Students’ Union General Election
Voting Days: March 3-5, 2015

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Executive Cabinet

President

My name is Levi Nilson and I’m a fifth year political science student and I’m running to be your SU President. If elected I promise to continue what I’ve strived to do in my time on campus: deliver results for students.

1) Open Textbooks: Last year we were successful in obtaining $2 million in funding from the provincial government for the development of free open textbooks. The next step is to finish developing the textbooks themselves and encourage professors to begin using them. Expanding the use of open textbooks on campus will be a top priority.

2) Tuition and fee increases: Tuition is currently capped to increase by only 1-2% per year. However, loopholes exist that allow the university to raise costs much higher than that, such as market modifiers. I’ve spent the last year holding the university accountable when they’ve attempted to use these loopholes. The next step is to make them illegal on the government level. I have extensive government relations experience with this issue and will work towards this throughout my term.

3) MacHall – MacHall is the hub of student activity and student life on campus, largely thanks to the SU operating it. The SU is currently in negotiations over the role students play in operating MacHall. Making sure MacHall continues to be run by students, for students is essential.

4) Centralization of undergraduate research portfolio, the three biggest objectives I will fight for are:

a. Include services in Course Syllabi, and encourage professors to begin using them.

b. Strive for economical course-packs, rather than individual textbooks.

c. More open textbooks and access to restricted publications, and re-attain licenses that caused your costs to rise.

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I’ve got a history of getting things done on campus: I started the first Faculty of Arts Students’ Association, I’ve worked on making more affordable housing available for students, and I’ve spent the last year standing up for students when the university has attempted to increase tuition. Being elected President would be an immense privilege, but I know I’m up for the task.

Vote Levi Nilson for SU President. No Gimmicks, Just Results.

Vice President Academic

My name is Stephan Guscott. I’m a 4th year kinesiology student, and I would absolutely love to be your next Vice-President (VP) Academic. I’m qualified with both experience and passion, having participated in multiple decision-making bodies on campus, and a downright love for enhancing the student experience.

Of all the issues faced in the VP Academic portfolio, the three biggest objectives I will fight for are:

1) Accessibility: The Student Ombuds Office is a safe space for you to raise concerns ranging from academics to misconduct. The Office has tremendous potential; however, it lacks presence and is currently ambiguous and unhelpful.

2) Mental Health: The NCHA reported that 55.5% of students were traumatized or suffering an immense privilege, but I know I’m up for the task.

3) Research: The NCHA reported that 55.5% of students were traumatized or suffering academic difficulties in the last 12 months.

4) Study Spaces: Offer an interactive mobile app to help you choose the best available study space during peak hours.

I have extensive government relations experience with this issue and will work towards this throughout my term.

Vote Stephan Guscott for VP Academic. No Gimmicks, Just Results.
Hey everyone! My name is Romy Garrido and I’m hoping to be your next VP External. I’m a fifth year Political Science student with lots of on-campus experience. I believe I have the knowledge and skills to implement positive and tangible change. Here’s how:

1. Affordability
Tuition fees in Alberta are increasingly becoming unaffordable through loopholes like market modifiers and mandatory non-instructional fees. To keep tuition affordable, accessible, and predictable, I propose that we continue lobbying through CAUS for tying tuition CPI. However, I believe that the difference will be in who is lobbying with us. I would like to take the issue beyond the four walls of our institution by involving our local communities to stand alongside students.

2. Student Well-Being
Adequate and affordable housing, mental health awareness and support, along with efforts to make campus a safe space against violence and sexual assault are all factors that contribute to a healthy student experience. To make housing, secondary-suites, and residence fee issues a priority, I plan to have an awareness campaign that will both inform and engage students on the topic. Mental health and anti-violence/safe space are initiatives I plan to take to the federal level with CASA as the avenue.

3. Engagement
I believe that this is the most critical point of all. First, I would like to implement a political resource and information database – a one-place-find-all site to find info on your councillors, MLAs, and MPs and how to communicate with them. Second, I would like to collaborate with campus clubs to host a Lobby Training Program to train interested students on how to effectively lobby our representatives.

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Join me in saying, “Dear Government: Let’s make it count.”

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Candidate for Vice President External

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Open textbooks are FREE to access, made by academics, and can be tailored by professors, if necessary, to better suit course structure and content. The B.C. government currently has 80 open textbooks available for use in Alberta, such as, first year statistics, sociology, chemistry, and accounting. Open textbooks save you money and can be designed perfectly for students based on best practices and semester feedback.

3. Address the Inadequacy of Alberta Student Loans
As of now, Alberta student loans are capped at $13,300 a year for all undergraduate students. This is inadequate for many students, considering the current cost of tuition, food, living expenses, other living expenses, and textbooks far exceeds this limit. For cost breakdowns refer to my website.

I have a comprehensive knowledge of the issues facing students and the personal skills and passion to follow through. I genuinely enjoy student politics and am the kind of guy that will be thinking about how to benefit you as a student after the workday is done. Vote David McDonald for Vice President External.

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**Vice President External (continued)**

**Kyle Schole**  
Candidate for  
Vice President External

I’m a 4th year double-major in International Relations & Political Science, and I’ve had the pleasure of serving on the SU Policy Committee (PDRC), the Advocacy Task Force, and the Arts and Science Faculty Coop/Internship Advisory Board. It would be difficult to find anyone more passionate about politics and advocacy as I am, and these qualities make me an ideal candidate. I want to continue to advocate for students as the next VP External:

1. **Market Modifiers + Scrapped Tuition-Cap + Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees = A BAD DEAL FOR YOU!**
   - Push the government to commit to restrict future approval of modifiers,
   - Drive for better accounting of how modifier/ fee dollars are spent, and
   - Defend the tuition-cap at all costs.

2. **We deserve security from underhanded and surprise tuition increases — I’ll fight tooth and nail for that!**
3. **Insist on creating a Student Employment Program (STEP) & Review Unpaid Internship Rules**
   - Alberta is the only province without a STEP; that needs to change.
4. **Preserve an Affordable UPass**
   - If Bow Valley College succeeds in joining the UPass, it could mean significant hikes in our own transit fees. I don’t want to see that happen.
5. **Legalize Secondary Suites & Oppose Premium Residence Fees**
6. ** Expedite Arrival of Open Electronic Textbooks**

Visit my website: http://kyleschole4vpex.nationbuilder.com  
Feel free to add me as a friend on Facebook!

