To the Student Body of Dickinson College,

My name is Morgan Bates, and I am a first-year music performance major. It is with great enthusiasm that I am writing to declare my candidacy for a position on the Academic Programming and Standards Committee of the Dickinson College Student Senate. That being said, I would like to take the opportunity to present my credentials and explain my reasons for running for this position and my goals for APSC.

Throughout my first year here at Dickinson, I have had the opportunity to fully immerse myself in an extremely wide variety of classroom experiences. I came to Dickinson College fully prepared to declare a major in the social sciences, however, curiosity and the liberal arts agenda led me on a new path, one that ultimately pushed me to declare my trumpet performance. Regardless of this declaration, I am still able to explore various subjects outside of my major such as political science and religion. Essentially, the academic setting of this institution has changed my entire path, but has led me to explore a wide variety of topics at the same time.

So what does this have to do with Student Senate? After spending the past year as a first-year senator and serving on the Constitutional Drafting Committee, I’ve come to realize that academic affairs are of particular interest to me. As a candidate for APSC, I seek enhance the academics of Dickinson as a whole while conjoining the seemingly separated departments on this campus together to ultimately achieve the liberal arts ideal of cross-disciplinary broadness and clarity. As a major in an artistic field, I offer a relatively underrepresented voice, but my interests in other departments give me the ability to branch out to other departments and academic areas. I am also a leader in a similarly varying array of extracurricular activities – I am on the executive board for Music Society, newly appointed chair of the Working Group on Voting, a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, and a participant of the Emerging Leaders Retreat, among other organizations. I think that my versatility would ultimately allow me to aid in academic programing and provide input to help sustain the academic rigor of this college. If elected, I will make efforts to connect with fellow students, faculty, and administration both within the committee and beyond to understand the concerns and ideas of the Dickinson community as a whole.

I appreciate your time and consideration, and I invite you to contact me at [batesm@dickinson.edu](mailto:batesm@dickinson.edu) if you have any questions or want to express ideas or concerns. I hope to get to know you and possibly represent you as an APSC senator!

Respectfully yours,

Morgan M. Bates ‘18

Music Performance – Trumpet

First-Year Senator