

SLATE HUGHES



2016-2017 Platform

Cory Hughes: Candidate for President

- Serve as a representative of SGA to the Board of Trustees, College Administration, faculty, college community, student body, and the general public
- Research, organize, and oversee the spending of rollover funds in a way that will best serve the student body and campus community
- Continue working with Sodexo to better utilize leftover food and reduce edible waste
- Utilize SGA funds in the most efficient and useful manner possible to ensure the greatest benefit to 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
- Continue to act as a liaison between the slate, senate, student body, faculty, and administration
- **Work with Student Concerns chair to look into making more Residence Halls handicap accessible**
- **Look into adding a pedestrian bridge between the Field house and main campus**
- **Look into editing the Bylaws so that committee chairs are required to hold monthly committee meetings outside of weekly SGA meetings**
- **Develop a strategic vision and plan with the Senate to work on Senate engagement and to give direction to the Student Government as a whole**

Channing Pifer: Candidate for Vice President

Budget Dependent

- Oversee the planning and coordination of Volleyrock with the Special Events chair.
- Outdoor volleyball tournament. (weather permitting)
- **Will look into transforming Volley Rock with more attractions, including but not limited to:**
 - **Loser bracket activities**
 - **DJ playing music the whole event**
 - **Evaluate new options for food during the day**
 - **Possibility of free food**
 - **Look into bringing a recognizable musical artist to perform during the event**
 - **Make a Volley Rock/Fall Fest committee**
- **Improve Fall Fest**
 - **Look into having student interest surveys about last year's Fall Fest**
 - **Look into having the event on the evening of SGA Day**
 - **Look into having Bubble soccer**
- Continue to recognize Senator of the Month
- Oversee the standing committees of the slate

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- Review platform goals to ensure that all committees are making good progress
- Elect class representatives within the senate to serve as liaisons between the senate and the slate
- Assume duties of the president when he cannot attend a meeting or SGA event

David Jamieson: Candidate for Treasurer

- Ensure that SGA remains fiscally responsible by constructing and maintaining a balanced budget
- Present a financial overview each month to the Senate outlining all expenses that were incurred and revenues that were generated in order to guarantee transparency during the term
- Work closely with the Finance chair to ensure funds are allocated in an equal manner during the Audits and Allocations process
 - **Improve the efficiency of the Audits and Allocations process with the Finance Chair by informing organizations about the details of this process**
- Keep all executive council members and committee chairs aware of how much funding they have in their budgets as the term progresses
- **Be available to any student organization treasurer to provide additional information about official documents, paperwork, and timelines that pertain to Business Office operations, if necessary**
- Guarantee that all members of the Executive Council and committee chairs know of the proper procedures that the Business Office has in place for payments and reimbursements to keep within contract deadlines
- Evaluate and authorize all contracts appropriate to SGA

Regino Flores: Candidate for Secretary

- Take attendance and tally votes at meetings
- Continue creating weekly agendas for meetings
- Record SGA meeting minutes and Executive Committee Minutes
- Email SGA Minutes to all of campus following meetings
- Archive all SGA-related documents in an electronic database:
 - Minutes
 - Legal Forms
 - Receipts
 - Educational Documents
- Maintain SGA's My.Westminster page
- Create SGA Birthday calendar/Announce senator birthdays on social media
- Establish transparency within the Slate to increase student body participation and awareness of the inner machinations of SGA
 - Release reports from Slate Meetings

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- **Compile list of senators and their SGA affiliations for campus (Students/Faculty) use.**
 - This will allow compelled members of the school to find the appropriate person to express their concerns or suggestions
- Work with other members of Slate to promote student vocalization on pertinent issues.
- Possibility of a campaign asking for student input for betterment of campus
- **Transmit important information from minutes to PR Chair for distribution to campus and public**

Carl Carpenter: Candidate for Finance

- Hold informational meetings for club presidents and treasurers early in the spring 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
- **Hold the Audits and Allocations meetings together in early to mid April for all SLAC-approved student organizations that are eligible for SGA funding and ensure that each organization is treated as equal as possible while following proper procedure and protocol for auditing each organization and reviewing allocation requests**

