

Current SU President Janz sole contender for Board of Governors rep

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOG) is the highest governing body of the University and is responsible for setting tuition levels, managing campus finances, approving new buildings, and setting the strategic direction of the University of Alberta.

Compiled by Jonathan Taves

1 How will your experience as SU president improve your abilities on the BoG?

As president this past year, I've had the opportunity to meet all of these different members, to actively speak with them, to speak up on behalf of undergraduates. [...] Now, as board rep, I'll be able to take the experience from this year and not only be able to have a stronger voice on the board for students, I'll be a resource to the new president to help them at the board.

2 Why did you decide to run for the BoG?

I have another year left, and I have a couple axes to grind. I want to make

sure some of the things we started doing this year, some of the questions that we raised to the university, do get answered. [...] Our biggest weakness is we lose our institutional memory each year, whether it's on Council, at the Board of Governors, through our elected officials [...] so I want to remain involved a bit and help bring more experience to Council to help guide the Student's Union for another year.

3 What are your goals for the university during your upcoming term on the board?

I still believe affordability is a huge issue for students, and I want to make sure that we keep looking. If we're paying more, are we getting more? Where are these dollars going? Are they going into the classroom? Are they going to pay for new professors and more spaces?

I want to make sure that these questions that I have and that we have been asking for the past few years continue. We've been told for ten years that tuition increases happen because we need to pay for increased quality, but when we

look at the numbers, we have even less professors than we did a decade ago. It doesn't make sense.

4 How do you think the operation of the BOG could be improved?

With something referred to as the [public-member] audit committee, we only see the outcomes. We don't get to go through the meat and potatoes. We had "dare to deliver," a four-year institutional plan for this university, created a year and a half ago. We still haven't seen [...] the deliverables for where this is going to be. We say we want to be "top 20 by 2020," but we haven't been given a roadmap of how we're going to get there. It's frustrating. So I think we need a much higher degree of accountability at the board and a stronger student voice.

5 How would you survive the Zombie apocalypse?

I would reason with them and try and see why they're so upset. If they're upset over SU corruption, I may try and join them and tighten up our bylaws.



PETE YEE

READY FOR ANOTHER ROUND Janz has his eye set on beating 'none of the above.'

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