

Hello! My name is Sara Nash and I am in the Class of 2019. It feels pretty surreal that three years have passed since I awkwardly collected 200 signatures during Orientation for my first Senate position, the First-Year Representative to the Enrollment and Student Life Committee (ESLC). Going into my Senior year, I'm hoping to draw on my experiences as a member of Senate and the Dickinson community to build a stronger, more effective Student Senate. During my time on Senate, I have been a voting member of a number of all-College committees: ESLC, the Planning and Budget Committee and the Financial Planning Working Group. My previous positions on Senate include the Director of Campus Life and Initiatives on the Executive Committee my Sophomore year and a Junior Class Senator on the Financial Strategy Team this year. I have spearheaded several initiatives, including an open house for first years to see sophomore housing, the introduction of kitchen supplies in some residence halls, the integration of online room reservations and an increase in key-card access for clusters of residence halls. Some of these projects are still in motion and I am hoping to see them through in the coming year.

As Director of Operations, I would prioritize recruiting and empowering an effective group of leaders that is more representative of Dickinson's community. Student Senate plays an important role in the College's shared governance structure, but it is only as strong as the individuals motivated to be active members of the process. I hope to make changes to the way that elections are conducted, through increased outreach, an implementation of a recommendations program, and the reduction of signatures to be on the ballot. It is critical that Senate is more accessible to all members of the Dickinson community so that we can most effectively leverage the student voice. Additionally, as Director of Operations, I would be charged with setting the agenda for Senate's discussions and plan on working with the broader campus community to determine what issues are most important to address at our meetings.

Thank you for your consideration! If being a part of creating meaningful change on Dickinson's campus interests you, please consider running for Senate in the Fall!