

Hello –

My name is Madeleine Granda and I am rising senior currently studying abroad in Malaga, Spain. I have been on Student Senate since my freshman year and I am ready to step into a leadership role as your Director of Operations. I have had a wonderful three years both at Dickinson and on Student Senate, and want to give back to a community which has been a formative part of my time in Carlisle. It is important to me that I do my part to insure that other students have the opportunity to create their own Dickinson experience to be proud of. I have served for two years on the Operations Committee where I sat on the accountability panel and held the position of recording secretary. This past experience has allowed me first-hand knowledge of the work of the Operations Committee and a realistic expectation for the role of Director of Operations. As a senator in the past, I have been able to have a positive impact on our campus. Whether it was through helping new clubs get on their feet, speaking about campus safety to the Carlisle Borough Council or engaging the Dickinson community on issues central to the student experience, my voice has been heard and hopefully helped to create change that we, Dickinson students, can be proud of.

Despite moving into my final year, I have no illusions that I know everything about Dickinson or understand all of the issues that you feel need to be addressed this coming year. I am, however, excited to hear from all of you about what you feel is important and to communicate this to make campus a positive place for everyone. One of the most valuable things about being a Dickinsonian is the diversity of perspectives which we are able to cooperate to solve issues important to the student experience. Student senate is an excellent vehicle for this collaboration and it will be my responsibility to insure that it continues to run smoothly to best serve you and your needs this coming year.

I believe that there is always room for improvement in the partnership between administration and students. While this relationship has seen much improvement, I am excited to contribute to the work of the Student Senate to insure that we remain a respected body, capable of addressing issues and working with community partners to make positive changes. In addition, one of my main priorities will be to find new and innovative ways to better the relationship between Dickinson and Carlisle. Student Senate has the capacity to act as a strong voice through its close work with the Student Carlisle Borough Ambassador. This relationship is complex and effects all students, whether through housing, day-to-day activities or safety. We must understand our responsibility to improve this bond while holding our neighbors to the same high standards. I served as the student ambassador to the Carlisle Borough Council my sophomore year, and as part of this position was a liaison between Dickinson and Carlisle. I will take what I have experienced as part of the borough government into my continued work with town-gown relations this coming year with the hope of creating meaningful, lasting change.

I am ready to embrace the challenge of serving on your Student Senate as Director of Operations and I would appreciate the opportunity to represent your needs for another year.

Thank you,

Madeleine Granda