# Fatima Beydoun

**Candidate for**

Board of Governors

**Year and Program**

Year 2, Sustainability and International Development Studies

## Questionnaire

**What are your qualifications and/or experience that relates to the position you’re running for?**

- I have extensive experience in leadership roles where I have and continue to engage in organizing as well as facilitating cross-disciplinary exchanges. This year, I am the FASS Rep on Council, the Chair of Advocacy for BIPOCUS, the Co-president for the Dal Amnesty Society as well as a steering committee member for DSUSO. Similar to what the BOG would entail, acting in all of these positions have provided me with the experience to sit on different committees to promote dialogue and action based approaches on various ends. I believe that my qualifications and experiences would reflect well in the BOG rep position as I am confident in my ability to advocate for students and working alongside others.

**Why do you think you are a good candidate?**

- I am passionate about involvement outside of academia and I believe that I can ensure that Dal student’s voices are heard through outreach and consultation. My open-mindedness and proactive nature enable me to make the most out of this position, as well as my experience this past year familiarizing myself with the processes behind student politics as a DSU councillor.

**What are the top 3 things you’d like to accomplish during a term-in-office at the DSU?**

- Consult various interest groups on campus throughout the year to bring their concerns back to the board.
- Assisting students in getting more involved with student politics and campus activities.
- Work with the committees on the Board to see to it that student advocated matters like divestment and tuition freezes are properly addressed through active changes and implementation.

**What inspires you and why?**

- As of lately, resistance movements across the world against various injustices have been inspiring to me. Seeing the drive and dedication these diverse groups of people have for their cause demonstrates the strength of community and the vision for change needed for a more equitable world, whether it be for migrant, Indigenous or women rights.
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# Claudia Castillo-Prenett

**Candidate for:** Black Student Representation  
**Year and Program:** Year 2, Double Major in International Development Studies and Political Science

## Questionnaire

**What are your qualifications and/or experience that relates to the position you're running for?**
- As a Black student at Dalhousie I am passionate about connecting and supporting Black students in our unique lived experiences. Through my work on campus with the Dalhousie Black, Indigenous, People of Colour Caucus (BIPOCUS), Dalhousie Caribbean Connection, and Dalhousie Amnesty International, and my passion for equity, I believe that I can apply this experience well to the role. Having had many experiences with racism both in and out of the classroom I want to work with students to create a safe environment for Black folks.

**Why do you think you are a good candidate?**
- Being part of the African diaspora, I understand the unique experience that Black students have both on campus, and in their everyday lives. I have worked closely with the Caribbean Canadian community and African Nova Scotian community, and hope to reach out to other Black communities in order to learn from their experiences and help our collective voices be heard.

**What are the top 3 things you'd like to accomplish during a term-in-office at the DSU?**
- Primarily, I would like to engage with and listen to the various Black communities around the Dalhousie community. I would like to see how I can make the Dalhousie Student Union a safe and equitable space for Black students. I would also like to work with the DSU executives in order to combat anti-blackness in the classroom, an issue which I have faced myself in multiple courses during my time here at Dalhousie. Lastly, I’d like to help create space for Black students at the DSU and pass the mic so that all voices are heard, as I am not the voice of Black students on campus, but simply a voice.

**What inspires you and why?**
- I am most inspired by the women in my family. They have taught me how to be resilient and live unapologetically in every situation that is presented to me.

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### Questionnaire

**What are your qualifications and/or experience that relates to the position you’re running for?**

- My journey at Dal began in residence, specifically Shirreff Hall, and I have been involved in residences ever since. In my first year, I was appointed as the Newcombe Social Representative on the Shirreff Hall Residence Council, in which I assisted and organized events for the residents. My inner drive to make students feel included and part of the community drove me to run as President of Shirreff Hall Residence Council in my 2nd and now 3rd year. As President, I have interacted with residents, organized events, and overlooked volunteer opportunities and awareness campaigns. Being on a residence council has exposed me to not only how residences work, but to also the students concerns and ways in which those can be addressed. So, this experience relates to the position I am running for because it will help me in better representing the residents. Aside from being part of a residence Council, I am also involved with the DSU and the Dalhousie Science Society (DSS) as the DSU Science Representative, acting as a liaison between the DSU and the DSS (bringing forth the concerns and representing the Science students). With being in this role, I have gained a better understanding on the inner workings, services, and resources of the DSU, which will aid me in better informing residents on the things the DSU offers. Some of the other things I have been involved with throughout my degree include the East Coast Student Leadership Conference, Dalhousie Undergraduate Neuroscience Society, Orientation week, and more. I am fortunate to have had these opportunities in learning and being involved in residence, the DSU, on campus, and beyond. So, I want to use my experiences to reach and help more students, bridging the gap between the DSU and the residences further.

