



DOUGLAS COLLEGE

2021 Education Council Elections Platform

Faculty Representative: Humanities and Social Sciences

Candidate: Darcy Cutler

In my view, the job of Education Council (EdCo) representative is two-fold:

First, the EdCo representative has a duty to *represent* the concerns of faculty on the Education Council. Directed by faculty, through Department Chairs, the Education Council representative has a duty to vote on issues as directed by Chairs at monthly Faculty Education Committee (FEC) meetings. Second, the EdCo representative has a duty to speak as an advocate for the interests of the Faculty Humanities and Social Sciences at EdCo meetings as directed by Department Chairs at FEC meetings.

In order for the direction of the Education Council representative to be meaningful, individual faculty members must be informed about what happens at Education Council meetings and what issues might be of concern to them. For as long as I have been aware of these procedures, this has always worked by EdCo representatives informing Chairs at FEC meetings and then relying on Chairs to disseminate this information to their department members. This generally happens at infrequent department meetings with very full agendas.

I believe that it is the duty of the EdCo representative to directly inform faculty members about issues and goings-on involving the EdCo. I plan to do this by publishing a summary of the EdCo agenda each month followed by a summary of the minutes of each EdCo meeting. My hope is to increase involvement of individual faculty members with the doings of EdCo. Effective democracy requires information. Democracy is a good thing.

Candidate: Sally Mennill

I am Sally Mennill, current chair of the History department, and I am interested in representing HSS at EdCo.

I have a PhD in Women's and Gender Studies from UBC, with expertise specifically in the history of childbirth. I was hired at Douglas College as contract faculty in 2007 and as permanent faculty in 2010. I have chaired the History department for the past four years and am also heavily involved in the co-ordination and development of the Gender, Sexualities, and Women's Studies program. I chaired the HSS full faculty meetings from 2015 to 2017, and am currently the chair of the HSS Faculty Education Committee (FEC). Outside of the college I sit on two provincial articulation committees and am currently the English-language secretary of the Canadian Committee on Women's and Gender History of the Canadian Historical Association. All of this is to say that I am heavily invested in a variety of communities and organizations to which I bring academic rigour, community-mindedness, and administrative collaboration. I believe that this commitment to collaboration and academic rigour are important concepts that I can bring to EdCo on behalf of the HSS community. I am invested in facilitating collegial and democratic discussion among colleagues of all kinds, which I believe could be useful at EdCo. And most importantly, I think in my capacity as department chair and FEC chair I have gained a functional sense of HSS ideas and priorities, and would be honoured to serve as your representative on that council.



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