**Vice President Operations and Finance**

**Keean Bexte**  
Candidate for  
Vice President Operations and Finance

My name is Keean Bexte. I am honored to be a candidate for VP Operations and Finance, and I am grateful for your consideration. Fighting for students is my passion; ever since I came to the U of C I have sought to work for you, through both student clubs and as a Representative on the SU’s Students Legislative Council.

My Platform:

1. **Get Debit and Credit in the Stör.**
   In this day and age, students don’t carry around dollar bills, nor do we want to carry around change after buying an energy drink during a late night studying. Within the first trimester that I am in office, I will pass a resolution in the Operations and Finance Committee to have the Stör accepting debit and credit cards.

2. **Fight to get a fair deal for students from the Mac Hall negotiations**
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3. **Upgrade the Emergency Button Infrastructure**
   Campus safety is a priority. Whether you are heading to the train after a late night of studying, or heading back to Residence after a night at the Den, making sure you are safe along the way is essential. Just like how the Wi-Fi in Mac Hall has been upgraded, I want to submit a Quality Money application to upgrade our emergency system to one similar to SAIT’s.

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6. **6. Improved Advocacy**
   - We face potentially devastating budget cuts, as well as (probably) two elections this year. That presents both challenge and opportunity. We must leverage Alberta Post-Secondary as a ballot-box issue by mobilizing an effective Get-Out-The-Vote campaign.
   - “Idea-Scale” is an online platform through which I want to facilitate “participatory advocacy,” as an element thereof.
   - The Advocacy Task Force should become a permanent SU standing-committee, and serve as a conduit to develop a more coherent advocacy strategy year-to-year, and over the medium-term.

Visit my website: nationbuilder.com  
Feel free to add me as a friend on Facebook!

**ELECTION RESULTS**

The election results will be announced Thursday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Den. Come celebrate with your newly elected officials!
Vice President Student Life

Patrick Ma
Candidate for
Vice President
Student Life

Visionary. Advocate. Leader. Village Ice-Cream Scooper. My name is Patrick Ma and here’s how I plan on changing the game at UofC.

KNOW YOUR CAMPUS: Student Engagement
- Monthly Calendar updates – to increase students’ awareness of different SU club activities throughout the semester, monthly calendars with a variety of open events will be created with links to Orgsync and Clubhub. Students will no longer be abandoned after O-Week and Clubs Week to find out how they can get involved.
- Club Matchmaker – this initiative helps students pair themselves to the club of their dreams through a quick and easy online questionnaire. It was pursued Fall 2014 and I will see it through.
- Club Funding - a. The MacEwan Student Centre Operating Agreement Negotiations are currently on-going. I am committed to ensuring MacHall continues to be managed by the SU, remains student focused and maintains its role as a sustainable funding stream. b. Prioritizing SU Funding and Policy towards Safe Spaces, Club Opportunities and Student Wellness.
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  ii. Creating quarterly committee reports
  iii. Sharing supporting documents from Student Legislative Council
  b. Creating awareness of current SU initiatives and resources
  i. Implement the campaign across different media platforms

4. Committing to Sustainability
- a. Creating a new student opportunity for Sustainability Governance
  i. With the elimination of the Committee of Sustainability Initiatives we need a way for student voices to be represented in university sustainability initiatives.
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- 2 years of experience as a Sustainability Resource Centre Assistant
- 3 summers working for non-profit organizations managing budgets of up to 2 million dollars

Kirsty McGowan
Candidate for
Vice President
Student Life

Hey F.R.I.E.N.D.S, my name is Kirsty. I'm President of The British Club & The European Council, Relay for Life Chair, Digital Signage Coordinator at NUTV and Arts Representative. I want to represent YOU as VPSL to achieve:

1. Securing the Future of a MacEwan Student Centre Managed By Students For Students
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Vice President Student Life (continued)

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Faculty Representatives

Faculty Representatives - Arts

Coltyn Herman
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“I hope to continue advocating for prayer space. Provide an accepting, and dynamic place for all denominations to practice their faith. Introduce more plug-in stations on campus, directly adjacent to those prime and unfamiliar study spaces, to better utilize and draw people to the different areas.

CLUBS
I have been a part of the U of C Snapchat account to promote events and get more students to attend them, which is an important type of information to get out and vote. It does make a difference. Importantly, even if you don't support me, please vote for my fellow arts students and I appreciate your support in the upcoming election. Most importantly, even if you don't support me, please get out and vote. It does make a difference.

MENTAL HEALTH
Implement a peer-assistance program for students interested in counseling and supporting mental health awareness. Students would be trained to handle non-crisis situations and service drop-in hours for those in need of help. This would extend the current support network and increase awareness for issues relating to mental health.

Faculty of Arts Students’ Association (FASA), as an international relations and anthropology student passionate about the betterment of the arts student experience. After running for arts rep last year I have spent the year as an interdisciplinary programs representative on the Faculty of Arts Students’ Association (FASA), further enhancing my knowledge of our faculty. My platform points are concerned with setting up arts students for career success, tackling disengagement, and further developing a sense of community.

1. Opportunity
The focus on setting up arts students for post-degree success has never been more needed. We have to work with career services to ensure that programming and tools are in place for soft skill development that arts students will be able to take wherever they go.

2. Disengagement
The sad reality is that with the largest faculty comes the largest amount of disengaged students. Student apathy needs to be addressed from the get-go, starting with o-week through enticing programming and captivating events. This way, we are not fighting an uphill battle later on.

3. Community:
The Faculty of Arts Students Association (FASA) is still a young organization and needs to be set up for future success. Alongside FASA we have to work on improving the functionality of the arts lounge and development of a digital hub that arts students can rely in form of FASA’s website, this would include a calendar with events from across the faculty.

The experience I have gained this year on FASA and generally in my involvements on campus will allow to me to genuinely represent arts students. So remember, from March 3rd to 5th, you and I, we were born to arts.

Email: haidali@ucalgary.ca
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My name is Coltyn Herman and I am running for the position of Faculty of Arts Representative in the upcoming SU election. One thing I have learned here in my time as a UoC student is that university is often a financially draining time. Many of us are just moving away from home and having to manage our own finances, with a limited income to boot. That’s why, if I am elected, one of my main priorities will be to establish a service through which students can receive financial counseling. This service would help students plan out a budget, examine their expenses and come up with a plan to help them make it through their university career without breaking the bank. Furthermore, if you are graduating soon, this service would help provide you with a plan regarding how to tackle your finances in the real world; whether it be paying off student loans or finding out how to set up investment accounts, this program would help provide a smooth transition into life after UoC.

