholarship opportunities available on and off-campus to Arts students, something very similar to Uthisweek. The goal: to extract all that there is for Arts students and bring it on one online platform.

Thirdly, through utilizing the amazing platform Faculty of Arts Students Association provides, I want to host are inter-disciplinary events that provide opportunities to students from different departments to meet and mingle. Such events can be key-note speaker events, panel discussions or even movie nights focused on certain departments at a time. Departments in Arts overlap and interlace at so many points that every opportunity to mingle is an opportunity to network and build one’s academic career.

Any questions are welcomed, so shoot an email at: baig.kay@gmail.com or tweet away @khulubazreba

Khulud Baig
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Arts

Thanks for taking the time to look through my platform. Here you’ll find a bit about me, my ideas and experience, and how to get in touch.

I am an Urban Studies major, coffee addict, and die hard Game of Thrones fan. I love my faculty because of all the amazing friends I’ve made so far; these people have inspired me to run for Arts Rep.

We need our Faculty of Arts Representatives to focus on providing better study and social space, fostering faculty pride, and advocating for more consultation on issues affecting students. These will be my priorities.

I Ala Buzreba would love the chance to represent the faculty of arts in the 2014/2015 school year. It would be my honour to have a wide diversity of students be represented by someone who cares as much as me.

As Faculty of Arts representative I will work on these points

1. Campus Improvement – We have all see the tape on the staircases of buildings in the social science rooms, as faculty of arts representative I would work to make sure that campus improvement funds go to things like this.

2. Develop the arts lounge – The arts lounge is a great place to study and have lunch, but it can be improved. As arts rep I would try to get more green space, more plants like we have in mac hall. I would also try to get a foose-ball table in the faculty lounge.

3. Organize FASA – Did students even know that we have a faculty of arts students association? As arts rep I would make sure that more students know that there are leaders out there to help them out. I would make sure that these leaders are paid and that they attend meetings regularly, we need to know what problems concern our students and the only way to do that is to have more people representing more interests.

Thank you for your consideration.

Experience Highlights:
• Interdisciplinary Programs Rep, Faculty of Arts Students Association (FASA), 2013-2014
• SU Policy Development & Review Committee, 2013-2014
• SU Quality Money Committee, 2013-2014

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Chris Bell
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Arts

It is simple to group the entire Faculty of Arts as one entity, and this mindset often leads to several repercussions. If elected as your representative, my focus would be to celebrate the diversity of the numerous departments and disciplines that make up the Faculty, and ensure our success as Arts students. The notion of working together for the common good is something we all share. We believe that after our studies, we will become trailblazers, leading the way for improvements in our world. We see our role in society to help others. However, what can we do now to assure a content student life?

Engage
I will seek innovative ways to allocate funding for Arts research and financial grants for department clubs. Arts students deserve an equal opportunity in exploring their passions, and finding out more about the world around them.

Improve
The Arts Lounge represents the convergence of our disciplines, and for many of us, it is more than just a study spot. I will ensure that the Arts Lounge is maintained, kept aesthetically exciting, and becomes a “home away from home” for our commuter students. I will also ensure that other department lounges are in top shape.

Collaborate
Imagine this: Market Collective meets open mic meets networking gala. If elected, I will propose an “Arts Night,” which will be a celebration of all things Arts-related. Students will have an opportunity to present their work, mingle with other Arts students, and find out about on and off-campus opportunities. It will also allow department clubs to showcase their endeavours.

With my passion for community involvement and advocacy, I will ensure that the Faculty of Arts is something you are proud to be a part of.

Ala Buzreba
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Arts

“Mustachios” Slate

Kevin Capuno
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Arts
Hello my name is Chant Cowen and I'm a second year East Asian Studies major and a minor in Chinese and Religious Studies. I'm going to try to keep this short, simple and in layman terms for people that aren't in the loop. My candidacy is based off strengthening and the overall improvement of the Arts Faculty.

1. Transparency. I want you to know what is going on in the Students Union and in the world of the Arts faculty. If you were to vote me into the SU I will make it my goal to make student government something not scary. Let's make it something you know and understand. I want to listen to YOU and contribute to the betterment of the faculty.

2. More funding for the Arts! Let's face it folks (can I call young people folks?), the Art faculty is the largest faculty on campus and because of this funding isn't up to snuff compared to other faculties on campus, let's make a stand for the Arts and make it a priority to provide better funding for the faculty as a whole.

3. More language and cultural classes. We all know someone from another part of the world and chances are they speak a different language and come from a different cultural background. I highly endorse the implementation of getting more language classes that are not currently offered (Korean, Punjabi, etc.) and cultural classes. This isn't just important for cultural studies and international studies, but for being a global citizen, having more choice gives you options.

With your help we can help strengthen the Art's faculty into a stronger faculty.

Vote for coherence, communication and strengthening for the Art's faculty; vote for Chant Cowen.

