

Megan Rix, running for Vice President Student Life:

Hey Brittany, here are my answers to your questions! A lot of them were very VPAX and President directed but I tried my best to answer them and make them fit under the VP Student Life portfolio. I really hope that we can meet eventually and work together if elected.

1. How will I support graduate students at UPEI? Well, under my portfolio as the VP Student Life would be events, campaigns, and clubs. I definitely want to make more inclusive events for all groups on campus including, graduate students. I don't exactly know what type of events grad students want, that is why I emailed you. I need to expand my knowledge on what grad students want and whatever they want, I will try my best to deliver. One thing that I do know for sure because growing up both of my parents were mature students at UPEI, I know that many grad students have children. I would really like to make more inclusive events for parents that are also students. I think more family friendly events would ensure that student parents will get the chance to meet other adults going through the same experience and children would be able to meet other children that have student parents.
2. I would definitely love to have regular meetings with students from the GSA. I think that if I continued to keep in contact with grad students, it would be easier to know what they want in terms of events, programming, and campaigns. In these meetings, I could let them know about my plans and events for grad students and I could ask them advice on how to get more grad students out at these events.
3. The CFS/CASA issue is more within the VPAX and President positions however, campaigns due fall under the VP Student Life. As someone involved with the student union, I do associate myself more with CASA. I really like what they do and what achievements they make for students. If the CFS and other students at UPEI are participating in a campaign I am definitely willing to help with that campaign and ensure students have everything they need to make their campaign successful even though I do associate myself more with CASA.
4. My priority is to make sure graduate students feel included on this campus and I am providing them with events that they would enjoy going to. I wish I had more than events that I could speak about but that is initially what the VP Student Life does. I want to make student life better for all students on campus no matter faculty, department, or what type of students you are (graduate or undergraduate). I really hope that I can work with the grad students and I can make student life better for them.
5. The student population is very diverse and many students want different things. My goal is to try to make as many diverse groups on campus feel more included. I have met with clubs/societies, sports teams, aboriginal students, mature students, international students and now graduate students. I want to have events for everyone next year not just the normal wet/drys and wave events. In order to do that, I really need to know what these groups want and no matter what they want, I will try my best to make it happen.