

Daniel Goulard Presidential Platform

Hello, my name is Daniel Goulard and I am running for the position of President for the Nipissing University Student Union (NUSU) during the 2018-2019 term. With the position of President comes a great deal of responsibility, time management, as well as a strong work ethic and social skills that are honed to deal with interpersonal relations both within the organization and the student body that populates NUSU as a whole.

I am a second-year student currently working towards an Honours degree in Political Science with a minor in Business, possibly working towards a Bachelor of Commerce. I have prior experience within NUSU as I am currently a Director-at-Large for the organization and have been working with them since the beginning of the term in May 2017. I have sat on various committees within the organization like the Social Committee and the Green Initiative which have boosted my involvement within NUSU and how to make changes and progress in relation to the student body while also having a better grasp on how to make their educational lives more fulfilling.

In regards to what I plan on doing for NUSU if I am elected as President is quite simple: put a strong focus on student awareness towards the workings of NUSU and communicate the ideas and plans thoroughly to the best of the organization's abilities while also making great strides in current NUSU long-term plans and objectives so that the hard work of the previous executive teams is continued and not forgotten. Other smaller things include bringing a strong, social environment within the office for all staff members so that the office is a space of hard work and effective conduct. This will lead to productivity and work that is exceptional and will lead to projects like the Building Project being completed swiftly and concisely while also

maintaining a strong balance of the other smaller things that are also undergoing work from the previous team.

1: Effective Communication between Executives and Students

Starting off with the communication of NUSU's current and future plans, I feel as though students are not getting the full explanation and descriptions of certain initiatives and objectives of the organization to the extent that is wanted. I have heard of students who are wondering what is going on within NUSU and that they don't hear much about what NUSU really does for the students beyond events and clubs. The overarching goals of the organization go way beyond concerts and clubs and also include how the students are represented in the eyes of the university and the community altogether. Being that voice for the students is key for NUSU, but the students must also be kept aware of the things being voiced for them and the progress of those words and wishes. That will ultimately create a more inclusive feeling in the students when it comes to NUSU.

2: Continued Progress with Ongoing Projects

Another thing that I would like to focus on if elected is to continue the progress that is currently being worked towards within the organization while giving my experience and positive attitude to help move things forward nicely. Sometimes there are projects that take more than a single term to complete and it is up to the incoming executives to see those projects continue towards fruition. A key example of this is the building project which has been a priority for NUSU ever since the idea's conception. Realizing the hard work of others is a good start, but then taking a proactive approach to continuing and finishing the work others have started shows a willingness to work and an attitude that promotes positivity and a great work ethic.

3: Create a Strong Work Environment

Some final things that I'd like to mention are how I feel with my prior experience within NUSU, my social skills and my ability to work well within a group and focus on the tasks that are asked of me. These skills can help in creating a safe and constructive work environment that works effectively and efficiently. Having a strong work environment to be in is crucial to performing at the best possible level one can as it influences those with ideas to pursue them and feel as if though there is a strong feeling of support and teamwork present within NUSU. The executive team is made up of five equal parts that are expected to work in harmony with one another and I feel as if I can help create a cohesive environment with a watchful eye observing the organization and a willingness to work with others to achieve their goals as well as my own.

With all of these things that I have mentioned, I feel as though I am best-equipped to take charge and if elected, to work hard with the new executive team as the potential President of the 2018-2019 term. If any questions arise from this, please feel free to contact my Facebook page or my personal account and I will try my best to answer any and all questions in regard to my campaign.

Thank you and vote Daniel Goulard for NUSU President!