My name is Gurjaiveer Dhillon and I would like to be your SU Arts Representative. This is my first year at the University of Calgary but I bring with me a rich history of global experience and public service. I have spent three years at Queen's University studying Political Science, which I have translated into representing that school at prestigious international conferences at schools like McGill and Cornell. I am also experienced in the business angle of administration, as I have worked as a summer intern for a Charter Financial Analyst firm as well as been the President of a Real Estate Society. But perhaps the legacy I feel is most valuable is my public service heritage. I have volunteered and lived for two months in an HIV and drug plagued region of Punjab, India. In addition, I worked around the clock for 3 weeks during the Calgary flooding, using my organizational as well as construction experience to mobilize people and rebuild homes for those who needed it most. In less troubling times, I make it a priority to volunteer in a local free soup kitchen at least once a week.

Ladies and gentlemen, Calgary is entering an exciting new transition from local town to global center. The University of Calgary has a vital responsibility to lead this once in a century transition. Befitting the Arts faculty, I want to upgrade the cultural heritage of this university. I want to promote the creation of a Student Run Coffee Shop that serves as a way to provide student employment, cost-effective food and beverages as well as serve as a great place to hang out and promote the music and artistic merits of our student body. Also, it is my goal to provide Arts students with state of the art career opportunities, such as leadership camps for students wanting to enter public service, flexible study abroad opportunities and linkages with business, government and non-profit firms. The city and the university are embarking upon an exciting period of expansion. UofC Arts students must provide and be provided with opportunities to be the leaders in citizenship, creativity, public service and culture. If elected, it would be an honor to contribute to this mission.

My name is Peter and I am a second year Urban Studies student, and born and raised Calgarian. I wish to be a representative for the Arts faculty for the Student's Union, in order to do what I can to help my fellow Arts students through the trials and tribulations of University.

My three pillar positions are can be categorized as student economics, student happiness/unity, and transparency.

1. Many arts students are constantly bogged down by student fees and book prices. I will work hard to try and lower tuition to realistic levels, and try to get more representation of Arts and all faculties In the board of governors of the faculties, and ensure that every student of every faculty feels accepted, appreciated, and that they belong. And let's be honest, it's another excuse to get out there and have fun with your fellow students. I am passionate about student life and the university experience, I am engaged and passionate about the issues that today's student is concerned about, which I believe qualifies me for the position of Arts Representative. In summary, it's 2014, it's time to break down walls and build better bridges.

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The Arts Link Slate

Representative - Arts
Candidate for Faculty
Tonie Minhas

Candidate for Faculty
Michael Metcalf

Jacob McGregor
Candidate for Faculty
Representative - Arts
“KirKal Slate”

1. Expansion of the Faculty of Arts Students accurately represent that diversity. on campus, with 17 departments, we hope to needs of the Arts Faculty. As the largest Faculty upcoming year. I am running on the Arts Link to become one of your arts representatives for this 4th year Political Science major with a minor in coffee maker. I'd like to work with students who money allocated to purchase a microwave and a should be an easy fix. Next, I would like to see middle and not nearly enough places to sit, this The longue has a surplus of empty space in the to see money allocated for more chairs and tables. I am the right man to solve these problems. The Arts Students in the Faculty of Arts face everyday problems that need to be solved. The Arts Students longue in the Social Science tower is a shell of what it could be, and the Mac Hall renovation issues and proposed fees keep many of us up at night. I'm Michael Metcalf and I believe I am the right man to solve these problems. Firstly, in regards to the Arts Longue I would like to see money allocated for more chairs and tables. The longue has a surplus of empty space in the middle and not nearly enough places to sit, this should be an easy fix. Next, I would like to see money allocated to purchase a microwave and a coffee maker. I'd like to work with students who frequent the longue to create a smart system of maintaining coffee supplies, and implement other suggestions to make the longue worthy of the Faculty of Arts name. Secondly, in regards to the Mac Hall renovations, I do not support the currently proposed $35 semester/$70 a year fee referendum. I feel that as students we should reject this, and I would like to work with the SU President and VP External so that the University of Calgary could get the full renovation amount loaned to it from a major financial institution or the university itself. Many of us will not be around to see the renovations, as such; we should not be paying for the misery and inconvenience of renovations. The loan can be paid by the students who actually get to enjoy the improved student centre. With your help, we can get out there and make history!

It would be a great honour to serve and represent the students within the faculty of arts so I am asking for your vote. Jacob McGregor is your man for Arts rep.

What I Stand For

My name is Jacob McGregor. I am a third year at the university and I major in political science. I am campaigning to be a representative of the Arts faculty for the Students’ Union. Since this is the faculty I am a part of, I am very passionate about it. I have strong ties to the arts community as my uncle, Terry Rock was the head of Calgary Arts and Development until 2013. If I am elected, these are the points I wish to focus on:

- Additional space on campus devoted to arts students specifically (we have spaces now like the Arts faculty lounge, but they are much too limited)
- An event similar to clubs week, which will focus specifically on exhibiting clubs and events with an arts focus giving the faculty more exposure around campus.
- Easier access to Students’ Union information for our arts students through the increased transparency of our faculty reps (I will make available important information relevant to the Arts faculty through my own Facebook and twitter, but I am hoping that the Students’ Union itself will allow me to create an account for SU faculty of arts so that future representatives will already have the infrastructure in place for the future)

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Jacob McGregor
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Arts

Tonie Minhas
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Arts
“The Arts Link Slate”

Hello! My name is Tonie Minhas and I am a 4th year Political Science major with a minor in History. This year, I am hoping to earn your vote to become one of your arts representatives for this upcoming year. I am running on the Arts Link Slate with Sarah Amiry. Both of us come from a vast background of campus and community involvement and we hope to be able to use this expertise to represent the Arts Faculty. Our platform is reflective of the diversity and the needs of the Arts Faculty. As the largest Faculty on campus, with 17 departments, we hope to accurately represent that diversity.

