

Marty Martynowski FASA VP External

Students in the Faculty of Arts across the University of Calgary are unique. We have our own likes and dislikes. We might come from the same small town, or from cities that are a world apart. However, we are united in our vision for what studying at the University of Calgary could be. With your support, my role as the VP External of the Faculty of Arts Students' Association (FASA) will be to improve your experience as a Faculty of Arts student to that which it can be. While having a role on the FASA council in the 2023-2024 academic year, I had the opportunity to learn how the University functions, and about the issues that we face as a Faculty. My campaign proposes a few suggestions to improve the student experience within the University of Calgary. Firstly, I propose an increase in the number of FASA scholarships which would help increase the reward for hard working students. Secondly, I propose increased mentorship within the Faculty of the Arts which will provide direction to students' university careers and futures. Thirdly, I propose networking events to help students explore professional career options. To help provide our Faculty with these, don't forget to vote Marty Martynowski for VP External in the upcoming election this April 5th - 9th, 2024.

As of right now, FASA has a scholarship. It is evaluated on financial need, creativity, and community involvement. I believe that this category of scholarships can be further expanded. If elected VP External, I propose an addition of at least two new scholarships to help hard working students who might not have the capacity to focus on community involvement. In this way, FASA would help alleviate some financial burdens of deserving, less fortunate students. The implementation of more scholarships will be accomplished by connecting with multiple philanthropic organizations to secure funding.

Secondly, university can be a difficult time without guidance. Many other Faculties already have mentors who provide much needed guidance to students. This past year, I have already helped spearhead a connection between FASA and the First in Family mentorship program (FIF); a UCalgary program through the Student Success Center that is focused on student mentor connections. My campaign focuses on furthering this relationship to increase engagement, and further mentor pairings. My goal is to communicate with my counterparts in FIF to drastically increase the number of Arts students involved in mentor-mentee roles. This means that you can have a mentor to help you through university, and you can also have the opportunity to mentor others.

A third improvement with your support is providing knowledge about career paths to students in the Faculty of Arts. Our degrees in the Faculty of Arts can be quite generic, and it does not often have an apparent career path that follows upon graduation. To address this, I will implement Faculty wide networking events where professional firms will be invited to host talks. These talks will address specific issues within the field, or advancements that professional firms see in the future. Throughout the talk, students will receive information on what our career can look like, and what opportunities our degrees can provide us with.

I believe that being a student in the Faculty of Arts can be so much more than it is today. I believe that students should have more Faculty specific scholarships, more mentorship opportunities, and career specific networking and speaking events. With your support, I can make this possible. Don't forget to vote for Marty Martynowski in the upcoming Faculty of Arts Students' Association for VP External.