To the Student Body of Dickinson College,

My name is Morgan Bates, and I am a first year member of the Class of 2018 with the intention to double major in music and political science. It is with great enthusiasm that I am writing to declare my candidacy for class senator of Drayer Hall for the Dickinson College Student Senate. That being said, I would like to take the opportunity to tell you about myself, my interests, and my reasons for running for Student Senate.

I am a graduate of Schuylkill Haven Area High School in Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania. I was a leader and officer for various clubs and activities, including president of the marching band, treasurer for the student council, lead actress in the school musical, politics section editor for the school newspaper, and a member of the National Honor Society. I was also a Pennsylvania All-State trumpet player and a member of the 2014 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band.

In addition to my leadership background in high school, I have a large amount of experience with authoritative positions. In 2012, I became the one of the youngest people in the country to serve as an intern on Barack Obama’s campaign for reelection. The experience ultimately improved my leadership skills, confidence, and political intelligence. At my church, I previously served as a deacon, lay leader, and conference delegate. Last year, I was selected to attend a national conference for my denomination in Long Beach, California as a voting delegate with full adult responsibilities.

Throughout my first few weeks on campus, I have taken advantage of numerous organizations that Dickinson has to offer. I am a member of the Morgan Field Community Board College Democrats, Music Society, DICE, Jazz Band, Orchestra, and College Choir. I also plan to serve as an ally member of the Dickinson Safe Zone program and I hope to get involved with campus leadership groups like Student Senate, which is why I am writing to you today.

I am a very passionate person and I put no less than one hundred ten percent into everything I do. My goal as a class senator is to take the suggestions of the student body and use my enthusiasm to put these ideas into action. As many faculty members have stated, Dickinson is an exclusively undergraduate institution. In a nutshell, it’s all about us. We are the drive of this college; therefore, our thoughts are worth something. As class senator, I want to be the person to make sure that the students’ voices are heard. Whether you have a suggestion for an activity or event or you have an issue with a facility or program on campus, I am here to listen and act.

I appreciate your time and consideration, and I invite you to contact me at batesm@dickinson.edu if you have any questions or want to express ideas or concerns. I hope to get to know you and possibly represent you as class senator!

Respectfully yours,

Morgan M. Bates ‘18