My name is Harrison Campbell and I’m running to be your next VP Academic. I will be a 1st year PhD Candidate, who is very close to completing my MA at UCalgary, and I understand both the academic challenges of being a graduate student as well as the resources and policies present at UCalgary.

My platform has been developed based upon conversations with outgoing Board members, who I’ve developed a strong working relationship with, to keep the current momentum going into 2019/2020.

I understand that a VP Academic needs to be a point of contact for all academic matters affecting the UCalgary Graduate student population. In order to best meet this expectation I am prepared to advocate for you in the following ways:

As VP Academic I Pledge To:

- Re-examine the cancelled Idea Award (cancelled due to low interest and application rate) and reinvigorate it into a partnership with The Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking. Thereby, offering both funding opportunities and focused mentorship encouraging entrepreneurial thinking and innovation for students across faculties.
- Re-examine the cancelled Alberta Graduate Citizenship Award (cancelled by the Alberta Government) to determine ways to potentially offer this same type of funding internally within the GSA. In particular, programs that replaced the Graduate Citizenship Award do not allow for upper year students (year three and above) to apply so I would like to create opportunities for upper year students to balance this.
- Reinvigorate Quality Money Applications by contracting a specialized IT consultant to design a more streamlined online application form. In addition to being streamlined this online platform could also keep applicants informed if any part of their application is missing or incomplete hopefully leading to a higher number of successful applications. If this pilot project is successful I will also look at ways to begin improving other award applications as well over time.
- Reinstate the Academic Standing Committee within the VP Academic Portfolio. This will allow us to continue running and expanding the Peer Beyond Graduate Research Symposium, as well as creating thesis and candidacy workshops and supports, and graduate student specific mental health and wellness resources-in conjunction with the wellness centre.
- Continue being the advocating representative and discreet advisor for a broad range of issues including but not limited to course loads, academic appeals, harassment, mental health, academic employment, supervisory conflicts, thesis and dissertation defences, personal and medical LOAs etc. for all Graduate students
- Extensive knowledge of University Policies, effectively communicating and collaborating with University Officials to get things done and provide a positive academic experience for all Graduate students at UCalgary
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