**DAGS 2018 By-Election Nomination Form**

**Details:**

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Year of Study: 1st**

**Questions:**

Please introduce yourself (100 words):

I am a passionate network engineer with excellent fault analysis and network troubleshooting skills by keeping 100% customer satisfaction as an utmost goal.

My journey at Dal had started in a memorable way during last fall. I got chance to volunteer International students orientation and showcase salient features of our university while working as campus tour guide and assisting presenters during information sessions. These skills aided me to become more confident in this new phase of life in Canada.

I am a well organized, keen observer,enthusiastic to learn new things. In my leisure time I hike around and write travel articles about it. I had worked as casual article writer for local newspaper.

I am running to be a voice of Engineering, Planning and Architecture this year!

Please identify your top 5 platform points.

1. Expand communication to students about tuition and market modifiers:

• Nova Scotia’s tuition has been constantly increased past few years for international students and students should expect around 3 % increase afterwards which becomes almost 11% throughout course.

• Students were unsure of how this would affect their future throughout the program. I want to ensure that students are aware of potential increases and can have their voices heard.

1. Mental Health Awareness

• Work closely with the Wellness Center to host seminars to improve awareness for serious mental health issues, as well as interactive workshops to promote healthy stress-coping mechanisms.

• Make professional counselling more readily accessible to students’ busy schedules through partnership with the Wellness Centre and other organizations.

• Bring more of the DSU’s Stress Less events, such as yoga or Pet Therapy, into centralized Engineering locations.

• Work together with Mental Health Alliance to continuously advocate for utilizing student feedback about their mental health concerns.

1. Promote Professional Development:

• Build a strong, direct relationship with the Internship Office and Bissett student success centre to offer specialized engineering career support for internship and post-graduation job hunts.

• Help students gain valuable soft skills, such as networking and public speaking, through workshops and events.

1. Transparency- Seek innovative ways to allocate funding for student researches and increase awareness of research, scholarship and job opportunities through the use of portals.
2. Representation – Enabling students not involved in Student Government roles to voice themselves on Engineering Boards & Committees.

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

I am super inclined to work as a part of this society and try to further push the efforts made by the existing DAGS team. Please be assured that I will be a welcoming addition to this team as I have over 2+ years of cumulative experience of managing technical, social, cultural events and activities from college level. Eagerness to volunteer and get knowledge about new things always interests me.

Why do you think you are a good candidate?

With 2+ years of strong ground level experience in my college and ability to tackle problems during student phase by considering different perspective to seek constructive solution to it.I believe that my various and unique set of involvement around the university will make me an excellent candidate of choice!

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

1. Funding to the students.

2. Increasing inclusion of students and creating awareness about facilities provided by DAGS to grad students.

3. Increasing transparent Representation of/and graduate students.

What issues matter most to you?

Mental Health and increased funding for TA’s

* Every faculty has their own unique demands and expectations and I want to ensure that engineers don’t receive any generic type of assistance but specifically one that is tailored to their demands.
* I want to work with the current engineering services and mental health services to bring awareness and support for my faculty.
* I will ensure to increase funding for TA’s to become more comfortable and worry less about basic needs.

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