

Senate Goals 2020-2021

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Legislative Goals:

- **Increasing specificity and frequency of effluent tests**
 - Following some dubious positive effluent results early this semester, I believe some changes must be made to the effluent testing infrastructure. I would like to increase the frequency of these tests throughout the week in order to catch potential cases as soon as they arise. I would also like to look into increasing the specificity of these tests to individual buildings if possible in order to narrow down where cases might be located to smaller populations. The goal of these changes would be to reduce anxiety following positive results, and to further safeguard our campus against an outbreak.
- **Mandate tech training for online professors**
 - I believe professors should have a better understanding of the tools at their disposal for online classes. Far too much time is spent on technical issues during classes this far into the semester and it is unacceptable. I wish to administer some sort of test or check on professors' understanding of Zoom. If it is clear certain professors need help with their technology they should have access to resources to receive that help. We must lower the time spent on tech issues each class.
- **Morale boosting events**
 - College is difficult in the best of times, but at the moment everything is particularly challenging. I believe the college could be doing more to boost morale and school spirit. If possible I would like to organize events, virtual or distanced, that the community can get excited about. These will strengthen school spirit, reduce the negative consequences of the distant world we live in at the moment, and subsequently improve performance in our school work.
- **Pronouns and Zoom**
 - One's personal pronouns must be part of their name tag on Zoom. While most students do this of their own volition, it should be mandatory that pronouns are listed on Zoom to reduce instances of misgendering. Unless someone has a personal reason for not listing their pronouns they should be given on zoom. In a classroom one can easily correct instances of misgendering, it is not that simple via Zoom. This change would encourage the normalization of personal pronouns, would reduce instances of misgendering, and increase the overall comfort of our community members.

Committee Goals:

- **COVID-19 Task Force**

- On the COVID-19 Task Force I wish to push for the goals listed above concerning the Coronavirus.
- I would also like to push for reduced restrictions as we see fit. So far this community has generally illustrated adherence to guidelines to a tee. I think we can be trusted with looser restrictions as the semester progresses and I would like to see those changes be made as we see fit.
- **Finance committee**
 - I will carry out the duties of a member of the Finance Committee.
 - I wish to increase oversight over funds delegated to clubs as the year progresses. I believe clubs should have to show receipts as to what they are spending their allocated money on throughout the year. This is money raised directly by the student body, it should be overseen as such. Especially during this different time, accountability of clubs is extremely important.
 - If clubs are not using money in the way they promised to in their applications then actions should be taken to right the error. Those instances should also be considered for the next round of fund allocation.
 - I wish to meet with club leaders who are seeking advice on writing their grant applications when seeking additional funding. Leaders need access to the information that will benefit them in gaining extra funds.

Senate Goals:

- **Senate meetings as events**
 - These new virtual Senate meetings should be the go to place for members of the community seeking clarity or people to speak to about concerns. As well as that, attendance of Senate meetings should be encouraged as greater insight into what the constituents want will improve legislation and greater understanding of what the Senate does will improve relations.

Personal Goals:

- **Put constituents first**
 - I will seek my constituents opinions on issues whenever possible and will always represent them with the utmost diligence.
- **Remain aware of my privilege**
 - I am a white male and I hold the privilege inherent with that. In all my actions in the Senate I will take my privilege into account and will seek the opinions of those less privileged than myself. Doing so is the only way I will be a fair and just representative of the Student Body.
- **Work collaboratively and independently**
 - I will work hard both collaboratively and independently with my fellow senators and constituents to affect positive change in the community. I will hold myself and other senators accountable.
- **I will uphold the ASLC Constitution**