

Slate Darby

SGA 2012 - 2013



Platform

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(New ideas in bold)

Tawni Darby – Candidate for *President*

- Act as a liaison between the Slate, senate, student body and faculty to initiate collaboration and ensure transparency
 - Create a monthly SGA column in *The Holcad* to highlight each slate position and its agenda for that month
- Create transparency between the Slate and senate, fostering a more proactive approach in dealing with questions and concerns to increase the effectiveness of SGA
- Develop innovative strategies to build upon previous slate and senate successes to ensure a positive experience for all students
- Encourage school spirit and Titan pride to cultivate a long-term relationship between students and Westminster College
 - Initiate the creation of a school “Spirit Club” that will encourage student involvement at a variety of sporting events
- Keep students, faculty and administration aware of current events through business meetings and emails
 - Update campus on the Patterson Hall renovations
 - Update campus on the landscaping project
- Foster campus and community relationship through events and programs
- Serve as a representative of SGA to the Board of Trustees and College administration
- Utilize SGA funds in a more efficient and useful manner to better benefit all students
- Serve as ex-officio, non-voting member of all SGA committees
- Preside at all Executive Council and Senate meetings
- Sign and approve all senate legislation

Courtney Crown – Candidate for *Vice President*

- Coordinate, plan, and execute a successful Fall Fest weekend in accordance with the Westminster Football night game
 - **Organize a variety of activities for Fall Fest/football night game**
- Coordinate, plan, and execute a successful Volleyrock during the spring semester
 - Acquire entertainment for the campus and community during Volleyrock
 - **Work closely with Campus Programming Council (CPC) and the SGA Special Events and PR committees**
 - Encourage local vendors to participate in the Volleyrock event
- Encourage members of the student body to attend weekly SGA meetings
 - Provide incentives to students who attend a meeting
 - Advise students to address the Senate and slate openly when an issue arises
- Encourage outstanding senator service throughout the academic year
- Recognize Senator of the Month based on the new incentive-based points system

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- Work with athletic services to provide giveaways and entertainment for the night football game
- Promote involvement of all campus organizations in a fundraising activity to support a philanthropic cause (ex. – Cystic Fibrosis during Greek Week) and to create a cohesive campus community
- Review platform goals at the beginning of the term and report monthly to the senate each position's progress
- Oversee all standing committees on the slate
- Assume duties of the president when she cannot attend a meeting or SGA event

Daniel Matt – Candidate for *Treasurer*

- **Work closely with the Financial Chair to ensure funds are allocated in an efficient manner that benefits all students**
- Present SGA budget each semester to the Senate and student body
 - **Keep Executive Council and all committees aware of each chair's remaining balance in the budget**
- Involve and inform Senators of all expenses incurred by SGA, ensuring transparency throughout the term
- 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

Nick Dalessio – Candidate for *Secretary*

- **Establish an Open Forum section of SGA Meetings where members of the student body and campus community can come and speak with the Slate and senators**
- **Assign an SGA senator to act as a liaison during a meeting to answer any questions non-members may have**
- **Ensure slate and senator accountability through the newly established incentive-based points system**
- Improve voting system through the pursuit of electronic voting
- Enhance SGA's image online
 - Improve website by adding senator profiles and keeping information current
 - Work with the Public Relations 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 notes to the campus via email, highlighting key points and announcements
- Release senate meeting notes and announcements to *The Holcad* for publication

Tate Slaven- Candidate for *Student Concerns Chair*

- Collaborate with SHEETZ for off-campus TitanCard access
- Work with Sodexo to increase dining hours during breaks
- Start “Live Chat Concerns” via my.westminster.com for immediate response to students’ questions and concerns
- Work with the Athletic Department to take the necessary steps to extend gym hours across campus
- Organize and oversee the “Real-Life Concerns Box” that will take place bi-weekly in the TUB
- Continue to host “Fireside Chats”
 - Add a 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
- Serve as a liaison between SGA and SLAC-approved organizations by making myself available for any necessary aid
- Attend New Wilmington Borough meetings with other senators on a monthly basis
- Collaborate with the Food Advisory Committees for the TUB, WOW and Duff Dining Halls to make the food services at Westminster suitable for all students
- 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