1. Expansion of the Faculty of Arts Students Association (FASA)
   a. Efficient and effective use of FASA department representatives in order to ensure representation of every department.
   b. Accessibility to resources such as grants, research opportunities and internship opportunities through the creation of a FASA website.
   c. Using the power of social media to connect and create the much needed dialogue in our faculty.

2. Arts Career Fair
   a. Focus specifically on Arts students to ensure they have access to the vast network of opportunities available in our city.
   b. Establish consultation relationships with stake-holders such as department representatives, students and Calgary companies to ensure the accurate and thorough representation of every Arts student.

I am very excited to have the opportunity to turn these ideas into reality through my election as an Arts Representative. Please feel free to contact me via email, Facebook, twitter, or anytime you see me around campus.

I look forward to earning your vote.

Michael Metcalf
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Arts

Kirsty McGowan
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Arts
“KirKal Slate”

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Hello! My name is Lexi Narowski and I am currently in second year political science. If elected Arts Representative, I want to ensure that students in the faculty of Arts are gaining the most experience, education, and overall the best time in the years spent at the University of Calgary. As an arts student myself, I know that it is challenging to attend all of the awesome events on campus—well you know, being the biggest faculty and all…that is why I want to create an interactive calendar displayed on various locations throughout the school, particularly in the arts lounge which will enable students to find out about events and awesome activities in the faculty of arts. Secondly, I want to create a career event specific to arts students with professionals who will be speaking from a variety of different fields such as media, film, as well as research opportunities. This will allow students to gain more relevant experience of what they are majoring in, as well as create networking opportunities from professionals. If elected, it is the most important to me to make sure that all of your voices are heard. Along with events such as these I also plan to create clear communication between students in the faculty of arts with the arts representatives and the faculty of arts students association (FASA). This will additionally add to the comradery and community of art students who will all be able to get their needs and desires heard. My main goal if elected is to make sure each and every one of your dreams and goals is heard in the faculty of arts. With the help of Tina Shaygan as my slate partner, we have the tools and ideas to contribute to a better future for the faculty of arts.

My name is Andrew Sennyah. I am a third-year Economics and International Relations student and an active member of the SU community. Over my three years, I have seen many changes occur within the SU. In this election I am encouraging change. This change, which I intend to facilitate, is to remove the notion that the Faculty of Arts is an undervalued degree. I plan on accomplishing this by:

1. Encouraging intra-faculty unity

To be respected we need to be united as a faculty. If elected, I intend to work with FASA to showcase the diverse nature of an Arts degree and to show what makes us distinct from other faculties. Moreover, faculty unity isn’t built overnight, but it begins with YOU. To be respected we need to respect each other within the faculty. Despite the amalgamation of the Faculty of Arts, we have built up borders between departments. I hope to break these borders by promoting the various arts based events on campus.

2. Being a strong voice for the Arts within the SU

Should I be elected I want to hear the concerns of Arts students and make them known to the SU, as well as the Dean(s) of the Faculty. I believe that through frequent office hours in the Arts Lounge and working with arts based clubs, I will be able to ensure students’ voices are heard. Along with events such as those I also plan to create clear communication between students in the faculty of arts with the arts representatives and the faculty of arts students association (FASA). This will additionally add to the comradery and community of art students who will all be able to get their needs and desires heard. My main goal if elected is to make sure each and every one of your dreams and goals is heard in the faculty of arts. With the help of Tina Shaygan as my slate partner, we have the tools and ideas to contribute to a better future for the faculty of arts.

My name is Tina Shaygan and I am a second year English major. I am passionate about recognizing the talent of students in Faculty of Arts and their contribution to campus. If elected as an Arts Representative I will make sure more opportunities such as scholarships and co-op programs are available.

I plan to pursue my goals with creating clear communication between the students, departments, and Students’ Union. This is to ensure students’ voices are heard loud and clear. Advocacy is my number one priority. Faculty of Arts is the biggest faculty on campus. Lets make sure our voices are heard.

My second goal would be to organize career events specific to Faculty or Arts students. This would include variety of workshops, networking events, and presentations by professional in variety of fields related to Arts.

I believe Faculty of Arts students are some of the most creative and talented individuals and their contributions need to be recognized. If celebrated and recognized, students in the Arts will have more pride in their faculty. I hope to introduce scholarships and awards to students who are engaged in variety of Arts related events to show appreciation for their hard work.

With better communication, career opportunities, and recognition of talent in Arts I hope to contribute to an environment of students who take pride in their faculty. My ultimate goal is to help better prepare each student in Faculty of Arts to see the value in their degree and be able to use their degree to pursue their dreams.

With the help of Lexi Narowski as my slate partner we have the tools and ideas to contribute to a better future for the Faculty of Arts.

1. Start Scholarship fund purely for Arts Students.
2. Reinforce high value of arts degrees through communicating with the UofC Alumni Association to contact arts graduates who have well-established careers and connect them with current students.
3. Enhance Faculty resources.