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“The role of Vice President Student Life focuses on improving the quality of student life on campus through student engagement initiatives and events.” I believe I am the best candidate to enhance your experience here at the University of Calgary by executing the following platform points:

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT, ENRICHMENT AND EXPERIENCE
• Further expand the Student Union’s use of social media, posters, and email to promote events that are taking place around campus.
• Introduce a House Cup to boost student involvement on campus by implementing an extended series of inter-faculty competitions… 10 POINTS FOR GRIFFINDOR!!

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Shubir Shaikh - Arts Representative
We have an opportunity to transform our University to one of the Canada’s top 5 universities as highlighted in the 2011 Vision and Strategy book.

I want to represent your best interests if I am elected to represent Arts students. It is my belief that students should collectively work together from all faculties, we should be vocal to support student interests, and we should collaborate with other Students Unions’ to collectively encourage our governments to support student needs.

If I am elected for Arts Representative I will work towards these three issues, as well as new ideas you would like to see.

1. Arts Advocacy Guide. The values of our university reflect the values of our province. So what does it say about Alberta when our university keeps shuffling, shoving together and ultimately shrinking the Arts Faculty?

Arts students are resilient and have fought hard to foster community and pride in the Arts, despite increasing cuts to our funding. We know the value of our education and are willing to stand up for it.

2. Continued partnership with the Faculty of Arts Students Association; ensuring strong collaborative ties for events and student engagement opportunities; where the Faculty of Arts Students Association would take full charge of events.

3. Tuition Freeze — I will do my best to ensure tuitions don’t drastically increase, if I am elected as Arts representative, I will vote “No”, to increase in tuitions and market modifiers.

If you would like to know more about me and other ideas you may have, please contact me, my contact information is available if you click on the link to me website which is shubir.com, you should also check out my video if you have couple minutes to spare.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Jen Tokarek
Candidate for Faculty Representative, Arts

I am a third year Law and Society student and I consider myself a strong candidate for the position based on my involvement in and around campus and active interest of faculty and campus-wide issues. I’ve had experience working with Faculty of Arts Student Association, specifically on events, and working with the Consent Awareness and Sexual Education Club in the past year. The arts representatives of this year have achieved a great deal in terms of improving the arts lounge and working to instill a sense of pride, in terms of great events over the year. That being said, I wish to build on those successes and continue to grow our faculty through my three platform points:

1. Careers in the arts events; building on the career and workshop events of this year and ensuring they continue to meet the needs of students and give us the ability to connect with industry professionals, as well career events geared toward arts degrees to showcase the potential of our degrees and the ability to see them translate university success into career opportunities.

2. Continued partnership with the Faculty of Arts Students Association; ensuring strong ties with the association and maintaining collaborative ties for events and student engagement opportunities; where the Faculty of Arts Students Association would take full charge of events.

3. Creation of an arts event calendar; consolidate the Faculty of Arts Students Association and departmental club events that would be made available both on d2L and in the arts lounge; this would affect increases in club event attendance and maintain the partnership with the Faculty of Arts Students Association.

Feel free to visit me on social media to stay connected with me during my campaign!

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/JenForArtsRep
Twitter: https://twitter.com/JenForArtsRep
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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 will take place from any device with internet access beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 3 until 4 p.m. Thursday, March 5.

VOTING STATIONS:
• Tuesday, March 3
• Wednesday, March 4
• Thursday, March 5
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., MacEwan Student Centre, Science Theatres and TFDL

All University of Calgary undergraduate students registered in the Winter 2015 session are eligible to vote.

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**Faculty Representatives - Cumming School of Medicine**

**Mo Ahmad**
Candidate for
Faculty Representative,
Cumming School of Medicine

My aspirations as a Faculty of Medicine representative candidate include:

1. **Enhancement of Career Resources**
   - Are you debating between medical school and graduate school? Although many students pursue these paths, I want to highlight that these are not your only options after BHSc and aim to provide the resources necessary to choose the best post-graduation direction for you. The introduction of career workshops and seminars by professionals in various specializations in the field would be one of the steps taken to supplement career resources currently available to students.

2. **Continued Enrichment of Student Life**
   - Student life within BHSc is unique in its nature with a smaller overall program size and classes on a different campus. Although initiatives like the buddy program are currently in place, I wish to implement more opportunities to engage BHSc students of all years by providing various socials in cooperation with the HSSA. In addition, students have welcomed the recent changes to the lounge and I intend on continuing this trend of improvement with your help and suggestions!

What makes me a good candidate?

I am passionate about the Faculty of Medicine and BHSc program and have a vision that students will graduate with a memorable undergraduate journey along with their degrees. Moreover, I believe that I have the experience in student advocacy necessary to make this happen. Through my involvement in the Student Faculty Liaison Committee for the past two years and as part of the HSSA executive team for three, I am attuned to listening to and representing the voice and needs of students in both academic and student life respects. Just a text, Facebook, or email message away, I am open and approachable. If you have any questions or input or just want to chat, please don’t hesitate to reach out!

**Shubidito Ahmed**
Candidate for
Faculty Representative,
Cumming School of Medicine

Hello everyone, my name is Tejewin (Jovey) Sharma and I am a second year biomed student. I appreciate the fact that you are looking into my platforms and are taking a step into informed voting, and standing up to make change. In my years as a BHSc student, I have seen a lot of changes and additions take place to the BHSc Program, faculty of medicine tours, the Feasby lounge and so on. I would like to build further on a solid foundations set up in previous years.

My platform focuses on three broad areas with specific examples provided in my extended platform:

1. **Enhancing overall student experience:** We are lucky to go to a university that does not solely focus on academics and encourages students to enjoy a wholesome experience during their time at university. Due to our location, this sometimes feels like a struggle for us. Despite the amount of improvement seen over the past couple of years, I believe that a lot more can be improved upon and working together; we should be able to do so.

2. **Academic Experience and Success:** Being in the Faculty of Medicine comes with it’s own personal expectations to excel and work to best of your ability. For most of us, our academic experience is just as, if not more, important than any other aspect of university. I believe that this could be especially improved in the undergrad streams by providing students improved opportunities to learn and research.

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.

Let’s move forward, together.

