

Campaign Platform of Holly Funk (they/them), Presidential Candidate

Are you as tired of the disunion in our students' union as I am?

My name is Holly Funk and I've had the pleasure of being the Editor-in-Chief for your students' newspaper, *the Carillon*, for three years. I've also been a full- or part-time student at the U of R since the Fall 2015 semester, and one of the prime problems I've noticed our students' union face for at least as long as I've been here is its disunion.

To combat this, it is essential that not only the students' union but our student body begin acting like a "we" – our voice will be stronger and our impact larger if we are able to collaborate rather than be absorbed by conflict. I am endlessly proud of the skilled, compassionate, and competent peers like you who I attend this institution with, and I will be depending on the varied expertise areas of every student in order to better this institution.

I would like to see student- and faculty-led workshops on how to engage with the provincial political system so we can continue advocating for the re-funding of post-secondary education. I would like to see URSU executives and directors consistently making time to hear the concerns of students face-to-face. I would like to see this university's senior leadership drop their paternal, patronizing attitude and treat students with respect; to show they are as proud of you all as I am.

I can't do this alone. Will you stand with me as "we"?