Further elaboration of points:

1. Many scholarships are geared towards students in other faculties despite the Arts Faculty containing students of the same caliber that deserve the same recognition. To start, we would like to work with the Faculty of Arts Students Association to develop a scholarship fund through fundraising endeavours. Along with this, we want to connect with the Development Office to target Arts donors to assist in boosting the fund. As an initial attainable target, we would like to aim for 2-5 scholarships worth $500-1000.
2. The high value of arts degrees is exemplified through the achievements of UofC Arts graduates. We want to showcase the many successful career paths through biweekly online profiles of these esteemed individuals. As a byproduct, the featured alumni will establish a sense of pride within the Arts Faculty as the valuable nature of Arts degrees is reinforced.
3. The Arts Lounge is a great resource that has been established for Arts students. We want to enhance the facility starting simply with better seating and a microwave. Other faculty resources we would like to develop include a Faculty of Arts summer jobs database. The database would be a compilation of summer jobs that arts students have had previously and new opportunities that employers are offering to those in the Arts. Arts students could access the database to take advantage of summer job connections that have been established by the Arts Faculty community.
I am a 3rd year International Business and Political Science student running for re-election for the Haskayne Faculty Representative position alongside Tyler Hodgson in ‘The JT Slate’. I have enjoyed the Haskayne experience, most recently taking part in the JDC West competition, and I look forward to the opportunity to represent the students of Haskayne by working alongside Jasmine to improve student life.

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Faculty Representative - Law

Candidate declined to submit a campaign platform.

George Huang
Acclaimed Faculty Representative - Law

Faculty Representative - Medicine

Salutations! My name is Carsten Krueger, one of the candidates running for the Student’s Union Med-Rep position. I’m in my third year of the Biomedical sciences program, and I already have extensive experience in University politics representing our students on the Student-Faculty Liaison Committee.

Here’s an outline of my platform. Thanks for reading it!

1) Student Empowerment - I want to equip you with what you need to succeed and be happy here!
   - Always in contact: I obsessively check my email, so I’ll be able to respond promptly!
   - Healthy living: In addition to getting new equipment for the gym, I’ll work on getting stress-management help at Foothills campus from the Wellness Centre.
   - Student Driven: I’ll actively seek out your feedback, requests, and complaints.
   - Connecting students with resources, clubs, opportunities, and like-minded individuals!

2) Continuity in Representation - I’ll continue working on the projects of my predecessor, which include...
   - Installing a real-time electronic bus schedule screen at Foothills. No more guesswork in catching the bus!
   - Improving the Fasby Student Lounge: Adding couches, chairs, and more!
   - Fixing our Cell and Wifi service: I know how you feel. I’m more than motivated to do this.
   - Securing dedicated student parking spots at Foothills in AHS lots.

3) Future-Focused
   - I’ll work on getting Career Services to hold appointments and workshops at Foothills to help guide students’ after-degree planning.
   - Ensure that the Summer Student UPASS is reinstated for Summer 2015, by collaborating with the VP OpFi.
   - New Food Choices: Variety is the spice of life, so I’ll look into expanding the menus at existing cafeterias and adding extra vendors on Foothills campus.

I hope I’ve given you some insight into what I have planned for the Faculty of Medicine—Please read my colleagues’ platforms so you can make an informed decision!

Best wishes,
Carsten Krueger

Hey Faculty Friends,

I’m Maja Rakic, a 3rd year Health Science student, and I want to be your Faculty of Medicine representative. Throughout my time at the U of C I have been extensively involved in many on campus community service initiatives and leadership roles. Some of which have involved working with the SU as a student at large on committees and as a member of the Senate.

Our faculty is filled with community leaders who have a passion for improving the community that we’re a part of whether it’s through volunteering, research or striving towards a career that can improve the lives of those around us. As your Faculty of Medicine Representative I will work towards integrating these values in our Students Union.

If elected, my initiatives would include:

1. Enhancing Student Life
   a. Continue to improve transportation between campuses through working towards building bus heaters, negotiation for increased parking and development of real time bus schedules
   b. Participating in the negotiation for the renewal of a summer Upass for students participating in research
   c. Collaborate with our excellent clubs to encourage student involvement within our faculty.

2. Student Support
   a. Work closely with our student clubs to organize informative academic events for students in all areas of the Faculty of Medicine

b. Encourage collaboration and academic support between current students.

3. Accessibility
   a. Be your accessible resource for information on all SU services by continuing with weekly/monthly updates
   b. Be your advocate. Bring your interests, your vision and your concerns to the ears of the Faculty and Student’s Union

The Faculty of Medicine is built on strong community values and as your Representative I will work to ensure these values are represented in our Student Government.

If you have any questions please contact me at mraki@ucalgary.ca

Maja Rakic
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Medicine

FOR MORE INFO:

Candidates are offered additional space on the Students’ Union website. For more detailed campaign platforms, candidates’ videos, current election information and announcements, visit www.su.ucalgary.ca/elections.

Videos are also available via the SU YouTube page.
Hello everyone, my name is Tejeswin (Jovey) Sharma and I am a second year biomed student. I appreciate the fact that you are looking into our platforms and are taking a step into informed voting, and standing up to make change. Over the years, we have had some changes brought into place by other representatives. Though effort has been put in to enhance student experience, I understand that sometimes work takes longer than we expect or want. Many such projects such as better food options, research bus passes and student lounge enhancements will be ideas that don’t lose focus.

Despite my focus on the further development of past projects, they will not be the sole focus of my platform. The three broad areas that I will work towards are:

1. Set up for success: I believe success is not limited to the grades you can pull off in class, but how each class sets you up for the future. This set up is different for each individual and I will work in these areas:
   - Conflicting class schedule
   - Structure in mentor programs
   - Summer/Extra opportunities
2. Faculty-wide involvement and unity: Though, under the umbrella of the Faculty of medicine, the BCR, BHSc and MD programs are vastly different. An enhanced structure through faculty-wide events could lead to the opening of many new opportunities such as:
   - Improved networking
   - New volunteer/job opportunities
   - NEW FRIENDS!
3. Flexibility/Dynamic approach: And last, but not least is the understanding that student needs are not stagnant but fluid. I will be easily accessible throughout the year to hear the concerns of students as well as clubs and work with them for a successful year.

I believe 300 words are not enough to convey my message, if you wish to know about my platform, please read my extended platform.

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**Faculty Representatives - Schulich School of Engineering**

**Tejeswin (Jovey) Sharma**
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Medicine

My name is Tejeswin (Jovey) Sharma and I am a Chemical Engineering student currently on internship. I’ve previously been the President of the Biomedical Engineering Students Society, a Leadership Ambassador for Leadership and Student Engagement, and an engineering Orientation Leader. I’ve also participated in the Maier Student Leadership Program, the Western Engineering Competition, and a UCalgarycares service learning trip to New Orleans. I believe that the diversity of my extracurricular experiences make me highly qualified to serve engineering students as a SU Facuty Representative. If elected, I plan to do the following:

1. Advocate for Engineering Students: I will continue to advocate for the interests of Engineering students within both the Engineering Faculty as well as the wider University Administration. Some specific areas where I believe advocacy is important are:
   - Ensuring students and clubs continue to have the space and resources they need in the midst of the construction of the new engineering facilities.
   - Working towards increasing the quality of education and supporting initiatives to improve the quality of teaching, like incorporating student feedback during the semester.
   - Continuing to represent the engineering student body on the Student Legislative Council (SLC), ensuring that the best interest of engineering students is considered.

2. Provide Opportunities for Engineering Students: I want to ensure engineering students and clubs have opportunities to improve their university experience. Some specific focuses I have for this are:
   - Continuing the work that has been done to foster relationships with the other faculties, both by creating events that partner with other faculties and by encouraging engineering students to become more engaged in university wide activities.
   - Helping engineering students and clubs to take advantage of the resources that are available to them, including resources from the Students’ Union and other organizations on campus.

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**Brayden Kooistra**
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Schulich School of Engineering
“The AB Slate”

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**Annicia Phu**
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Schulich School of Engineering
“The AB Slate”

My name is Annicia Phu and as a third year student in Oil & Gas Engineering, I am participating in the forthcoming Students’ Union election as a contender for the Engineering Faculty Representative position alongside Brayden Kooistra in ‘The AB Slate’. As the current President for the Chemical and Oil & Gas Engineering Students’ Society (CESS), I feel that my experience with balancing the needs of my discipline with my responsibility as the liaison between CESS and the rest of the engineering faculties qualifies me as a prime candidate to enhance the welfare of the Schulich community.

My areas of focus are as follows:

1. Strengthening the Schulich Community
   - I will promote student engagement through the support of student clubs and organizations. To ensure long term success, I aim to contribute my proficiency in areas ranging from obtaining funding to offering support on how to utilize available resources.
   - One of my primary objectives is to encourage student participation. I plan on effectively promoting opportunities offered for our students by the Schulich School and Students’ Union.

2. Addressing Key Issues For Engineering Students
   - The ongoing construction poses an inconvenience to students. I will ensure students continue to have access to amenities such as study spaces.
   - To address the continual integration of student feedback with academic experience, I will forward the development of events such as: student forums and Schulich Tea; thereby allowing students the opportunity to voice individual comments. I will take the student responses and communicate the concerns with the Students’ Union, ensuring student voices are heard.

I believe my active involvement within Engineering demonstrates my commitment to being an integral member of this community. I look forward to representing the voices of the Engineering faculty at a larger scale.

Please vote for The AB Slate on March 4th-6th!

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**Parsa Samavati**
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Schulich School of Engineering

Let’s build a Two-Way-Street!

Student representation is a two-way-street. Leaders on campus bring experiences and lessons from student life in their faculties to the SLC. If elected, my two-way-street will be learning from those experiences to find new approaches to engineering student life issues, and sharing experiences and learning from engineering student life with other student leaders to better the University of Calgary community.

Soft Skill Development

Engineering education is challenging and focused on technical learning. My biggest goal if elected is to create new career development services for engineering students, to fill the gaps between classroom learning and industry relevant skills like: public speaking, academic writing and effective networking. If elected, through my connection with Easy Ace Tutoring, I will push to further accessible education opportunities outside lectures for engineering students.

