Hello Dickinsonians!

My name is Mary Hinton and I am running to be the Director of Campus Life and Initiatives on Student Senate. I am a junior International Studies major, and have been involved in Senate since my first year at Dickinson. I have served as a class senator and class president and know that I have the experience necessary to fulfill this position and make a positive impact for Dickinson students.

One of my goals is to better serve as a link between Dickinson students and administration. This year our campus faced several challenges that affected our community and student life. I think that some of these issues could have been reduced if administration worked to listen to the students’ opinions and wishes. If elected I will actively work to improve the relations between faculty, staff and students here at Dickinson. Dickinson is a great community, and we should all work together as best we can to better it.

Something I would like to work on is bringing expanded key card access for students living in residence halls. Even if you live in Atwater and have a friend in DW, you need to be let into their residence hall, as you do not have keycard access to any dorm but your own. Last year, Senate developed a proposal to have residence halls grouped, and students in each group would have access to the other dorms in their group. For example, if students live in Drayer they will also have access to Adams. I believe that this would facilitate a better community in each residential space, and simply make it easier for students to hang out with friends in different residence halls.

Additionally, many students have voiced to me their wish for off campus housing to be a possibility again for Dickinson students. While I cannot promise that if I am elected students will regain this ability, I do promise to work closely with our ResLife office to explore the possibility of bringing off campus housing back. Additionally, I will work with ResLife to make sure that our housing options are the best they can possibly be.

Please vote for me for the Director of Campus Life and Initiatives and I promise that I will work hard on behalf of Dickinson students.