**DAGS 2018 By-Election Nomination Form**

**Details:**

**Name:** Alexandra Fox **B00 #:** B00792029 **Program:** MSc Occupational Therapy (entry-level) **Year of Study:** Currently in Year 1 (of 2)

**Questions:**

**Please introduce yourself (100 words):**

My name is Alex Fox, and I am a cis, white, queer disabled settler woman in my first year of the MSc Occupational Therapy program. I’m also apart-time graphic designer, photographer and video maker originally from Newfoundland. Iprimarily work as a freelance artist for NGO, non-profit, student-led, and social justice organizations. My undergraduate degree is in Communication Studies at Ryerson, and I did my MA in Interdisciplinary Studies (with specializations in Political Science, Gender Studies and Critical Disability Studies) at York University. My thesis project focused on the intersections between radical, intersectional climate change activism and mental health.

**Please identify your top 5 platform points.**

* Increasing funding and support for improving accessibility and mental health services on campus
* Challenging the FGS (and in particular the Faculty of Health, Medicine & Dentistry) to incorporate better social justice and anti-oppression work into their curriculums
* Improving funding and short-term employment opportunities for graduate students on campus (primarily TA, RA positions, etc)
* Working in allyship with DAGs and other student program reps to fight for broad and long-lasting changes that impact and support graduate students at Dalhousie
* Working with DAGs to push for lower tuition fees (and fight the university on the proposed increase!)

**What are your qualifications and/or experience that relates to the position you’re running for?**

I have been a member of various organizations and committees in my time as an organizer and student, and believe strongly in student involvement and representation in academia. I have been on the board of Mayworks Festival, RADHOC NL, OPIRG York, and I am currently a member of the board for both NSPIRG and South House at Dalhousie. I sit on the OT Equity and Health Committee, and I am a student rep for the Faculty-wide Health Equity and Inclusion committee

**Why do you think you are a good candidate?**

I bring an experienced perspective on organizing and advocacy in academic settings (this is my fourth university!) and a strong dedication to social justice. I am skilled at looking for connections and networks between communities and making links when appropriate. I have a strong understanding of the political climate of the east coast (and what needs to change about it!) and a lot of experience as a graduate student (this is my second masters!).

**What are the top 3 things you’d like to accomplish during a term at the DAGS?**

* Prevent the impending tuition fee hike (and ideally lower fees!)
* Support and implement the equitable admissions policy in the works for Faculty of Health Professions and advocate for other programs to implement a similar policy
* Promote DAGs and engage graduate students more in their activities (especially those on campuses further away, ie. Carleton and Sexton campuses)

**What issues matter most to you?**

Equitable and fair admissions to graduate programs, especially prioritizing diverse voices and experiences, and challenging the curriculum (particularly in “professional” programs like nursing, law, dentistry, etc) to include more social justice and anti-oppression education. Also improving accessibility and mental health services on campus. Outside of proposed DAGs work, I currently primarily work on disability justice and queer/feminist organizing.

**Please List anyCampaign Links (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Website):**

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