Advocacy

If elected, one of my personal goals is focused and reliable advocacy. Through regular videos and podcasts for engineering students, I will constantly communicate relevant issues to them. I plan to ride this rising (but friendly) rivalry to collaborate with representatives in other faculties on events like campus-wide pi week, adopt-and-trade a fresht, and more!

https://www.facebook.com/VoteParsa
Taylor Woo
Candidate for Faculty Representative - Science

My name is Taylor Woo and I am a fourth year science student currently enrolled in Cellular, Molecular and Microbial Biology. I have been an active member in the Science Faculty by interacting with Students and Professors to create a positive learning environment. Throughout my degree I have noticed inherent problems facing the Faculty of Science that I would strive to address and fix. Promoting collaboration within the Faculty of Science will allow us to build a stronger foundation for a better undergraduate experience. I have the drive and dedication required to bring about positive change within the Faculty of Science.

What I would like to do for you.

1. Finish Building the Science Lounge
   My goal of completing the Science Lounge is to help create a bigger and stronger student network within the Faculty of Science. The ability to collaborate together in a science environment will help everyone excel in their studies as well as diminish the stresses of university and help everyone succeed by finding a place that everyone can work together.

2. Increase Study Space and Extend Hours of Operation
   Limited study space is an important concern amongst Science students, especially with out of class examinations which fall of weekends.

I would like to facilitate a better studying environment by providing more study space within the TFDL for everyone to use.

3) Optimize the Final Examination schedule
   A common problem faced by most Science students is having challenging Science exams scheduled back to back, without the opportunity to defer an exam. I would like to work with the Registrar to space out Science exams to allow everyone the opportunity to have an appropriate amount of time to prepare for these challenging exams.

If you have concerns, let me be your voice. Vote who? Vote Woo
Hi fellow veterinary medicine students, 
I would like to represent our student body as the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine representative. I would like to continue the efforts put forward by previous SU representatives as well as increase our access to services offered on the main campus. My goals as your SU representative include:

1. Continue to Promote Mental and Physical Wellbeing
   - Include the foothill's gym membership within the existing student fees
   - Continue the health related lunch and learns
   - Continue the stress packs provided during final exams
   - Start a yoga at lunch program at CSB

2. Make SU and Other Main Campus Services More Accessible
   - Better access to services such as dental choice, campus vision as well as the health and wellness center
   - Elaborate on free or discounted services offered
   - Improve access to influenza clinics

3. Collaborate with faculty to improve student life
   - Increase quiet study areas
   - Improve flexibility around medical appointments
   - Access to vending machines at CSB
   - Support events and clubs
   - Promote collaboration between the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and the Faculty of Medicine

My name is Shannon Phelps and I am running for the Veterinary medicine faculty representative position. I believe that I make a great candidate for this position because I am enthusiastic, organized, and eager to get involved! As your faculty representative, I would like to promote overall well-being for veterinary students as we try to juggle long school days, heavy workloads, personal relationships, and a ton of other commitments. In order to do this, I would like to continue with the mental health initiative that has been so successful this year. I hope to make some positive stress relief strategies more accessible, such as exercise, talks from professionals, and fun school events that don’t interfere with everyone's busy schedules. One of my ideas is starting a weekly lunch time yoga program for students to unwind and have some fun. I also would like to plan some fun events within our faculty, and work to get us more involved with events happening on main campus. I will be open to any ideas that fellow students bring up, and will work hard to make everyone’s voice heard within our faculty and throughout the University of Calgary. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at smphelps@ucalgary.ca. Thank you!

Shannon Phelps
Class of 2017

As vet students, we are all very familiar with reps. Always trying to buy us with food and freebies... For all their schmoozing, reps undeniably contribute to the authentic vet school experience. I want to be a rep of a different colour. Instead of trying to sell you on some drug for feline diabetes, I want to bring your voice to our Students’ Union. Instead of trying to ensure a place for my brand of dog food on the shelves of your future practice, I want to ensure a place for your concerns on their list of priorities. As a small faculty with less presence on main campus, our needs can all too easily be overlooked – but I believe that just because our numbers are small, our voice needn’t be. UCVM is a unique faculty with its own particular set of challenges and needs, and I want to represent all of you in bringing them before the Students’ Legislative Council. For a few specific examples of how I plan to achieve this, feel free to take a break from podcasts and studying to check out my page on the SU website.

Above all, I want to hear you and make sure that you are heard by the people who determine so much of what it means to be a student at the U of C. I would love the opportunity to work as a liaison between you, CAVS, and the Students’ Union to ensure that we all get the most out of our time at the U of C. If that sounds like something you want too, then please keep an eye out for my name when you vote from March 4-6 later this year!

Thanks, all you lovely sloths, sheep, starfish, and manatees!

Blythe Sola
UCVM Class of 2017

My goals reflect what I believe would benefit our student body and things that my fellow classmates regard as improvements they would like to see. If there is anything you would like to have addressed, please let me know.

Having completed my undergraduate degree in zoology at the University of Calgary, I am familiar with the student life on the main campus. As your SU representative, I will be an effective liaison between the student body, the SU and the services available to us.