**Jovey Sharma**
Candidate for
Faculty Representative,
Cumming School of Medicine

**Faculty Representatives - Haskayne School of Business**

**Jordan Grant**
Candidate for
Faculty Representative,
Haskayne School of Business

Hello,

My name is Jordan Grant and I’m running for the Haskayne School of Business representative in the 2015 SU General Elections. I am a 3rd year student doing a combined degree in Finance and Economics, a current member of the RITC team, passionate student community member with an extended professional network and a skill of being very adaptive to a changing political reality, to always achieve the best results. My aim is to devote myself to the integration of career opportunities in the academic process for Haskayne students, promote knowledge and professional commitment as well as work on reimbursements of tuition hikes back to students in the form of substantial local benefits. Moreover, to effectively represent the Haskayne School of Business in the Student Union to ensure that Haskayne students have an adequate voice and the reputation of Haskayne and its students only continues to grow in the contemporary fast-changing environment. Let’s face it.

Firstly, tuition hikes (also known as Market Modifiers) need to be addressed in a more serious manner than they are addressed now. Tuition hikes cannot be considered as additional revenue for the University but instead should be used to assist you in your academic and career aspirations. Therefore, as a Haskayne Rep. I am aiming on resolving this issue by lobbying reallocation of Market Modifiers in to the tools to better assist students such as improvement of careers services, introducing more healthier food options and power outlets.

Secondly, I will make myself available on a daily basis, to you, so that you can have an active voice in the SU, making a real change to your university experience through me.

Finally, I fully understand my responsibility and I am confident that I’m capable to cope with any challenge I may have to face.

Thank you.
Dear Haskayne students! My name is Anna Kadyreva and I am a business student, majoring in Marketing. I am excited to run for election and become your Faculty Representative! Being in my first year of studies, I am an active participant of such programs as the E&Y Leadership Program, the Volunteer Tax Program, and the First Year Scholars. Why do I want to become your representative? Because I want to help you improve your academic achievement and become more engaged in University life!

One of my primary goals is to establish stronger connections between HSB students. I plan to create sessions where upper-year students will advise first and second-year students about their experiences, professors, and classes. I also believe that non-academic activities will bring a better sense of commitment and unity to our faculty. Moreover, I want to promote the use of faculty clubs and houses. My goal is to support our faculty clubs and to show students the advantages of being an active club member. I will continue developing the house system that was recently introduced at the beginning of the year.

Finally, I am going to promote scholarships, awards, and competitions. I will make sure that information about upcoming scholarships and competitions is widespread to HSB students and I will also search for even more opportunities to offer to our students.

Giving Access to More Student Experiences

As Haskayne Representative, I will aim to make international conferences and competitions accessible to more Haskayne students. I believe that there are two ways to make these experiences accessible.

Firstly, funding is one of the most significant barriers to accessing any type of extra-curricular activity, especially ones that involve travel. Working with the existing SU infrastructure like the Haskayne Student Levy Committee and the Student Activities Fund, I want to try to make sure that when students see an exciting opportunity or event, money won’t be the reason they can’t go.

Secondly, the other big barrier to student experiences is awareness. I will do my best to increase the amount of competitions, conferences and business events that students will have access to as co-chair of the Haskayne Student Association, I will strive to make sure that opportunities exist and are made known to the student body.

Accountability with the Market Modifier

The market modifiers make Haskayne Students pay an additional $238.83 per Haskayne course; this adds $4776.60-$5731.92 to all BCOMM degrees. 45% of that disappears to “Administration.” I will continue the work of previous elected members in finding out where the money goes. I will petition to get more funds back into Haskayne to help student’s educations and to fund student experiences.

Student Engagement

The HSA has already laid the groundwork for getting student buy in with Haskayne. I would like to see Haskayne continue to provide more for students and encourage them to participate on campus. My mandate is to help students become more involved while having their money pay for their own education.

Hello HASKAYNE! My name is Aisha Sajid and I am currently in my 3rd year of Accounting with a minor in Political Science. I am a student just like you and I have gone through many of the same problems you have and I don’t know about you, but I think it’s time for a change in Haskayne!

I’ve been around long enough to see that this faculty can give business students a lot more than they are getting. Here are some changes I will make, if elected:

1) Improve Student Space
   - Increase seating within the Business Library and the 4th Floor Clubs space lounge (accessible to all HSB students)
   - Have charging stations (Make use of the lack of outlets!)
2) Unity
   - Having more events like ‘Haskayne Happiness’ that are JUST for students (not career/industry related)
   - Creating a Mentorship program within Haskayne: connects Senior students with 1st and 2nd year students.
   - Creating a ‘Scouting System’ for 1st, 2nd year and Transfer students to help them pick from 18 different concentrations. This would involve input from Senior level students, Alumni, Career Services, and Industry Professionals so students can really understand the value of their degree.
3) Improve Information and accessibility
   - Creating an info graphic map/Web tool that centralizes information of scholarship availability and eligibility, and Study Abroad programs as well what each respective office in Haskayne can help students with.

If elected as a Haskayne Faculty Representative, I will focus on three key issues:

• Increasing Student Engagement

As a Co-Chair of the Haskayne Student’s Association, I will work with the Executive to carry out the governance mandate and build on the established objective of improving student experiences. I will focus on increasing the diversity of available opportunities for students, with a heavy emphasis on international conferences and competitions. I will also redouble efforts to promote available sources of funds for these activities, such as the Haskayne Student Experiences Fund, Haskayne Student Levy Committee and the SU Student Activities Fund.

I will increase the available space for clubs to post announcements, by providing additional bulletin boards and allowing clubs to leverage the Haskayne D2L platform. I will also develop an annual Student Survey that will seek to understand the needs of Haskayne students so that future policy development will effectively address the identified concerns.

• Accountability and Market Modifiers

With only 45% of market modifier tuition going to the Haskayne School of Business, I will petition the University Administration to allow Haskayne to access a larger percentage of this tuition to enhance the educational experience of both present and future students. The class of 2017 will be paying almost $3 million in additional market modifier tuition, all of which can be used to improve the quality of instruction and provide additional extracurricular opportunities.

• More Flexible Schedules

Almost all Haskayne courses are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and there has been strong demand from students for classes offered on the other three days of the week. I will work with the faculty and administration to expand course offerings on other days, which will allow a greater number of classes to be held in Scarfield Hall at better times for students.
Hey Kines! I’m Megan :) I’m in my 4th year of exercise physiology and am currently the president of the Kinesiology Students’ Society. My love of the faculty of Kinesiology and my amazing undergraduate experience so far have inspired me to run for Kinesiology Rep.

My goal: To foster a sense of community within the Faculty of Kinesiology.

- Work in partnership with the KSS to enhance student-life in Kinesiology through:
  - Student mixers
  - Student-faculty mixers
  - Promotion of Dinos games
  - Kindustry
- Collaborate with the KSS to provide opportunities for faculty and students to interact outside the classroom setting through faculty-wide events.

