

Hello Class of 2017,

This letter has been edited to correct a previous error. I did not previously sit on ESLC, I sat on the Student Senate committee for Student Life this semester. I apologize for any misunderstandings.

I'm Joojo Ocran, a rising sophomore from Accra, Ghana. Over the past semester, I have had the privilege of serving on Student Senate on behalf of the international first-year community. In this period, I have had the pleasure of working on many projects, most notably the International Diversity Initiative, which seeks to create a more multiculturally diverse Dickinson campus by giving current students the tools and resources they need to go back to their home countries as ambassadors of Dickinson College. In the years to come, I hope to expand my scope beyond just serving the international community into improving student life on campus as a whole.

I am running for the position of Sophomore Enrollment and Student Life Committee (ESLC) Senator because I feel that this position will enable me to use my prior experience in admissions and student life to improve the Dickinson experience of all student groups from the beginning of their application process, and throughout the four awesome years they will have on campus.

I am qualified for this position because:

- My work in admissions as a tour guide and student panelist gives me better understanding of the enrollment process here at Dickinson.
- I am an international student myself, and this makes me more sensitive and equipped to deal with many of the peculiar concerns of this population.
- I have worked extensively with the Office of Student Life and Drayer Programming Board to organize events, and this has strengthened my leadership capabilities in a community setting.
- Over the past semester, I have served the Student Senate Committee for Student Life, attending meetings, organizing events, and contributing to discussions on the state of student life on campus.

My experience in these various functional areas Dickinson have given me a unique perspective from which to identify, understand, and address the problems facing student life on campus. Most importantly, if elected as Sophomore ESLC senator, I intend to work on the following projects:

- Improve relations between the Morgan Field and Residential Quads neighborhoods by organizing events that bring together residents of both neighborhoods.
- Enhance the junior year study abroad re-integration process by working closely with the Global Studies Advisory Committee
- Augment the international student experience by considering the possibilities of starting a host family program during vacation periods.

- Make Greek life on campus more vibrant, engaging, and inclusive through active participation in the campus community, and by improving communications and connections with other types of organizations on campus

As a member of student senate, I have been dedicated to improving the lives of international students on campus. Please give me your vote to become a member of ESLC so I can expand my reach beyond just the international community and utilize my skills and fresh ideas to improve the overall student experience of all interest groups on campus. Vote Joojo for Transparency, Community, Engagement, and Diversity. Thank you!