Thank you for reading my platform. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ally Yi Chen - UCVM class of 2017
**My name is Michael Geib, and I want to be your next member at large Board of Governor.** I am currently in my third year majoring in Law and Society and doing a minor in sociology working towards law school; hopefully on this great campus. The University of Calgary is an institution of learning, leadership, and innovation and I want ensure students voices have a say in its maintenance and development.

The main reason I am running is to make sure we the students have an impactful voice where it matters the most. We are one group of stakeholders that are a part of a very dynamic and vibrant campus community, and we ought to ensure that we as a stakeholder group have someone in place that can represent and communicate the goals, desires, and concerns of the student body at large.

If elected, my number one priority is representing our collective voices. To do that I will:

- Ensure students have a voice that counts where it matters. We are a stakeholder group, and I will make sure that our views are always impacting the decision making process.
- Communicate major decisions that impact students with students through an accessible vehicle.
- Increase awareness of the policies and directives of the University by better informing students of the University's goals, and the rationale behind decisions.

I want to be an honest broker to the University administration. By changing the culture of our senior leadership to emphasize students’ needs more, you’ll see reduced hold times as the registrar’s office, increased courtesy from staff members responding to emails and individual inquiries and an all-around better experience at your University. Work for this is already underway, and I hope to have your support to continue it.

**Shubir Shaikh**  
*Candidate for Board of Governors Student at Large Representative*  
*Mustachios* Slate

With our 50th anniversary coming up in 2016, we have an opportunity to transform our University to one of the Canada’s top universities as highlighted in the 2011 Vision and Strategy book.

I want to represent your best interests. It is my belief that students should collectively work together from all faculties, should be vocal to support student interests, and build this institution into one of Canada’s great universities. As your Board of Governors Representative I will work towards:

1. Food Ingredients List – All food vendors on campus should display their food ingredients list so anyone with health or dietary concerns can make better choices for their health and lifestyle.
2. Grad Survey statistics – I believe the University should release/reintroduce surveys where alumni of undergraduate degrees were asked questions including, but not limited to: Did your degree help you find a job related to your discipline? Would you recommend your degree to a friend? In an effort to help guide students who are unsure of their degree before they commit to 4 years and $28,000.
3. Tuition Freeze – I will do my best to ensure tuitions don’t drastically increase like we have been experiencing for past several years and also no new mandatory fees would be implemented.
4. MacEwan Student Centre – While the University is expected to spend $200 million to fully renovate the MacEwan Student Centre (Mac Hall), I will fight to make sure MacEwan Student Centre stays in the hands of the students.
5. Transparency – Receipts of spending by our senior University employees and officials must be accessible by students and I am a firm believer that we must implement guidelines on discretionary spending by senior University employees and officials.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Michael Smith**  
*Candidate for Board of Governors Student at Large Representative*  
*Mustachios* Slate

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Board of Governors Student at Large Representative this past year. It has truly been an honour to work with all of you as we all work together to build a better University of Calgary for everyone. As we approach this election, I wanted to share with you my successes on your behalf last year, and my plan for the upcoming year.

My Record:

- The only student member of the Board to oppose all tuition increase proposals.
- Pushed for, and got, much more detailed information on mandatory non-instructional fees.
- The only student executive to refuse compensation for work on the board, and to voluntarily pay for all board dinner expenses.
- Made the student perspective very clear to administration about executive suite renovations.

My Plan for Next Year:

- Creating a more customer service focused University administration. By changing the culture of our senior leadership to emphasize students’ needs more, you’ll see reduced hold times as the registrar’s office, increased courtesy from staff members responding to emails and individual inquiries and an all-around better experience at your University. Work for this is already underway, and I hope to have your support to continue it.
- Creating a comprehensive University wellness strategy to improve the physical and emotional wellbeing of students and REDUCE STRESS!
- Continuing to fight against unnecessary fee and tuition increases and holding our administration accountable.

I’d love to hear from you. Please visit www.votemichaelsmith.ca for more information, send me a text to 403-861-4404 or email me at michael.t.smith@ucalgary.ca. On March 4th to 6th I ask for your support to continue as your Board of Governors Student at Large. Thanks so much.

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**Voting Days: March 4 - 6, 2014**

www.su.ucalgary.ca
If the goals of our UofC Senate are to promote and enhance our institution, and represent both the public and student interest, then a strong student representative is necessary to remediate the very public questions and concerns that have arisen at the UofC.

Our students want the best for the University of Calgary's image and public perception; doing it at the expense of our students, programs and common sense is what causes irritation. Remediation of existing issues that cause problems for our undergraduate community, are what will create positive achievements that meet our senate's mission and goals most strongly:

1. I will encourage greater methods of discussion for the community-at-large by our Senate and its members, when concerns around institutional decisions arise. It’s no surprise when the public does question academic controversies, given their role as tax payers and stakeholders in education; solidifying the opportunity for the public to come forward needs to be done.

2. I will increase accountability to our student population; encouraging an increase in access to information from SU and Senate meetings is overdue, and fighting against the apathy and complacency that can exist on our SU is not always acknowledged; I’ll stand away from the pack.

3. I will further the goals and aspirations of our academic institution without throwing students and their concerns under the bus. Surely students can have just as worthwhile and important ideas for achieving the Senate's goals than only our Senators. Let's include them more in the discussion.

Creating positive opportunities for both students and community are fundamental parts of what I would bring to the Senate Representative position. The opportunity to YOUR representative for can be the first one!

