

2022-2023

Executive Committee

ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION



President



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**Chris Edwards, P.Eng,
MBA, CPA, CMA**
Graduate Student
DBA Program

Hi, I'm Chris Edwards. Why am I running for AUGSA President?

AU is undergoing a major redesign with their Integrated Learning Environment (ILE). We also have a new President and three new Deans (FHSS, FHD, Business). These exciting changes mark a new era at AU. However, they are coupled with rapidly escalating costs (as seen in our ongoing tuition spikes). AUGSA exists to ensure that these changes to AU actually benefit our students. As President, my focus would be on the following core questions:

- How do we keep tuition affordable while providing a world-class education?
- How do we help students achieve their graduate degrees in a timely fashion?
- How do we maximize the impact of an AU graduate degree? Can we leverage AU's unique national reach to maximize students' career prospects?

My background is in innovation finance (MBA grad, accountant, and professional engineer). I spent the last year as AUGSA's VP of Operations and Finance. My past successes include preserving a large AUGSA surplus in 2021 and helping secure a major increase in AU/AUGSA award funding. AUGSA is in a great position to support students over this upcoming year. I hope to continue this positive momentum as AUGSA President.

VP Academic



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Sarah Reid
Graduate Student
MC Program

My name is Sarah Reid, and I am a third-year student in the Master of Counselling program. I currently reside in Calgary, Alberta with my supportive spouse and our three fun-loving kiddos.

I had the privilege of serving as an AUGSA Faculty Representative for the 2021 – 2022 term. In that role, I was able to support graduate students by assisting with the adjudication of various bursaries and awards. After reviewing countless applications, it is clear to me that the extraordinary circumstances brought about by COVID-19 have left many of our students more stressed and overburdened than ever before. Accordingly, my primary objectives as the Vice President Academic will be:

- Securing additional funding to be used to support the success and wellness of deserving graduate students
- Making myself readily available to listen to student concerns
- Ensuring that concerns or interests expressed by students receive vigorous representation

I would be honoured to represent you as the Vice President Academic for the 2022 – 2023 term. Thank you kindly for your consideration!

VP External



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Dana Montgomery
Graduate Student
MBA Program

Dana Montgomery – MBA – Role of VP External

The VP External has the responsibility to represent AUGSA to government bodies, both provincially and federally, and voice the post-secondary concerns of the AUGSA members. I am dedicated to serving the Athabasca community because I believe in the importance of education to allow people to be able to pursue new opportunities. Education has changed my life, and the ability to continue to work and learn remotely is something that I cherish.

Communicating with government bodies so they understand the importance of the services that Athabasca provides to its students is a very important role and one that should be filled by a committed individual. I believe I have the commitment necessary to excel in this role.

I enrolled in the MBA program because I believe that education can transform a person and lead to new opportunities that we are unable to envision in our current roles.

Being in the MBA program has broaden my horizons, I believe I am the right person to expand the profile of AUGSA to government bodies. I hope you will vote for me in the role of VP External.

VP Operations & Finance



VPOF Candidate

Dennis Delgado
Graduate Student
DBA Program

Dennis Delgado is a fourth year DBA student. For more than twenty years, Dennis has been involved in implementing and maintaining business systems that connect organizational functions and processes effectively. In the last ten years, his area of focus has been in occupational health and safety management. Hence, his research interest in exploring what motivates small businesses attain good OHS performance, how they attain (or not attain) good performance, and how they can improve OHS management strategies to attain good OHS performance sustainably. This also aligns well with his core mission in life: to help others in need.

He holds an MBA degree from the University of the Philippines and BSc degree in electrical engineering from Map a University. Also, he possesses a diploma in quality systems and has completed coursework in immigration law, administrative justice, OHS legislation, disability case management, accounting and finance, and nursing.

Currently, he is working as manager for operations in WorkSafeBC's Prevention group and is also a faculty member of KPU Melville School of Business teaching occupational health and safety to HR management student. He has worked in various industries, such as electrical transmission and distribution, telephony, high-technology manufacturing, rubber and plastics.