

Slate Zimmerman

Platform

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(New ideas in **bold**)

Bret Zimmerman: Candidate for President

- Continue to act as a liaison between the slate, senate, student body, and faculty by continuing the monthly SGA columns in The Holcad to highlight specific activities
- Create a closer bond with SGA and CPC by collaborating in an efficient way through monthly meetings
- Keep students, faculty and administration aware of current events through business meetings and emails
- Update campus on any projects that would affect them regularly
- Foster campus and community relationship through events and programs
- Serve as a representative of SGA to the Board of Trustees, College Administration, faculty, college community, student body, and the public
- Utilize SGA funds in a more efficient and useful manner to better benefit all students
- Serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all SGA committees
- Preside at all Executive Council and Senate meetings
- Sign and approve all Senate legislation
- **Collaborate with Westminster Athletic Director, Jim Dafler, to increase attendance at home sporting events**
- **Install an outdoor basketball hoop on campus**
- **Encourage SGA senators to be more active/present in other campus organizations/ events**

Emily Puruczky: Candidate for Vice President

- Oversee, plan, and coordinate Volleyrock
- Work closely with Campus Programming Council (CPC) and the SGA Special Events and Campus Relations committees to promote events on campus
- Acquire entertainment for the campus and community during Volleyrock
- Expand Volleyrock to become an all-day event including, but not limited to:
 - **All you can eat Quaker Steak and Lube wings**
 - **Outdoor volleyball tournament (weather permitting)**
 - **Local and/or cover bands**
 - **Appetizers served throughout the day**
 - **Temporary tattoo artist**
 - **Inflatable attractions**
 - **Additional games and competitions for prizes (i.e. wing eating contest, watermelon eating contest, costume contests, balloon toss etc.)**
- **Bring in an airbrush artist to make individualized airbrushed team shirts**

- Encourage student body to attend weekly SGA meetings
- Continue to recognize Senator of the Month
- Continue to recognize “Student of the Month” and inform the student body of his or her accomplishments
- **Review platform goals at the beginning of the term and report monthly to the senate on each position’s progress.**
- **Elect class representatives within the senate to serve as liaisons between the senators and the slate**
- Oversee all standing committees on the slate
- Assume duties of the president when he cannot attend a meeting or SGA event

Jenny Jones: Candidate for Secretary

- Promote involvement in all campus organizations by ensuring that SGA members attend three non-SGA related events per semester
- Continue to ensure slate and senator accountability through the previously established incentive-based points system
- Create a page on my.westminster that will promote involvement within the senate by providing a location to submit their points and events attended outside of SGA
- **Work with Treasurer to organize Titan Tailgating events at home football games**
- Ensure that the student body has a designated area to submit Student of the Month, Student Organization of the Month and other special recognitions
- Work with the PR Chair to delegate senator volunteers at the Student Help Table in the TUB bimonthly, enabling a more efficient student body to senate connection
- Continue to use electronic voting on my.westminster
- Enhance SGA’s image online
- Improve website by adding senator profiles
- Update information regularly
- Work with the PR Chair to promote SGA on Facebook and Twitter
- Perform secretarial duties
- Take roll and tally votes
- Record detailed minutes for senate meetings
- Release senate meeting minutes to the campus via email, highlighting key points and announcements
- Keep track of points for senator of the month and announce senator of the month
- Ensure that each member of the slate is keeping up with his or her platform proposals with monthly reviews

Maria McTighe: Candidate for Treasurer

- Work closely with the Financial Chair to ensure funds are allocated in an efficient manner that benefits all students
- Improve efficiency by attending allocations with the Finance Chair