Remember Mark Fiselier on March 6th to 8th! I sincerely hope, and will work, for your vote and support.

This year I have had the honour of working to improve your academic environment as your Vice President Academic (thank-you!). Going into 2014-2015, I want to use the experience and knowledge that I’ve gained to improve your student experience from a different position – as your Senate representative!

Platform Points:

1) MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE THEIR RESEARCH/WORK TO WIDER CALGARY COMMUNITY
   • How? Explore increasing the possibilities for student involvement at Senate events/community involvement with student events.
   • Why? Increased recognition of what students are doing and its importance creates greater buy-in from and connection to the community, increasing support of students.

2) INCREASED FUNDING FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES MADE AVAILABLE VIA SENATE
   • How? Share more student stories with donors and emphasize the value of these scholarships and the difference they can make, as well as look for potential new connections.
   • Why? School is expensive and students deserve support from the community they are and will be serving.

III. Maintain high reporting standards for reports

As a Senate Rep candidate, I know you're upset about how your tuition and fees are being used, with less than worthy levels of response and discussion from those above us making these decisions. I know that controversies of recent memory have not done anything to promote positive community outreach towards our university, the key mission of our Senate. Enough is enough.

As Senate Rep, I’ll make all student concerns my top priority; a happy student population and effective decisions that don’t inhibit us, is the best path towards achieving the indispensable goals of our Senate. Wasteful spending, fee increases and a lack of clarity won’t be on my agenda.

I intend to be as open to discussion and suggestion as humbly possible. I’ll have a personal open-door policy that will allow and encourage all who are willing to talk about any concerns, whether it’s a student, a member of the community, a politician, an administrator, or whoever else. I’ll make the time for you and what you want to say.

I’ll encourage greater involvement by students in the Senate process; students can have just as important and dynamic ideas on how to promote and strengthen our school as those who sit on our Senate. There’s more to student involvement than just institutions like our SU; we’re all in this together and we need to more actively promote and encourage what students can bring to the table.

It’s about greater educational and fiscal freedom for students, it’s about the most open path of discussion for our Senate and student issues, and it’s about making UofC better by strengthening who we are in the larger community around Calgary and Alberta.

That’s my vision for our school and Senate. On March 4th, 5th and 6th, I humbly ask for your vote.

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Referendum Campaign Groups

CJSW “YES” Campaign Platform

CJSW 90.9 FM is Calgary’s only campus and community radio station, broadcasting 24/7 throughout the city on 90.9 FM and around the world at cjsw.com. Our goal is to provide an alternative to commercial media by recognizing and promoting the diverse musical styles, points of view and cultures that exist within our great city. Whether you want to listen to beat heavy dance parties, shredding metal solos or the latest and greatest tracks from the world of hip hop, we’ve got you covered. Want to brush up on your German, learn what happened today in Canadian history or hear the latest world news from the BBC? That’s CJSW.

Since the dawn of this thing the kids are calling “the internet,” we have been developing an ever-growing group of listeners around the world with our live stream at cjsw.com. But, here’s the thing: we need you, the UofC student population, so that together we can take our radio to the next level.

We are currently working on becoming the first campus and community radio station in Canada to make all of our shows, including our music shows, available as podcasts for you to download and listen to whenever, wherever and however you like. Imagine Netflix, but for radio.

JUST ONE DOLLAR will help CJSW and our volunteer programmers share music with you that you won’t be able to find anywhere else.

JUST ONE DOLLAR will ensure you have access to an audience of thousands on the airwaves of Calgary and potentially millions via podcasting.

JUST ONE DOLLAR will make you a part of the history one of the most important and relevant things happening in Calgary and, arguably, anywhere in the world.

So, come on students, rally behind one of the best things about this university and vote yes for CJSW.

CJSW “NO” Campaign Platform

We are More Money for Students and we are opposed to CJsw’s referendum to increase student fees by 20%. The reasons for this are relatively simple.

First, CJSW is a non-profit society registered with the Alberta Government which entitles them to apply for grants from foundations and charities, including the Calgary Foundation and the Alberta Lottery Fund. Both of these offer more than $100,000 in funding for projects that CJSW wants students to pay for. Applying would take 5 hours. When wealthy benefactors are both willing and able to fund a project, we think it is ridiculous to ask students to pay instead, especially when the time investment to get the money is so small.

Second, according to CJSW, the majority of listeners are non-students. We feel it is absurd to ask students, many of whom do not listen to CJSW, to subsidize non-students’ entertainment. If these non-students want to listen to CJSW through a podcast, then they should be willing to pay for it themselves.

Third, CJSW holds an annual radio-a-thon to raise money for improvements to their station. If they want to upgrade their website to provide more services for their listeners, they should raise that money through the radio-a-thon. If their listeners aren’t willing to fund these upgrades, then that should be a sign to CJSW and the University that these services are not important enough to justify increasing the fees charged against all students.

Finally, CJSW wants to increase fees to pay for a one-time upgrade. But these fees will not go down next year. Why should students pay more money indefinitely when CJSW only needs the money for one year?

CJsw does not need your money, and they do not deserve your money. Do not reward failure with more money. Vote NO on CJSW’s referendum.