

ASLC Senate Goals

As an ASLC Senator, I promise to be accessible and engaging with any student wanting to propose legislation or just express concerns. Senators have a responsibility to keep the best interests of the student body at heart. My goal is to ensure ASLC drafts inclusive, justice-centered legislation with the interests of the student at the forefront. As an ASLC Senator, I will bring proven leadership experience to the Senate. As a Resident Advisor, I helped organize concerned students and RAs, and together we drafted a collective letter to the Lewis & Clark College Executive Council that has since been acted upon at the highest levels. Additionally, my experience as Co-Chair of the International Affairs Symposium provides me with the valuable teamwork experience needed to thrive as a Senator. Working with Symposium committee members, one of the biggest lessons I have learned is how to work as a team to solve problems and create meaningful solutions. I hope to bring this same experience to ASLC.

As an ASLC Senator, I will push for the creation of more opportunities for all Lewis & Clark students to collaborate with College administrators on new policies and procedures. I believe that Lewis & Clark students should have more opportunities to provide the Executive Council with more feedback and suggestions for how to improve the College and campus life for all students. It is in the best interest of Lewis & Clark students that every member of the Executive Council meets regularly with student advisors, and I will be a tireless advocate for increased collaboration between students, faculty and administration.

Additionally, it is my belief that collaboration between ASLC, Lewis & Clark students and the student governments of other Portland-area institutions is critical for diversifying the perspectives of our campus. Setting common goals would be a great way to bring our Portland academic community closer together, uniting student bodies from across this city and providing students with more opportunities to get involved outside of the Lewis & Clark campus.

In another critical step for making Lewis & Clark a friendlier campus to ALL students, I hope to draft new resolutions advocating that Lewis & Clark College campus safety officers receive comprehensive trauma-informed training to be able to safely respond to mental health crises on campus. It is my belief that campus safety officers should not only have the best interests of the student body at heart, but also the right tools to be able to do their job as safely and effectively as possible. Campus Safety needs to be more oriented towards Student and Staff Safety.

Finally, I hope work with Senators on establishing new financial resources and grant opportunities for students wishing to pursue unpaid internships and other unpaid career opportunities off-campus. We need to do more to support our student entrepreneurs and self-starters! Every student, regardless of their financial situation, should be able to pursue these opportunities for career and academic enrichment without fear of losing necessities. I want to support your long-term ambitions. ASLC can and should help!