

Dear Students of the 2021 Class,

This letter is my sincerest way of trying to reach to all of you, as I must admit that even through the process of collecting signatures, I was not able to meet all of you as I wished I could have. When thinking about our class, I realized that the one thing we all have in common - apart from the fact that WE are Dickinsonians for now - WE are future leaders of our communities and WE are all carriers of Benjamin Rush' legacy - WE have all experienced orientation, thus we encountered The Dickinson Four sequence at least once and we had the opportunity to become familiar with it. That is why I will structure my attempt of convincing you to vote for me on that example with a small change in meaning: WHO? WHAT? HOW? WHERE?

### **WHO?**

My name is Matei Mares and I am an international full-time student from Bucharest, Romania( a small southeastern European country). Without going into a lot of details, the very first page of my passport reveals a strange thing about me: apart from visas from many European countries, the day I came to The College was the first time that I have ever stepped foot on the territory of the United States. Madness or just courage? I do not know the answer yet, but I do feel integrated and at home, and that is why I consider myself lucky. In my term as Senator, I will make sure that everyone feels at home, no matter where their real home is.

### **WHAT?**

The final purpose of my participation in the Student Senate as a SENATOR of the first-year class is I believe I bring much to the office in order to help strengthen the community on campus and enrich the communication between the student and the governance of the College. I will bring three qualities to accomplish this: 1) my international point of view, 2) my never-ending energy of a young man willing to work, and 3) my ability to relate to people from all parts of the world.

### **HOW?**

In this section, especially as a new member of the community, I will outline past work-experiences that I believe will help me become a valuable asset to the Senate. They include organizing an International Model NATO Conference, which took place Romania's Palace of Parliament, the second biggest building in the world after The Pentagon, as well as opening an NGO for educational projects, certified by the Government of Romania or participating in 3 Erasmus+ Exchange Projects organized by the authority of the European Union. The list can continue with volunteer work, charity events and social involvement.

### **WHERE?**

Different people might have different ideas of where the work of the student senate should be seen, but for me is pretty clear. It is in the campus, it is in the classes, it is on the sports field and eventually, in every one of us! At least that is the way I will act from now on.

In conclusion, it is now my turn to ask you to help me with a vote to assure my Senate position on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. After all, if I am elected, I will always be here to help out with and support even your most crazy ideas as an acting member of one of the strongest institutions on campus. Thank you!

Matei Mares, class of 2021