

2021 Education Council Elections Platform

Faculty Representative: Member-at-Large

Candidate: Ivanna Cikes

I have served on Education Council for four years. As a former Chair of EdCo, I have worked on clarifying processes, ensuring faculty, student, and employee rights, and creating an open and honest forum for ideas and information.

I am committed to the principle of transparent and honest academic governance, and my commitment is to the students at Douglas College and the community that supports our work and to whom we are accountable. I feel it is important to model behaviour we would like to see in others, and I would like to have one more term to help foster the environment I believe is imperative to create and uphold in an academic institution: a community of learners who are capable of conducting discussions and working through disagreements in respectful means based on principles of outcome equality that recognizes differences in power positions and the structures that determine and reinforces those differences.

Candidate: Sam Schechter

If we haven't met before, there are two likely reasons: we're in a global pandemic, which is conspicuously limiting my ability to make new friends, and I'm still relatively new to Douglas College. I think that newness offers a certain benefit to my candidacy: new energy, fresh perspectives, and the opportunity for renewal.

Democratic renewal is healthy for institutions and that means encouraging new voices and having a mix of perspectives. Long-time institutional knowledge can be balanced by new curiosity and exciting potential for new opportunities.

Before working as an educator, I spent more than a decade in government and politics, including as an elected official. I always brought those three traits mentioned above to policymaking and that's what I hope to bring to our Education Council.

These elections are about where we want EdCo to be in two years; I hope the answer to that question includes democratic renewal, intellectual curiosity, and institutional ambition.

Check out my website for more about my professional and academic background. Thanks for considering my candidacy.

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