- Work with the KSS VP Academic to get the Kinesiology Mentorship Program off the ground in the Fall of 2015.
  - Founded by Stephan Guscott and Tatum Mitra, the Kinesiology Mentorship Program aims to enhance the first year experience by giving first-year students the chance to create bonds with their senior peers and access integral first hand knowledge about how to make the most of your degree in the faculty of Kinesiology.
- Help connect lower year students with upper year students that have had academic success in the more challenging kinesiology core courses through a tutor registry for biomechanics, anatomy and physiology, integrated physiology, and exercise physiology.
- Increase opportunities, especially for first year students, to explore the Human Performance Lab and learn more about ongoing research and the endless research opportunities available for undergraduate students.
  - The HPL is one of the largest research centres for musculo-skeletal research relating to movement and exercise world-wide and is equipped with unparalleled equipment and computer facilities.
- Open Communication
  - Monthly emails to keep you in the loop about ongoing faculty events
  - Act as the voice of kinesiology advocating for undergraduate students by representing your interests and addressing your concerns.

Megan Kolmatiski  
Faculty Representative, Kinesiology

As the Faculty of Law Representative I aim to facilitate conversation between the SU and the Faculty of Law. The SU plays an important role with the Faculty, especially with the SLS. Without proper dialogue between the SU and the Faculty of Law, students miss out on opportunities available to them. The students in the Faculty of law deserve to have their voices recognized at the SU. Law student interests may not always align with the SU and this may become more apparent with the passing of the market modifier. I aspire to advocate on behalf of law students to make sure that it is their interests that are considered as we move forward.

Mark Shearer  
Faculty Representative, Law

My three main goals to achieve as the Nursing Representative are:

First, I would like to have on D2L the option of students being able to evaluate both their clinical instructors and their clinical placements (labs included). I believe this will give the instructors and the faculty a better idea of how their students are doing. This would give the faculty more feedback on what the students want to see as they progress through the program; and would also allow for changes to be made throughout the semester which in turn, would lead to the students having a more positive learning experience.

Second, I would like to work with the faculty to develop a strategy to reduce the inconsistency between clinical instructors and the way they evaluate their students. I would like to see it become more objective evaluation instead of subjective. This will increase the confidence in students and therefore increase the education that they are receiving. I would like to create a standard for all instructors to work under in their method of evaluation.

Thirdly, I would like to investigate how valuable anecdotal notes are as a grading method for students in clinical. I would like to see anecdotal notes be supplementary to learning, instead of being a main component of a passing grade. I would like to see clinical changed to being more heavily weighted on skills, how the student works in their clinical setting, and their OSCAR results.
I would like to see anecdotal notes become more of an end of week journal in which student can confidentially express their feelings and thoughts without any judgment.

Alicia Lunz  
Faculty Representative, Nursing

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 on the SU YouTube page.
I'm Negin, a second year Mechanical Engineering student. I tutor high school students, in math, physics and chemistry. Currently, I’m a Second Year Representative in MESS, and the Engineering Representative for Easy Ace, an on-campus free tutoring club that also organizes exam review sessions.

I want to be your representative at the Students’ Union Student Legislative Council (SLC), to improve your experience at the Schulich School of Engineering by doing the following:

**Quality of Education**
- Working with department Students’ Societies to standardize the mid-semester feedback process throughout the departments. Looking to find new ways to collect this feedback to increase accessibility to students while decreasing the administrative burden on student representatives.

**Advocacy**
- Continually ensuring that the best interests of the engineering student body are truly represented in the new modified budget allocations, and that accountability is maintained in the spending of incoming revenue.

**Building a Bridge**
- Working with other Students’ Union faculty representatives to organize more inter-faculty events.
- Representing the engineering student body on the Student Legislative Council (SLC) and University committees.

Hello fellow engineers! My name is Stephanie Hlousek; I am running in the Students’ Union Election in the hopes of becoming an Engineering Faculty Representative.

After being involved with the Engineering Students’ Society (ESS) for almost 4 years (President in the 2013/2014 academic year), I understand how the Schulich School of Engineering operates and the ins and outs of running a student government that keeps students’ best interests at hand. Through this I have been connected with the SU and its initiatives. I am currently on my internship in Switzerland until May.

Over the past few years, the Engineering Faculty Reps have done a fantastic job of representing students’ interests. For this reason I seek to refine the position and not to redesign it. Please have a look at my 2-pillared platform for the 2015-2016 year:

1. Strategically Strengthening Connections:
   - Meeting more regularly with clubs to communicate how the SU can help with their success and collect input on current issues.
   - Pushing more engineering students to become O-Week leaders and working to improve the quality of O-Week for incoming first years.
   - Continuing to build UofC pride through collaborations with other faculties and clubs for casual events as well as leadership building initiatives.

2. Continuing to Represent Student Interests:
   - Assisting ESS with ensuring the Schulich School of Engineering is accountable with its implementation of market modifiers using available SU resources.
   - Bringing engineering issues to UofC Admin by driving the SU survey in the engineering faculty and working with ESS to collect student feedback and input.

Thank you for taking the time to read the summarized version of my platform. For more in-depth information about how I plan to achieve these goals, please visit my Facebook Event “Stephanie Hlousek for SU Engineering Rep”, where you can also ask me questions!

My name is Michael Lee and I would love to represent you as your Engineering Representative! As a fellow engineering student, I understand the ups and downs of studying in university. I want to engage in a dialogue with you to better represent your interests. Through constant communication via email updates and surveys, I would like to listen to your ideas on how to improve your student life. Currently, I have ideas to improve upon the academic and social needs of the engineering students. Academically, I want to establish an easily accessible and unified exam bank and to increase affordable tutorial opportunities. As well, I would like to continue the career showcases for engineers. To enhance student life on campus, I would like to continue ESS’ events such as Faculty Wars Dodgeball and Pi Week. I also plan to create more enjoyable events for students, such as Sports Night, to give students the opportunity to build connections with our engineering community. These are just some of my ideas, and I value your opinion and suggestions. Together, we can work together to improve life on campus. I have prior leadership experiences from founding Mahjong Club and cofounding Badminton Club, and can use these experiences to enact change. I’m excited to help you get the most out of your university life!

Hey, I’m Kaylyn Schnell and I’m running for the position of Engineering Faculty Representative. From the following platform I hope you understand how passionate I am about engineering and recognize how capable I am to represent the Engineering Faculty.

1. Increase communication within the faculty and university as a whole! I want to reach out to each of the engineering clubs/teams/associations to support them as much as possible from an SU perspective. I’d love to meet with all of these clubs at least once to gain feedback and explain the opportunities available to them from the SU and other university offices.

