

VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

THE VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) DEALS WITH CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES THAT ARE ACADEMIC IN NATURE, INCLUDING THINGS LIKE TEACHING QUALITY, UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS, AND TEXTBOOK COSTS.

STEVEN DOLLANSKY



IF ELECTED, MY TOP PRIORITY AS VICE-PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL) WILL BE TO... MORE EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE THE STUDENT BODY IN A BROADER DEFINITION OF ADVOCACY.

This year provides tremendous opportunities for change to the post-secondary education system. With the possibility of elections at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels, I will ensure post-secondary education is a priority. We must do more to engage the student body, making our voice heard.

We must take a broader approach to advocacy. Across the city, rent continues to rise as vacancy rates fall. The rapidly increasing cost of living, along with above average tuition levels, is crippling undergraduates. Housing must become an important issue to the Students' Union as we continue to lobby for increased government

funding, reduced tuition and reform to the student loan program.

As VP External I will:

Work with the city to establish affordable housing projects for students;

Lobby to change power of taxation legislation on university residences;

Increase awareness of advocacy issues and events, by more effectively utilizing resources such as the SU webpage and the screen on SUB stage;

Provide more incentives for students to attend new events;

Advocate for increased funding to improve undergraduate education;

Advocate for a fully funded tuition rollback;
Lobby to remove parental contribution requirements from the student loan program.

SOUNDWAVE



IF ELECTED, MY TOP PRIORITY AS VICE-PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL) WILL BE TO...IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA AND ALBERTA GOVERNMENT FOR GREATER ENERCON CONSERVATION.

[From the Datatracks of Megatron, Decepticon Leader]

Soundwave has always made energon his primary focus. Now that he is running for VP External, I am certain that he will advocate for greater sustainability practices and energon conservation at the University, the province and throughout the world. Logical, this may seem, as these precious resources are borrowed from a future Earth conquered by Decepticons. In addition, he would like to uphold strong communications with lobbying groups to

make the student agenda a priority item. Lastly, Soundwave, like many intelligent specimens, seeks to remove unreasonable fees. I speak of CAUS fees, which are paid for through the mandatory SU fees. CAUS is a provincial lobbying group, one that Soundwave could easily replicate on his own terms.

Soundwave's credentials are impeccable for a position in student governance. As the head communications officer of the Decepticons, Soundwave was a key member in tactical ops and espionage. His acute internal scanners and advanced audio sensors allow him to detect even the most inaudible conversations... especially those uttering post secondary reform. As such, Soundwave would be an invaluable asset to any advocacy driven organization.

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BOBBY SAMUEL



IF ELECTED, MY TOP PRIORITY AS VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) WILL BE TO...ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR TEACHING

During my time as the University of Alberta Science Undergraduate Society (U.A.S.U.S.) President, I gained experience and passion for advocating student issues to the faculty administration. My greatest achievement was creating the Undergraduate Advisory Committee, a committee that provides direction for the Faculty of Science's undergraduate experience. However, the issues I worked on at the Faculty have a base in the entire University and that is what I want to change.

Our university education should inspire us to greater achievements in our fields while preparing us for the world beyond these halls. To achieve this, I want to:

Improve Teaching by establishing a minimum standard of 4/5 on all student evaluations. Instructors will receive penalties for not meeting this and rewards for achieving them.

Enhance Technology by offering streaming and downloadable lectures over the internet.

Reward Involvement by giving academic credit to students in student groups through the Community Service Learning (CSL) program.

More Bursaries by creating a better distribution between scholarships and bursaries. I will create a policy that determines a ratio between the amount of scholarships and bursaries.

BRYANT LUKES



IF ELECTED, MY TOP PRIORITY AS VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) WILL BE TO... PUSH ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AT THE LEVEL OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS EVERYWHERE.

As VP Academic I will advocate students' needs of an academic nature. This may include advice to students that will help ensure their academic success. Also, I want to insert new light bulbs across campus that last ten times as long. And I want to empower students to pressure industry to make more efficient products in the marketplace and anything I can do to make the University experience more fun. I support the U-PASS because people should take buses and trains over cars and planes. I am

opposed to Coke being on campus because they harm people's health. I believe in looking at online sources for students to give feedback on Professors. Ideally we could do something through WEBCT or Beartracks/Bearscat. With a result, a purpose and a massive action plan we can do anything. I believe that there are tools out there which students should be directed towards that will make learning easier. Often I hear that University teaches you how to learn. I don't know about you but I haven't taken How to Learn 101 yet. I recommend every student having difficulty reading consult the How to Study series by Ron Fry.