Christopher Israel: Candidate for Student Concerns

Budget Dependent

- Continue hosting “Fireside Chats”
 - **Work with the PR Chair in order to promote the event via Facebook and Twitter a week in advance**
 - **Offer a prize to the student/senator who provides the best way to collect questions for the event.**
 - Stream live via WCN, Titan Radio, and WCNLIVE.com
 - Live tweet the event using a predetermined hashtag
 - **Offer giveaways (i.e. t-shirts, mugs, etc.) at the event**

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- Create an online portion
 - **Students can tweet their questions using a hashtag to have their questions answered**
 - **Snapchats and an Instagram post will be incorporated in order to drive interest from the public**
- SGA will continue its participation in local government
 - Personally attend all borough meetings
 - Open a permanent line of communication between SGA and borough officials
 - Elect senators to serve as liaisons between the student body and borough officials
- Work with Student Affairs in order to continue evaluating unused and underutilized rooms on campus
 - **Revitalize the club room**
 - **Look into partnerships with other student organizations**
 - **Incorporate a wider variety of food options**
- Continue hosting QCCs in Residence Halls
 - **Introduce QCCs in upperclassmen residence halls**
- Meet with Food Advisory Committee at TUB and Duff Dining Hall
 - **Expand the food and drink offerings in the on-the-go cooler in the Titan Club**
- Organize and oversee all Senator and Executive Board elections

Anna Daniels: Candidate for Academics

Budget Dependent

- Continue SGA's presence during finals week
- Work directly with library staff and students for the optimal library experience
 - Make sure students are using library resources efficiently and fairly
 - Get suggestions from students as to how we can improve the library
- Continue maintenance and use of Keurig in the library
- **Work with faculty to create a way for Exploratory students to be able to communicate with upperclassmen students in their potential majors (i.e. a mentor system, department event, or informational session)**
 - **If there is success within that program, potentially open it up to all first year students interested**
- Act as a liaison between the students and faculty
- Present student concerns to the faculty and Slate
- **Create a way for the students who sit on academic committees to share what happens with students who are not involved**
 - make more students aware of what is going on in regards to academics (major removals or additions, changing facilities, changing requirements, etc.)

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Amelia Hartzell: Candidate for Public Relations

Budget Dependent

- **Create a stronger relationship with our followers (students) on social media**
- Respond to tweets, repost Instagram photos, respond to Facebook comments
- Create incentives for them to like posts and/or retweet them
- Have polls on twitter to better evaluate the student body's opinion
- Look into keeping an ongoing blog
- Look into distributing minutes from the meetings via social media
- Look into sending a newsletter to local high schools
- Look into sending press releases to local newspapers
- Look into creating a snapchat geofilter
- **Promote any event hosted by SGA**
- **Work with Special Events and Vice President to promote Fall Fest and Volley Rock**
- **Better promote Fall Fest, SGA Day and Volley Rock by giving incentives out via social media**
 - Have an electronic version of the "toilet paper"
- **Encourage students to come to SGA meetings**
- **SGA Day will be continued one Friday each semester**
 - Create a SGA Day committee

Chloe Knappenberger: Candidate for Service

Budget Dependent

- Allow the student body to select a preferred charity for SGA's philanthropic efforts
- Continue honoring a student organization of the month
 - Donate \$25 to the winning organizations' philanthropy
 - Send an all-campus email spotlighting the organization's events and provide appropriate links to their philanthropy's website
 - Use social media to spotlight the organization
- **Work with Public Relations chair to improve the communication between faculty, students, and SGA in regards to service opportunities**
- **Work with Public Relations chair to promote service opportunities that are already occurring on campus**
- **Strengthen the relationship between service organizations, such as Alpha Phi Omega and Habitat for Humanity, and SGA**
- Work to promote off campus service activities and implement service trips during both semesters
 - **East Side Bread Basket**
 - **Prince of Peace**

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- **Partner with DoSomething.org and look into beginning service campaigns on campus/throughout the community**
 - **Grandparents Gone Wired**
 - **Two Books Blue Books**
 - **Bookmark Climate Change**
- Continue the Greek Service Project Drive
- **Explore the possibility of incorporating a service component within required first-year classes**
- Continue to donate spare Flex dollars to charity at the end of the spring semester in conjunction with a school-wide food drive
- Continue the *Finals Fairy* service event at the end of the spring semester
- **Implement any feasible service ideas that are brought to SGA**