2. Better implement feedback from student consultation! It will be important to follow up with ongoing issues and ensure the faculty keeps students up to date. It’s my responsibility to be the voice of engineering students and without proper feedback mechanisms it’s impossible to represent the student body. Surveys will play a large role in ensuring students are satisfied with the ongoing construction process and the use of money from market modifiers.

3. Facilitate relations between the engineering faculty and other university offices! I want to coordinate with university offices like the Leadership and Student Engagement Office or the Student Success Centre to offer events that directly relate to the engineering faculty. Perhaps this would take the form of an additional workshop for engineering orientation leaders that would explain the traditions of engineering. With my past extracurricular experiences as VP OpFi and First Year Representative on the Engineering Students’ Society I have the passion and background knowledge to make an exceptional ENGG Rep!

Feel free to contact me anytime by email at krschnel@ucalgary.ca! Or for more info you can check me out on twitter @kaylynschnell or find my “Vote for Kaylyn Schnell for SU ENGG Rep” event on Facebook!
Advocate for a shared space for the student body in the faculty of science, currently sights are set on the Elbow room in Science Theatres.

First Year courses need to be given more support, although the current amount is sufficient, the same level of support should be given to the students in the faculty of science as they are in others, for example Schidich, etc.

Reclaim the Earth Science Study Spaces for the students in the faculty of science, they shouldn't be reserved for student in the faculty of ENG.

As a faculty it couldn’t hurt to have a bit more unity even though we have varied disciplines within Science, we can all band together under the banner of the faculty of science, maybe even have some form of branding.

Meeting new people can be daunting when you attend a school of twenty five thousand undergrad students. Often, students are hurrying to class or too busy studying to make new friends. That’s why I aim to bring the faculty of science together by introducing faculty of science mixers and other activities that lets science students mix and mingle and make new connections. I wish for every student to have an exceptional University experience, and that starts with lasting friendships. I will also continue on the work done by our current science reps to secure funding for a science lounge where science students can have a place to relax.

Hi!

My name is Houda El Sidawi and I am a 3rd year science student pursuing a degree in Biological Sciences. I am running for Science Rep to voice your concerns and to serve you as a representative for our Faculty. Based on my own experiences and other students’ input, I have a few suggestions to improve some of the issues that we face:

1. Getting Your Hands Dirty
   - Collaborating with Career Services and the Faculty of Science to bring more Coop and Internship opportunities to you
   - Applying the theory-based science learnt in classrooms to the real world
   - Research opportunities:

2. Life After BSc?
   - Making it easier to search for research by creating a database for Profs to post available positions in their labs
   - Many of us face the troubling question of what to pursue after undergrad
   - I would like to increase exposure to available career opportunities after a BSc degree
   - How? Monthly career talks: where scientists in various fields will be invited to present on their “How-To” stories
   - Why? In order to gives us more information on the job opportunities in which we can contribute positively to our community as future scientists.

3. Continuing the Legacy: Unifying Science
   - What has been done: The constitution for the Science Academic Faculty Club has been established.
   - What’s next? Initiate faculty-wide networking Events
   - Why? Science is an interdisciplinary discipline and networking events will provide us with the opportunity of developing a well-knit and stronger faculty and make us proud for being science students.

If you like what I have to offer and would like to see a real change, Vote for Houda on March 3rd-5th!

Science Lounge Completion
Science student don't have a space to do homework, meet peers, or to hold social mixers. The Elbow room just received tentatively approved as the new Science Lounge. I will make it a top priority to see a proposal submitted and construction started.

CO-Ops and Internships
I want to improve CO-OP and internships for science students. There is no reason science CO-Ops and internships aren't as strong as other faculties! For many us, finding a meaningful job in our area is extremely important! I will strive to develop stronger CO-OOPs and internships to get you jobs! I have already started contacting local businesses, and over 15 were interested in setting up a dedicated science job fair.

Summer Research Website
Have you ever been interested in doing summer research? Did you find it hard to figure out who was hiring? Who to contact?

I recently did that search, and it was frustrating to have to flip from one professor's webpage to another. Often opportunities are not publically posted, contact information is wrong, and deadlines aren't shown. If elected, I will start a public research bulletin.

Science Mentorship Program
In my first year I found it challenging to figure out how to navigate university. The Science Mentorship Program connects new students to more experienced ones. This program is extremely effective and without Science Rep support, it will likely end. If elected I will promote and save the Science Mentorship program.

Lost Science Study Space to Engineering
Have you noticed how SCIENCE B has ENGINEERING ONLY spaces now? Are you excited to have even less space to do homework? I'm not! If elected, I will lobby as hard as I can, like starting petitions, to resist these sorts of changes.

Vote CONRAD JAEGER

Burning to Be Your Science Rep!
My name is Julie Le and I am in my second year of Biological Sciences with a minor in Development Studies. I have been an active part of the University community since my first year. I’m currently a peer helper at the Wellness Clinic and the Women’s Resource Centre, involved in various SU clubs, and I am the student representative for the Science Space Planning Working Group (SSPWG). In the SSPWG, I directly bring the students’ voices and concerns about our buildings and labs to make a change. Through this, I have experience advocating for science students and will continue to do so with increased drive and dedication. If chosen to be your Faculty Representative, I would commit to fulfilling my duty to both serve and represent students to achieve greater goals.

My election platform:
1. Securing funds for the upcoming Science Lounge and ensuring that science students have a unifying, identifiable area to solidify a sense of community, as well as have a practical, comfortable space to work and interact.
2. Keep students informed about opportunities and programs that are available by avidly continuing the Science Newsletters. I want to provide students with the resources to succeed and learn how to approach research, summer studentships, and science-related jobs.
3. Implement additional programs that allow students to explore the potential career opportunities available, foster a sense of science pride and community, and enable greater cohesion of the faculty. This encompasses providing networking events, conferences, information sessions, and bringing in speakers from a variety of professional fields.
4. Increase academic and transitional support for science students in all years. I intend to develop an informative online science student reference site, where students can submit their advice for courses, study techniques, and other university survival tips.

Take the LE-ad. Vote Julie Le.

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I want to give YOU a reason to SMILE

Diversify Learning: International Practicums and Wider Range of Mentorship Programs

Offer Wider Range of International Practicums

• Currently, there are only three international practicum placements with the University of Tennessee, Adelaide and Barbados. I want to advocate towards offering more variety in international practicum placements

Offer Mentorship Programs with No Age Limits

• Collaborate with faculty members to ensure ALL students are given an opportunity to participate in mentorship opportunities.