- Present SGA budget each semester to the Senate and student body
- Continue to keep the Executive Council and all committees aware of each chair's remaining balance in the budget.
- **Work with Secretary to organize Titan Tailgating events at home football games**
- Evaluate and authorize all contracts appropriate to SGA
- Increase use and effectiveness of the Student Organization Suite by informing student organization leaders of the best methods to utilize available resources
- Ensure that SGA operates on a sound financial basis by constructing and sustaining a balanced budget
- **Obtain a breakdown of tuition that shows students where their money goes**
- Involve and inform Senators of all expenses incurred by SGA, ensuring transparency throughout the term
- Provide monthly budget updates of all the chairs to senate

Ian Davis: Candidate for Student Concerns

- Continue and publicize Live Chat Concerns
- Continue to host "Fireside Chats," but **give it more publicity and select a date when many students can attend**
- Add thematic approach to each "Fireside Chat" in order to segment specific student concerns
- Continue meeting with different residence halls each month to discuss various campus-wide issues
- Add thematic or departmental approaches to each "Questions, Comments, and Concerns" to ensure varied attendance
- Bring back the Student Concerns on the golf carts on SGA Day
- **Encourage increased attendance at Titan home sporting events through implementation of (but not limited to):**
 - **Basketball: half court halftime shot (win a prize depending on if you make or miss)**
 - **Volleyball: serve and try to hit a shirt or pizza box and win that prize**
 - **Themed dress-up nights for a student cheering section**
 - **Chipotle chip night**
- **Drive fan vans to away games/meets (especially PACs)**
- Serve as a liaison between SGA and SLAC-approved organizations by making the student concerns chair available for any necessary aid
- Attend New Wilmington Borough meetings with other senators on a monthly basis
- **Work with Public Safety to make parking restrictions clear and known to students (7AM-7PM) and ensure there are no parking restrictions on weekends.**
- Collaborate with the Food Advisory Committee for the TUB, WOW and Duff Dining Halls to make the food services at Westminster suitable for all students
- **Bring in a Fruit Bar in the TUB, or find a way to have more fruit options**

- **Bring back plates at the Charleston Market**
- **Work closer with Sodexo for better food quality**
- **Keep WOW open later during finals week, and open at least until the library closes on a regular basis during the semester**
- **Keep Jazzman's open until the library closes each night**

- Arrange and supervise all senator and Executive Board elections
- Compile and direct a Slate Election Committee and election calendar
- Implement campaign guidelines for slate and senate elections
- Put air fresheners in bathrooms

Rachel Gibbs: Candidate for Service

- Continue Senator of the Month
- Continue the Greek Service Project Drive with help from the Drinko Center
- Continue the service organization of the month
 - SGA will donate money toward the winning organization's philanthropy or cause
- Participate in a reverse Titan trick-or-treating event where Westminster students take candy to:
 - Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
 - Origins
- Choose a student to represent SGA and the student body on the Civic Engagement Council
- Collaborate with the Chapel Office to better promote involvement in previously existing service projects such as the Global Gift Market
- Increase communication of service information to the student body
- Serve as the communications liaison to the Drinko Center
- **Place donation cans around the community to benefit eduKenya**
- **Get a group of students together to glean at Apple Castle during fall semester, and take the produce to local food pantries**
- **Implement a campus-wide gift card collection to obtain leftover balances from old gift cards, and donate that money to a local charity**
- **Organize a Thank You dinner for service leaders on campus for their involvement around the community**
- Collaborate with the Drinko Center and other campus organizations to organize service projects on campus and in the surrounding community including, but not limited to:
 - Ronald McDonald House Charities
 - Shenango Presbyterian Senior Care
 - Volunteer Fair
 - Recycling Drive
 - Salvation Army

