



KATIE KURTH **(THEY/SHE)** **CAMPAIGNS**

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

HI! I'M KATIE KURTH, AND I'M A THIRD-YEAR STUDENT STUDYING ANATOMY. I HAVE BEEN THE CAMPAIGNS CONVENER FOR THE LAST YEAR, AND I HAVE SO MANY THINGS THAT I STILL WANT TO DO! I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT CAMPAIGNS FOR LGBTQ+ PEOPLE, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, AND RACIAL EQUALITY. THIS YEAR I HAVE HELPED CREATE FEMCOLLAB (A COLLABORATIVE GROUP BETWEEN ALL OF THE FEMINIST SOCIETIES ON CAMPUS) AND I HELPED THE PREVIOUS CAMPAIGNS CONVENER BRING THE EMILY TEST TO THE UNIVERSITY.

I WANT TO FOCUS ON BRINGING MORE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS TO CAMPUS. THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE IS FRIGHTENING, AND I WANT TO LET STUDENT KNOW THAT OUR BUILDING IS A SAFE SPACE FOR THEM. I ALSO WANT TO ADDRESS THE HOW INACCESSIBLE THE QMU IS.

OBVIOUSLY THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH WE CAN DO WITH THE BUILDING WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN, BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE CAN DO. A NEW RAMP IN THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING AND UP TO THE JIM'S BAR STAGE WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE TO START. I WANT TO PRESSURE THE UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE THESE FOR US, AS IT IS THEIR JOB TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBILITY FOR THEIR STUDENTS. GENDER-AFFIRMING CAMPAIGNS ARE IMPORTANT TO ME, AND WE WILL KEEP RUNNING THE CLOTHING SWAP, AS WELL AS TRYING TO HAVE GENDER-AFFIRMING PRODUCT COMPANIES DO POP UPS AT THE QMU. HAVING MORE EDUCATIONAL EVENTS SURROUNDING LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH WOULD ALSO BE A GOAL OF MINE. MAKING WOMEN'S MONTH AS BIG OF A CAMPAIGN AS MOVEMBER IS ALSO SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO ME. HAVING THE SAME FUNDRAISING GOALS AND WILLINGNESS TO COLLABORATE WITH THE FEMINIST SOCIETIES ON EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH HAS NO DOWNSIDES TO IT, SO I WOULD LOVE TO SEE MANAGEMENT AND EXEC GET MORE EXCITED ABOUT IT, AND I WILL BE THERE TO PUSH THEM TO DO SO.

COLLABORATING WITH THE EVENTS COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE FUN EVENTS FOR EACH OF THESE CAMPAIGNS WOULD BE A FUN WAY TO RAISE MONEY AND KEEP PEOPLE ENGAGED, AS ACTIVISM BURNOUT IS A REAL THING AND AFFECTS EVERYONE. HAVING EXEC HELP WITH GBV/ WELFARE TRAINING FOR THE QMU BOARD/STAFF IS ALSO ONE OF MY GOALS FOR CAMPAIGNS. A LOT OF DIFFICULT TOPICS ARE DISCUSSED IN THE QMU WHEN IT COMES TO CAMPAIGNS/ WELFARE, AND SOMETIMES IT'S ALOT FOR PEOPLE, SO IF OUR BOARD/STAFF WERE TO HAVE SOME TRAINING, IT WOULD PROVIDE FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT.