

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, Director of Academics, and President while also serving as a student representative on the Academic Program and Standards Committee (APSC), Information Technology Services Committee (ITSC), and the Planning and Budget Committee (P&B). I joined Student Senate because I believed I could provide a useful perspective, and have since learned how meaningful our work is to Dickinson. 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 continue my work 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. We will work with different groups on campus to incorporate multiple voices and perspectives. We will continue our work with the Vice President of Inclusivity and Institutional Effectiveness and the Intercultural Competency Task Force to identify how all members of Senate can contribute to inclusivity both individually, and as a Senate.

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. We will work with the Office of Student Leadership and Campus Engagement (SLCE) to give club leaders and advisors access to resources and advising on how to lead, develop skills, and execute effective programs and events.

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. I promise to continue my work to ensure that students are adequately represented in all conversations around campus and that the funding that Senate receives is distributed in a way that will allow for the most active and vibrant student life possible. 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 the liaison between students, faculty, and the administration, and through my work on college-wide groups and committees, especially the Strategic Planning Committee, I know the importance of meaningful student input. If I am re-elected as the Student Senate President I promise you that I will be steadfast in my resolve to fight for our rights and ensure that 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 changes to the distribution of the Student Activities Fee, and the many issues we faced this past year the Senate will need direction, and a committed leader. I promise I will be the Senate President that Dickinson needs.

I am excited about the journey we have ahead together! Best Regards,

Steven "Chris" Jones