Social Work Career Fair- Host a Social Work Career Fair

• Wouldn’t it be great to have a Career Fair just for Social Work students!? Many faculties have one but unfortunately, social work does not and I want to change that! I want to help social work students connect with organizations for potential employments or work placement opportunities.

Connectivity- Active Voice, Campus Tour, Expansion of SWSA

• Social work is a small faculty and often times isolated from the main campus. Through the Student’s Union, I wish to bridge this gap

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Hello! My name is Christopher Klune and I am a third-year concurrent Education and Arts Student who will be running for the Faculty of Education Student Representative. I hope to do this via my three point platform:

1) Mediate joint initiatives between the Students’ Union and the Education Students’ Association: As an incoming executive of the Education Students’ Association (ESA) for the 2015/2016 academic year I have learned that there has been a noticeable level of disconnect between the Students’ Union (SU) and the ESA. I hope to bridge this gap by integrating the two roles of SU Representative and ESA Executive by pursuing joint programming and initiatives between both bodies and maintain close communication between the two.

2) Actively engage all types of degree streams: As a concurrent student I felt that during my gap years I was not able to fully engage with the Education program, so I hope to pursue volunteering initiatives and other campaigns to keep concurrent students aware and interested in education during their gap years. I also hope to provide similar programming for the first cohort coming into the 4 year degree program. Finally, I hope to maintain what I already believe to be strong engagement between the faculty and our after-degree students through professional development opportunities.

3) Provide more out-of-class-experiences for Education students: Many students want more experiences out in the field that are relevant to education. I hope to do this by 1) Promoting easily accessible opportunities on campus through various volunteer-focused offices; and 2) Liaise between students, faculty, and the Calgary community to bring volunteer experiences to Education students. I’d also like to explore the logistical possibilities behind creating and implementing service-learning opportunities accessible for all students enrolled in the Education program regardless of their stream or degree-type.

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Interested parties please contact jweston@ucalgary.ca for more information.
Other Representatives

Board of Governors Student at Large Representative

When elected as a member of the Board of Governors, I will be a strong representative voice for students of the University of Calgary. This means keeping the University fiscally responsible on its spending decisions. Today, it is a struggle for a student to afford education, therefore it will be my priority to ensure students pay least possible tuition rates.

Nick Boots  
Candidate for Board of Governors Student at Large Representative

My name is Annie Mushtaq, and I am running to be your Board of Governors Representative. I am currently completing a combined degree in International Relations and Sociology, with a minor in Development Studies. Having a student representative on the Board of Governors is a valuable opportunity for the students to be heard and make our perspective known to the decision makers of the university. It is time for us to take ownership of our role as vital stakeholders of this university and ensure that our values, needs and interests reflect the policies of the school. I will work my hardest to make the Board more accessible to students and ensure that students are kept informed of the dialogue and decisions that impact them. I am committed to advocating for fair and affordable tuition, and a safe and welcoming environment for all students to share their concerns.

The U of C needs a strong voice – someone who can collaborate and inspire but who also isn’t afraid to ask the tough questions and take on a fight when needed. I am confident that my abilities and past experiences make me the perfect candidate for this role. I would be absolutely thrilled to represent you on the Board of Governors. Thank you.

Annie Mushtaq  
Candidate for Board of Governors Student at Large Representative

My name is Amy Li and I am currently a third year neuroscience student. This year I had the honour of serving as one of the Faculty of Science Representatives. I believe my knowledge and experience will allow me to make informed and responsible decisions as a Board of Governors Student at Large Representative.

My Platform:
1. Promote Affordable and Quality Education  
   - Stop tuition increase and focus on scholarship opportunities  
   - Support programs with research and hands-on experiences
2. Enhance Student Experience  
   - Encourage initiatives that improve students’ wellness  
   - Put emphasis on stronger NSSE (National Survey or Student Engagement) results
3. Increase Transparency  
   - Engage with students on social media and bring students’ feedback to board meetings

My Experiences:
- Current SU Science Faculty Representative  
  - Advocated for students on committees such as Teaching & Learning, and Research & Scholarship
- Co-Founder and Executive Director of Outrun the Stigma  
  - Spearheaded the first faculty wide peer mentorship program
- Founder and President of Distress Centre on Campus Club  
  - Awarded 2014 SU Club of the Year and Honourable Mention for Advocacy
- Co-Founder and Executive Director of Outrun the Stigma  
  - Led the first student initiated mental health awareness run in Western Canada
Facebook: Amy Li for Board of Governors

Alex Procyk  
Candidate for Board of Governors Student at Large Representative

Hi! My name is Alex Procyk and I am proud to be putting my name forward as a Board of Governors (BoG) representative candidate in this upcoming election. With a responsibility to represent student concerns to our own administrative policy making body, I intend to fulfill role obligations and student advocacy through three main platform themes:

1. Creating a more student-oriented policy framework. In the active and broad strategy of our university, students are usually an after-thought. Existing strategic plans – from Eyes High to organized community outreach – do a good job in increasing the clout and reputation of our institution, but focus on professional and public goals exclusively. I will fight for a well-rounded and more student-focused influence in policies that our BoG is responsible for.
2. Creating a more efficient and functioning administration. From market modifiers to million-dollar staircases, our BoG has done a lot to make students confused and frustrated; looming provincial budget cuts won’t be making student life any easier. I will contribute a student voice in the name of fiscal responsibility, through advocacy for better long-term planning, review of existing spending programs, and confronting wasteful choices.
3. An effective pan-faculty voice. As a student-at-large, I intend to be an advocate for community building and student engagement through the lens of our central administration. Our school has far more common needs and concerns between us than minor distinctions; a push to bring faculties closer together on our BoG can allow for more effective means to achieve campus-wide strategies of policy, initiatives and service promotions.

A new, refreshing style of outlook for student-administration relations is what the UofC needs, and it’s what I promise to deliver if chosen to be your BoG representative.

On March 3, 4 and 5, I humbly ask for your vote and support.
With the upcoming provincial budget cuts, more than ever before we need a strong voice on the Board of Governors, who will stand up for students and hold administration accountable. As your representative, I will fight for:

• Lower tuition. Over the past 10 years, tuition and fees have increased by 26%. Next year, market modifiers will go into effect for three faculties: for example, tuition in engineering will go up an additional 32%. I will push for lower tuition, and vote against any tuition increases. Period.