Jordan Sherman: Candidate for Diversity

Budget Dependent

- Promote diversity on campus in a positive manner.
- **Look into creating “safe zones” in each of the RA’s rooms in each residence hall.**
- Work alongside diversity organizations to bring SLAC-approved diversity centered speakers, and events, to campus.
 - **Build relations with Disability Awareness Club, Allies, Black Student Union, and Council for Exceptional Children.**
- **Establish “Tub Talks,” an open forum for discussing more controversial topics with representatives from each of the diversity organizations on campus.**
 - **Occurs every other Friday, around the time when classes end for the day.**
- Serve as a liaison among the Office of Diversity Services, diversity organizations, and the student body to promote and highlight diversity.
- **Look into “Nationality Rooms” in the Cathedral of Learning, located on the University of Pittsburgh’s campus, as a possible cultural event.**
- Work to continue bringing a small diversity event every week during November (Diversity Awareness Month).
 - Guest speaker (poet, dancer, singer, etc.)
 - “Acceptance” Photoshoot
 - Diversity Fair
 - Large cultural event towards the end of the month
 - Continue to help Diversity Services, and other organizations involved, make “Celebration: An International Festival” a successful event.
- **Reinstate the H.E.A.R. (Help Educate Against Racism) program.**
 - **Meetings every week, or every other week.**
- Continue “Instead of Categorize, Individualize”
 - Shirts, buttons, bracelets, etc.
 - Incorporate into Diversity Awareness Month

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- **Look into partnering with the Service Chair to work towards a partnership with DoSomething.org to help the student body become more open-minded, and dissolve stereotypes by looking at someone's character rather than their race, sexuality, disability, etc.**
 - **T-shirt campaign**
 - **Possible speaker**

Heaven Brown: Candidate for Special Events

Budget Dependent

- Work closely with Vice President to plan Volleyrock in the spring semester (2016)
 - **Providing further entertainment or activities for students no longer participating in volleyball tournament**
- **Look into a return-to-campus party for fall semester (2016)**
 - **May include: pool party with movie playing on projection screen**
- Continue the Pirates Game trip in the fall semester (2016)
 - Look into free t-shirt days and food discounts/packages
- Looking into local haunted house attractions or plan a trip to **Kennywood Fright Night**
- Work with the Vice President and PR to plan a successful **fall fest** to kick off the Homecoming weekend
 - Possibly include:
 - **Have more activities and sports**
 - **Possibly open event to different organizations to provide gift baskets and host a raffle to raise money for various philanthropies**
 - **Participating organizations can have tables or booths to host different activities**
- **Better promote fall fest by having more activities**
 - Painting pumpkins, carving pumpkins, haunted bio trail
 - Host the event on a Friday night
 - Have every organization on campus have a booth with a different activity
 - Encourage the whole community and faculty to come out
 - Have students dress in their best costumes
 - Have every organization pass out candy to the local community kids
- **Look into having a Christmas village before finals week**
 - Have local stores and vendors have booths where they sell their products to faculty and students
 - This could be combined with Westminster's light up night
 - Could make light up night at Westminster a bigger deal
 - This allows students to do Christmas shopping while still at school
 - Have business owners who would like to participate pay a small fee to rent a booth

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- This provides students and faculty to buy unique gifts and helps out local businesses
- Host it on the first Friday after Thanksgiving break
- Plan some type of holiday celebration for SGA senators and student body
 - Have a gingerbread decorating contest
 - Ugly Sweater contest
- **Provide more options for trips to Pittsburgh throughout the year**
 - **For example:**
 - Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium
 - Various museums (Warhol, Natural History, etc)
 - The Waterfront
 - Market Square
 - Ice Skating at PPG
- **Possibly plan a Big City Trip to be held in the spring semester (2017)**
 - Have a poll on my.westminster for student body to vote on location of city trip
 - Cities may include New York, Chicago, Niagara Falls, Baltimore, and Washington D.C.
 - Once city has been chosen, work on a list of fun/affordable restaurants and attractions to provide to students attending the trip (possibly put on website or through social media)
- **Possibly plan a school-wide Spring Break trip in the spring semester* (2017)**
 - ***potentially in place of Big City Trip, dependent upon results of campus poll and budget**
 - **Provide transportation and lodging at Spring Break location**
 - **Location determined by my.westminster poll**