

**FACULTY OF THE ARTS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

VP Academics

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Nomination for Faculty of Arts Students Association (FASA) VP Academics

Hello Everyone,

My name is Aceil Maremi, and I'm thrilled to announce my candidacy for the FASA VP Academics position in this year's election. As I enter my fourth year as a Political Science major with a minor in Greek and Roman Studies at the University of Calgary, I bring a wealth of experience gained from serving on various executive teams over the past three years. From Junior Executive to VP Internal, I've had the privilege of contributing to our university community and deepening my understanding of its diverse population. Through these roles, I've honed essential skills in communication, networking, collaboration, and leadership, which I'm eager to apply to the role of FASA VP Academics.

Academics form the cornerstone of our university experience, shaping our future career paths and aspirations. It is my firm belief that every student deserves access to exceptional opportunities that foster their growth and success, and that is why I'm committed to establishing meaningful initiatives tailored to the needs of arts students, including networking events, mentorship programs, workshops, and study groups.

My platform centers on three key pillars:

Networking Opportunities:

I understand the challenges students face in connecting with professors and professionals to further their academic and professional goals. Our arts degrees are often interdisciplinary, making it crucial to strengthen connections between students and professors, especially for those who plan on applying to graduate programs. Facilitating research symposiums will ensure these connections, enabling students to explore opportunities within and outside their fields.

- Through outreach efforts with University of Calgary staff and other universities, I will engage with professors across various departments and disciplines to encourage their participation in the symposium. By highlighting the diverse and innovative research

being conducted, students will have the opportunity to gain insight into cutting-edge developments in their areas of interest.

Mentorship

Access to mentorship is vital for students, from opportunities for minority groups, to professional development, making mentorship available and known to students would greatly benefit our student base. For some students you might be the first to head to university, the eldest child in your family, or someone who did not have any or enough guidance when it comes to the opportunities provided at the university, and so I want to ensure that everyone is given and informed of the same opportunities. Through my connections within the University of Calgary it would be great to establish connections and opportunities for students to enhance their experiences.

- To achieve this, I will actively engage with student representatives, and staff from the University of Calgary's graduate programs to identify existing mentorship programs and explore opportunities for collaboration. If such programs are not currently offered, I will work diligently to advocate for the establishment of new mentorship initiatives within the university community.
- My primary goal is to facilitate partnerships between students and organizations or corporations interested in collaborating on workshops and professional development opportunities. By connecting students with industry leaders, we can provide valuable insights, resources, and networking opportunities to help prepare them for future careers in their respective fields.

Collaborations

I believe in the power of collaboration to enrich the academic experience. By fostering partnerships with clubs, organizations, and corporations, we can create a vibrant community where students can engage in initiatives such as study groups and workshops tailored to their needs. Through such opportunities students can foster a personal community on campus, with like minded individuals, and students who will assist in pushing their boundaries.

- Engage with University Clubs:

- I will reach out to university clubs with which I have existing connections to discuss potential collaborations and event opportunities. These clubs represent diverse interests and perspectives, allowing us to address a wide range of student needs.

- Gather Student Input:

- I will release a form where students can provide input on what they would like to see in terms of workshops and study groups. This form will allow students to share their preferences, interests, and areas where they feel additional support is needed.

Conclusion

In summary, I am committed to enhancing the academic experience for arts students and ensuring that every student feels empowered to pursue their goals with confidence. Together, let's build a supportive and inclusive academic community where all students can thrive.

Feel free to contact me anytime. All my information will be placed below

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