

Fellow Dickinsonians,

My name is Chris Jones, and I am running to be your next Student Senate President. I joined Student Senate during the second week of my first year, and it has been a central aspect of my identity as a Dickinsonian ever since. I have served as a Senator, Associate Director, and Director of Academics while also serving as a student representative on both the Academic Program and Standards Committee (APSC) and Information Technology Services Committee (ITSC). I joined Student Senate because I believed I could provide a useful perspective, and have since learned that I greatly enjoy conveying the student perception on important matters. Over the past two years I have worked on many projects and resolutions including the Physical Education Credit Review, the restructuring of Senate Academics, and oversaw the Poitras-Gleim lecture, which brought David Oyelowo to campus this Spring. I have found my time with Senate incredibly rewarding, and hope to continue serving the student body as Student Senate President next year.

As Student Senate President, I hope to promote engagement, structure, and progress within the Dickinson Community through the following means:

To promote engagement: Our Student Senate will reflect the student body which it represents. I hope to improve upon the work Senate has done in the past, to be more inclusive of all students, and to open dialogue between different groups. Through this communication, I hope to make Senate more available to underrepresented groups and to vocalize issues which are relevant to these minorities.

To promote structure: Our Senate will work with clubs and student organizations to provide support, guidance, and assistance for all endeavors. I hope to encourage more on-campus events, collaboration between groups, and keeping Dickinson traditions alive.

To promote progress: Our Senate will maintain an active roster of ideas, initiatives, and resolutions. We will also ensure that the student perspective is always present, and the topics and issues being debated are reflective of what students care about. We will strive to be a relevant organization, and work to improve student life at Dickinson.

Student Senate is tasked with a huge responsibility, both through our role as representatives in the shared governance of the College and our charge as stewards of the Student Activities Fee. It is my hope that our Senate will be able to engage the whole campus, and that together we can better develop programming and resolutions which inspire involvement

from all areas of campus, especially underrepresented groups. I promise to lead Senate with these responsibilities in mind, and to further develop our relations with faculty, the administration, and the student body alike while promoting a Senate that is inclusive, descriptive, and passionate about the many issues and opportunities we will face in the coming year.

The Student Senate President has a responsibility to act as a liaison between students, faculty, and the administration, and through my work on APSC and several All College Working Groups I know the importance of meaningful student input well. If I am elected as the next Student Senate President I promise you that I will be steadfast in my resolve to fight for our rights and ensure that all students have a voice in the matters that affect us. Next year is an important time for Senate to be structured, active, and accountable. With the upcoming inauguration of President Ensign it is imperative that Senate maintains the ideals that have given us our good reputation. I feel that through my experiences and outlook Student Senate can show President Ensign and the whole campus the importance of maintaining our shared governance and the inclusion of the student perspective.

I am excited about the journey we have ahead together!

Best Regards,

Steven "Chris" Jones