**Why do you think you are a good candidate?**

- I believe I am a good candidate for the position of Residence Rep because I am truly passionate about making the experience in residence inclusive, informative, and accessible. There has not been anyone in the position of Residence Rep on the DSU for a while now. Being involved in residence council, I know that it would have been beneficial to have someone as a liaison between
residences and the DSU. It is important to have unity within residences and between residences and DSU because residences are home away home and it is crucial to have an environment in residence and on campus that is welcoming. I believe that the knowledge and experiences I have gained will aid me in creating that sense of community.

What are the top 3 things you'd like to accomplish during a term-in-office at the DSU?

- Being part of the Residence Council and living in Residence throughout my Undergrad, I have seen the need to connect the knots between residence and the DSU. I believe that as Residence Rep I can bridge that gap. It is important to me that students are aware of the resources available to them via the DSU and that the concerns of all residents are heard. So, the three primary things I want to focus on if elected is transparency, unity, and equality.
- For instance, to increase transparency, I would do tabling in the different residences to gain the feedback from residents, as well as inform residents of resources and opportunities available. Another avenue I would take to gain insight and engage with the residents would be with organizing a Town Hall to create an open forum of communication.
- Secondly, I want to do my part and unite all the residences by working with the Residence Councils, RAs, and residence life staff to ensure that the residents feel included and are part of the community. One way I plan to do this is by creating a Council with members from the residence councils to provide support and promote inclusivity.
- Lastly, my third focus would be in ensuring that there is equality. No matter the building you are in, I will strive to bring equal opportunities whether it be in terms of access for services, events, or programming. This is where I believe I can bridge the gap to create that unity.
- If you would like to know more about my platform, please do not hesitate to contact me (sandra.sunil@dal.ca) or check out my website.

What inspires you and why?

- My inspiration is my support system. My mom always says, "if we can help at least one person in this world, our life has meaning." This has been my motto ever since I was a child. Doing the simplest things in life by being kind to one another can have a great impact on others. Seeing how you become a role model to your siblings, friends, and fellow students ignites the positive driving force to create positive change and to lead by example. The lessons and life skills my family teach me is invaluable and continues to inspire me everyday.

What is one fun fact about yourself?

- One fun fact about me is that I love watching superhero movies, especially Marvel movies.
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### Joshua Yusuf

**Candidate for** Health Profession Representative

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#### Questionnaire

**What are your qualifications and/or experience that relates to the position you're running for?**

- My strongest and foremost qualification is that I am a student in Health Promotion and holder of a BSc. Kinesiology degree. This dual background provides me with broad perspectives which will assist in representing and upholding the values and interests of many students and student groups. Combining my experience from these two fields has provided me with a knowledge base that spans from the individual perspectives of health, to the larger population perspectives. Through active listening and communication, I can use this knowledge base to expand interprofessional understandings within the Faculty of Health Professions at Dalhousie University. From Dalmazing events, my honours’ research, and my educational experience I know that interprofessional collaboration is crucial in improving health outcomes. Therefore, this combination of experience provides a strong platform for my candidacy.

- As a DalSafe ambassador, over the last five months, I have been an active member of the Dalhousie community. In this position, we strive to improve the sense of community at Dalhousie through increasing student engagement and promoting a safe and positive environment. My involvement in this position includes, but is not limited to, attending student events, planning student events, and assisting Tiger Patrol. Through this role I have had the opportunity to meet many students and become a familiar face in certain areas of the Dalhousie community. In turn, this familiarity has enabled students to feel more comfortable in communicating and raising concerning to me.

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#### Why do you think you are a good candidate?

- I believe I am a good candidate for two main reasons (1) I bring forward a diverse background and (2) I am an open minded and critically thinking individual. Throughout my employment history I have had the opportunity to work in several industries (including hospitality, retail, manufacturing, waste management, and marketing). I have also had the privilege of living in both Australia and Canada, providing the opportunity to socialize and develop within different cultural environments. Combined with my educational experiences, as a part of three different institutions, I believe this background brings forth a wide
| What are the top 3 things you'd like to accomplish during a term-in-office at the DSU? | • If afforded the opportunity of a term-in-office as the Faculty of Health Professions Representative, my three main goals are as follows:  
1. Actively engage with all student and faculty representatives in the Faculty of Health Professions, and appropriately voice their concerns when necessary.  
2. Work towards making Dalhousie University a leader in the field of interprofessional health education and increase opportunities for interprofessional student collaboration.  
3. Increase awareness of the Faculty Representative position to ensure that it does not run a term vacant again. |
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<td>What inspires you and why?</td>
<td>• Throughout my life, I have been driven by an intrinsic motivation to succeed and achieve a high standard in everything I do. For this position, I am inspired by a belief that our current systems fail to consistently and effectively represent the cohort which empowers them. I hope to implement change to address these failings, through appropriately addressing community concerns and implementing positive actions. An example of this is actively listening and voicing student opinions, and upholding and improving the interprofessional health curriculum at Dalhousie.</td>
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