

April 16, 2014

Fellow Dickinsonians,

My name is Rogelio Cerezo and I am running to become the next Planning & Budget (P&B) Committee Senator. I am a political science major and economics minor. I have been involved in Student Senate as president of the Class of 2015 during my freshman and sophomore years and once before as the Planning & Budget Committee Senator during the Fall 2013. As a junior, I am currently studying off campus at The Washington Center program, where I intern at the National Defense University's Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies.

During my time at Student Senate, I have met many of you and you have shared with me your concerns and your vision for what you would like to see on campus. Keeping this in mind, I believe that making the budgeting process more transparent, efficient and committed to the well being of students, faculty members and administrators must be our priority. Furthermore, it is important that existing budgeting practices reflect realities on campus, while discouraging wasteful practices that do little to nothing for the betterment of our community.

In addition, we must build partnerships across campus between students, faculty members and administrators to address salient issues on campus across committees and student groups. There are infinite possibilities when we work together, not as a disparate group of cliques but as a united campus.

Now that I enter my senior year, this will be the last time that I run for a position on Student Senate due to my graduation in the Spring 2015. As such, I want to thank you for your trust and for your friendship during the past few years. As I think of what to say to conclude this letter of intent, I take inspiration from one of my favorite poems *Ithaca* by Constantine Cavafy. My wish to you is that "your way be long, full of adventure, full of instruction...rich with all you have gained on the way". Thank you and please remember to vote in the upcoming Senate election on April 23-24.

Sincerely,

Rogelio Cerezo