

Time to meet the candidates

It is election season and the Minnesota Student Association and the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly are gearing up for their own races. This year's campuswide elections for both organizations will be held from April 8 to April 9.

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JAMES FAGHMOUS

GAPSA Vice President for student affairs James Faghmous said he wants to enhance the experiences of the graduate and professional students while they are here.

"What does it really mean to be a graduate and professional student at the University of Minnesota?" he said. "I feel that we are going to be the epicenter for graduate and professional student life."

Cultural programs are something that Faghmous said he wants to look into developing.

"I want to make sure that we shape you culturally," he said. "It will help shape you in an intellectually different way."

Becoming more connected with the councils is an important thing as well, Faghmous said.

"Right now as it is, GAPSA really feels like the rich parent who gives money to the children but are never there for them," he said.

Faghmous said he wants to make sure that the diversity among these councils is addressed and recognized.

"Acknowledging the diversity and really catering to that diversity and the different needs of our councils is very crucial," he said. "Not only acknowledging the diversity but tackling the common problems."

These common problems could be anything from applying for finances to writing thesis papers.

"A blank page can be really daunting," he said. "It's really hard to break the ice and write your first page."