• More financial aid and student awards. For the past two years, QS has ranked the University of Calgary 5/5 on all categories except for access to education. I will advocate for more financial aid and student awards, so you won’t need a lifetime of loans to afford an education.

• Better classrooms. Collapsing chairs, duct tape “fixes”, and tripping hazards are unacceptable. The problems are often worsened by overcrowding. I will get these repaired quickly, and work with administration to streamline the process for changing overfilled classrooms.

• Better Wi-Fi. Although it has been upgraded, significant areas still have unreliable Wi-Fi. Not only is this inconvenient, but it limits viable study space. I will leverage funding from the SU Quality Money program to ensure that the Wi-Fi continues to improve.

I have extensive experience in governance that will enable me to effectively represent you. I am the Vice President and Acting President of the Crohn’s and Colitis Canada Calgary Society, which raises $500,000 annually with over 100 volunteers. I also understand the SU, having served on the SU Review Board, and the political climate.

I would love to hear from you at 403-879-7766 (text/call), mrtom@ucalgary.ca, or www.michaeltom.ca. I ask for your vote on March 3 – 5, to represent you on the Board of Governors. Thank you.

**Michael Tom**  
Candidate for Board of Governors Student at Large Representative

This year I have been honoured to represent you as a Student-at-Large SU Senate Representative (thank-you!). In 2015-2016 I want to use the significant knowledge, experience, and understanding of both the University Senate and the role of the Student-at-Large position that I’ve gained in order to hit the ground running and directly benefit YOUR student experience.

Platform Points:

1) **FACILITATE MORE COMMUNITY/SENATE INVOLVEMENT IN STUDENT EVENTS AND MORE STUDENT AWARENESS OF OPPORTUNITIES**
   - How? Develop functional link to promote events/initiatives between Senate and students, including pursuing initiation of a Senate social media account.
   - Why? Students and the University both want support at their events. Awareness is the first step in engagement, and the more simply it can be attained, the more efficacious it will be.

2) **ENSURE STUDENT VIEWS ARE STRONGLY REPRESENTED ON SENATE**
   - How? Maintain student representation on all Senate committees and engage with SLC to gauge wider student-body opinion/concerns.
   - Why? Students are one of the most important university stakeholders, but are often minimally represented in larger decisions.

3) **INITIATE SU REVIEW OF SENATE STUDENT-AT-LARGE POSITIONS**
   - How? Petition for a review of the Senate position which encompasses feedback from the SU, past Senate representatives, and the Senate itself.
   - Why? To increase position accountability and benefit to students by utilizing the role optimally, which hasn’t historically occurred.

Experience, Etc. Highlights:
   - 1st year medical student (graduated with BHSc. Honours degree in 2014)
   - Current SU Student-at-Large Senate Representative; past 71st SU Vice-President Academic
   - 2014 recipient of University of Calgary President’s Award for Student Leadership

For more details regarding my platform, a full list of relevant experience, or to discuss any concerns that you may have, please check out my website or get in touch. I look forward to hearing from you!

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**Emily Macphail**  
Senate Student at Large Representative

My name is Scott Vu and I am a 3rd year International Relations major. Over the past year I have had the honour of serving as your student representative on the University of Calgary’s Senate (my sincerest thank-you!). My desire to run for a re-election comes from my desire to continue working on the issues that students face. I intend to use what I have learned and the experiences I have gained to continue fighting for students while improving our university as a whole.

Platform Points:

1. Continue fighting for affordability. I want to continue raising awareness about post-secondary funding. University education is important and the more students are aware of the policies affecting their tuition fees, the higher the likelihood of unified action.

2. Ensuring students still have a voice. Sometimes students feel like they are not being heard by university administrators, it is disheartening. I intend to leverage the connections I have built over the past year within the Senate to make sure that students’ concerns are being listened to in a meaningful way.

3. Reforming the University of Calgary’s image. Now that the University of Calgary is considered one of the top universities in Western Canada, work needs to be done to make the university more approachable to the community. I desire to break down the image of the university as an ivory tower that is unrelatable. By bringing the university to the community, there will be more opportunities for students and funding.

I want to voice your concerns in front of the University of Calgary’s senior administration and community members so that you can confidently pursue your dreams. On March 3rd to 5th, I humbly ask for your vote and I look forward to answering any questions you may have. Vote for Vu!

**Scott Vu**  
Senate Student at Large Representative

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**ELECTION RESULTS**

The election results will be announced Thursday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Den. Come celebrate with your newly elected officials!
NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STUDENTS’ UNION, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

- Vice President Academic .............................................. 1
- Vice President External .............................................. 1
- Vice President Student Life ......................................... 1
- Faculty Representative, Arts ...................................... 4
- Faculty Representative, Medicine ................................ 2
- Faculty Representative, Science .................................. 3
- Faculty Representatives, Schulich School of Engineering .......... 2
- Faculty Representatives, Kinesiology ................................ 1
- Faculty Representatives, Social Work .............................. 1
- Faculty Representatives, Science .................................. 3
- Board of Governors
- Student at Large Representative ................................. 1
- Haskayne School of Business .................................. 2

Voting will take place on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th days of March 2015. Locations and hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 3 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., MacEwan Student Centre, Science Theatres and TFDL.
- Wednesday, March 4 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., MacEwan Student Centre, Science Theatres and TFDL.
- Thursday, March 5 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., MacEwan Student Centre, Science Theatres and TFDL.

Online voting will take place at myUofC Student Centre beginning at 9 a.m. on March 3 and closes at 4 p.m. on March 5, 2015. All University of Calgary undergraduate students registered in the Winter 2015 session are eligible to vote.

NOTICE OF ACCLAMATION

In accordance with section 55 of the The Union Bylaw, the Chief Returning Officer declares the following positions vacant:

- President ...................................................................... 1
- Faculty Representative, Kinesiology ............................. Levi Nilsson
- Faculty Representative, Law .......................................... Mark Shearer
- Faculty Representative, Nursing .................................. Alicia Lunz
- Faculty Representative, Social Work .............................. Tasneem Zaman
- Senate Student at Large .............................................. Emily MacNair
- Faculty Representative, Werklund School of Education ........ Christopher Klune
- Faculty Representative, Veterinary Medicine .................... 1

For more information, visit www.su.ucalgary.ca/elections.

DATED at the University of Calgary in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, this 12th day of February, 2015.

Chief Returning Officer: Chris Yan
Students’ Union, MSC 251 (elections@su.ucalgary.ca)

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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 elections@su.ucalgary.ca

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 “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 will take place from any device with internet access beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 3 until 4 p.m. Thursday, March 5.