- Operation Christmas Child

Mark Andino: Candidate for Diversity

- Continue to expand the Diversity Ambassador program within the Diversity Committee to other SLAC-approved groups and organizations
- Continue “Instead of categorize, individualize” – Refocus diversity to promote individualism, including but not limited to cultures, religions, racial differences, and sexual orientation
- Continue and develop the Tunnel of Oppression
- **Bring in a ThinkFast style game show focusing on diversity**
- Continue the use of Diversity Council
- Continue the SGA-sponsored trip to the Cultural District in Pittsburgh
- Serve as a liaison among the Office of Diversity Services, Westminster’s Diversity organizations, the Diversity Symposium, and the student body to promote diversity progress
- Work to bring distinguished, entertaining diversity speakers to campus for an all-campus diversity event in the spring
- Work to provide Safe Space training for all of campus
- Bring in all the diversity groups on campus
- **Work to bring back a cultural trip opportunity for students**

Katie Lesnick: Candidate for Academics

- Continue to maintain SGA’s presence during finals week
- Offer incentives for using extended library hours during finals
 - **Hand out pens to students during finals week**
- Continue maintenance and supply for the Keurig in the library
- **Ensure that students can stay in the library up until it officially closes**
- **Monitor student-use of library and adjust hours according to when it is most beneficial to the students**
 - **This includes weekends and late weeknight hours**
- **Printing money rollover on IRC agenda**
- **Have a Comment Box in the library for questions, suggestions, concerns**
- **Move the Majors Fair to the beginning of the fall semester to make it more relevant for exploratory majors**
- Continue to host the Majors Fair and encourage first-years to attend
- Invite outstanding upperclassmen in each major to converse one-on-one with first year students in a casual setting
- Host a Top of the Titans dinner in conjunction with the Who’s Who ceremony where each academic department can invite four students (first-year, sophomore, junior, senior) to attend a dinner at the end of each academic year
- Work closely with the academic departments to improve the overall academic experience
- Act as a liaison between students and faculty

- Present any students' concerns regarding academics to the Slate, Senate, and faculty

Jared Heck: Candidate for Finance

- Hold informational meetings for club presidents and treasurers early in the semester to discuss the Audits and Allocations process
- Create an Audits and Allocations worksheet that will be distributed to each SLAC-approved organization prior to the informational meeting to facilitate the audit/allocation learning process ahead of time.
- Ensure allocation times and dates are beneficial and convenient to the various organizations on campus
- Ensure requirements for receiving allocated monies are fair and sufficiently distributed
- Keep financial records in order to discuss financial situations in the future
- Train the Finance Committee on the auditing and allocation procedures
- Audit SGA
- **Be more accessible to SLAC-approved organizations that are in need of financial assistance**
- **Work to make audit and allocating money more efficient**

Matt Baurle: Candidate for Campus Relations

- **Be a liaison between student-run organizations and SGA by promoting their events**
- Continue with vamped up SGA Day
 - Provide Titan Radio, all-day sporting events and activities
- Field Day with SGA during Fresh Start
- Invite Titan Radio to DJ the event
- **Bring in a professional to put on a Westminster-themed game show during Fresh Start (to replace Eliminate/Wahoo Westminster)**
- Ensure that the student body is more aware of who the senators are with online profiles that will be available at the Student Help Table and on my.westminster and the SGA Facebook page
- Inform the campus about SGA news and events through news releases on the campus website, email, and social networks
- Survey the student body for evaluation of SGA
- Distribute the Toilet Paper consistently and in a timely manner each week to bathrooms on campus and to the townhouses and fraternity houses

Adam Stahon: Candidate for Special Events

- City trips throughout the year including, but not limited to:
 - Pittsburgh Pirates Games
 - The Waterfront
 - Ice Skating at PPG Place

- Zoo
- Museums
- Pursue the possibility of a picnic on the quad as a campus gathering to serve as a kickoff to homecoming weekend
- Work closely with CPC and other campus organizations to enhance both on and off campus activities
- Plan Homecoming weekend along with the pep rally for the candidates
- Consider other cities for the Big City Trip in the spring semester
 - Vote on my.westminster, with potential cities including Chicago, New York City, Baltimore, Washington D.C.
- Continue to organize and coordinate annual Christmas parties for SGA senators and the student body
- Work with the Vice President and Campus Relations Chair to coordinate VolleyRock