

Faculty of Arts Students' Association
Platform President 2024-2025

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Transformative Leadership

My name is Luis Sanchez Diaz, and presently I am an international student in my fourth year of a degree in Political science, along with minors in Security Studies and Law & Society with Co-op Education. Over the last few years, I have worked diligently to serve my community and improve students' lives and experience at UCalgary through different positions I have held across several student associations and have gained insightful perspectives by participating in multiple programs, initiatives, and activities offered by internal and external units.

In addition, I have gathered significant experience by engaging in leadership positions at the Faculty of Arts Students's Association (FASA), where I have served as Political Science Department Representative, Director of International Affairs, and more recently as Vice President Academic.

This year, I am running for President of FASA to continue advocating and representing students within the Faculty of Arts. My platform is centered around Five Main Pillars addressing Eleven Working Areas to improve the experience of Arts students at UCalgary.

Areas:

1. Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility
2. Academic Advocacy
3. Leadership and Professional Development
4. Democratic Representation
5. Financial Support
6. Mental Health and Wellbeing
7. Administrative Efficiency
8. Institutional Work
9. Student Engagement and Satisfaction
10. Food Insecurity
11. Transparency and Accountability

Pillars

- *Advocacy and Student Support*
 - Engage with student groups, within and outside the faculty, to strengthen advocacy efforts through different mediums.
 - Institute ongoing consultations with stakeholders to gather feedback and data that guides the Executive and General Council's decisions.
 - Establish key budgetary priorities with the VP OpFi that protect and expand existing services such as the FASA Scholarships, AURS, and the Food Pantry.

- Advocate for students' interests across Faculty committees where the President is a voting member to ensure that issues and concerns are addressed.
- Further advocate for access to mental health services and support on campus, and provide resources that address this issue.
- Support and fund external projects that aim to improve student experience or address issues faced by students within the Arts community.
- *Collaborative and Institutional work*
 - Work alongside the Executive and General Council to bring students' concerns before Faculty officials and administration, as a way to address the issues experienced by the student community.
 - Build working relationships with the UCalgary offices such as SSC, ISS, CCPD, FSC, WRC, SCO, OEDI, SWC, as well as with the Students' Union and student associations to further student support and increase student engagement.
 - Maintain regular communication with the Faculty in order to cement our working relationships and ensure mutual collaboration and support.
 - Establish joint-initiatives with other campus units to enhance student experience.
 - Reinstigate FASA's Non-for-Profit status to maximize our organizational potential.
 - Diversify our funding from internal sources and explore private external partnerships.
- *Representation, Transparency, and Accountability*
 - Actively listen to the concerns, ideas, and suggestions brought by faculty members, students, FASA members or other stakeholders with help of the VPComms.
 - Represent FASA with the utmost level of professionalism and abide by FASA's Code of Conduct.
 - Initiate a general review of portfolios within the Executive and General Council and propose changes to maximize resources and efficiency.
 - Apply EDIA principles across projects and activities carried out by FASA, as well as in the hiring process of Department Representatives and Directors.
 - Explore the possibility of creating a Department Association or Assemblies.
 - Study ways to further democratize the association.
 - Reform the First-Year Council and bring representation of other voices within our community.
 - Work with the VP Academic and VP OpFi to create an Academic Committee and elevate the AURS ad-hoc committee to sub-committee status within the former.
- *Student Academic, Professional, Leadership Development*
 - Create the Leadership in the Arts Program (LAP) that revitalizes the role of Department Representatives and promotes members' personal and professional development.
 - Work with VP Event and Department Representatives to deliver engaging event opportunities.
 - Partner with different offices and departments across UCalgary to promote extra- and co-curricular programs available to students at the CCPD, ISS, SWS, or the Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking.

I believe that my academic background, student involvement, and professional experience have equipped me with strong aptitudes and skills that would allow me to have a professional and competent performance as President of the Faculty of Arts Students's Association. Together, we can make these changes happen. With Transformative Leadership we will ensure that FASA continues representing all students within the Faculty of Arts

Onward!

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