Derrick Orloski – Candidate for *Finance Chair*

- 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
- Revisit requirements for receiving allocated monies to ensure fair and sufficient distribution
- Keep financial records in order to discuss financial situations in the future
- Train the Finance Committee on auditing and allocation procedures
- Audit SGA

Jeff Finafrock – Candidate for *Academics Chair*

- Be responsive to the current and future technological needs and wants of the campus and pursue solutions
- Host a “Majors Fair” during the fall semester to aid students in selecting their major
 - Invite outstanding upperclassmen in each major to converse one-on-one with first year students in a “meet and greet” setting
- Incorporate “Navigating Microsoft Office” into Inquiry curriculum
- Work with IT to host tutorials on utilizing my.westminster.com and WC Live email
- Maintain SGA’s presence during finals week

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- Offer complimentary coffee in the library during midterms and finals
 - Provide finals week snacks for students
- **Unify and encourage collaboration among centers on campus and the academic departments**
 - **Organize department-wide calendars to keep students better informed on upcoming events**
- **Initiate department tutoring sessions with student workers**
- Work closely with the academic departments to improve overall academic experience
- Act as liaison between students and faculty
- Present students' concerns regarding any academic issues to the Slate, senate and faculty
- Continue assisting with Undergraduate Research and Arts Celebration (URAC)
- Continue providing incentives for student library usage
- Organize *Who's Who* program
- Maintain communication with the Academic Dean of the College
- Conduct elections for the student representatives and ensure proper qualifications to the standing faculty committees, councils, and boards

Reuben King – Candidate for Public Relations Chair

- **Revitalize SGA Day and create a more entertaining environment for students**
 - Provide all-day activities, music, food and an all-campus activity
- **Revitalize use of the SGA bulletin board**
- **Email the *Toilet Paper* with the SGA minutes after each weekly meeting**
- **Recognize “Student of the Month” and inform the student body of his or her accomplishments**
- Inform student body of SGA senators living in the dormitories
 - **Place stickers on the doors of senators living in a particular dormitory**
- Inform the campus about SGA news and events through news releases on the campus website, email, social networks, and in *The Holcad*
- 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
- Organize and improve “Elimidate” during Fresh Start

Maggie Backstrom – Candidate for Special Events Chair

- **Coordinate and plan seasonal activities for students included but not limited to:**
 - **“Back to School Block Party Bash” during Fall Fest weekend**
 - **“Snow Ball Dance” held at the end of the Fall semester**
 - **“Octoberfest” in partnership with SADD**
 - Pittsburgh trips throughout the year including but not limited to:
 - Sporting events, Station Square, the Waterfront etc.
- **Initiate a Westminster “Polar Plunge” and “Snow Day”**
- Plan Homecoming weekend and revitalize the pep rally
- Plan the weekend “Big City Trip” in the Spring semester
- Continue to organize and coordinate annual Christmas parties for both SGA senators and for the student body

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- Work with the Vice President and Public Relations Chair to coordinate Fall Fest and VolleyRock

Leah Hunter – Candidate for *Service Chair*

- **Create the SGA “High Heel-A-Thon” service walk on campus**
- **Begin a local Greek service project in which sororities and fraternities are encouraged to sponsor a local project in coordination with the Drinko Center**
- **Increase communication of service information to the student body**
 - **Create a service calendar to be displayed outside the Drinko Center**
 - Highlight “Spotlight Service of the Month” by displaying updated information on the bulletin board outside of the Drinko Center
- **Collaborate with the Chapel Office to better promote involvement in previously-existing service projects such as the Global Gift Market**
- **Increase understanding of qualifications for service reports by meeting with the philanthropy/service chairperson of each SLAC-approved organization**
- **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:**
 - **Lawrence County Humane Society**
 - **The Overlook Medical Clinic**
 - **Ronald McDonald House Charities**
 - **“Trim-a-Tree,” a department Christmas tree decorating contest**
 - **Blood Water Mission**
 - **Shenango Presbyterian Senior Care**
 - **Volunteer Fair**
 - **Recycling Drive**
- **Host a Halloween-themed “Tour of the Unknowns”**
- **Revitalize the campus-wide food drive**
- Continue to recognize “Student Organization of the Month”
- Choose a student to represent SGA and the student body on the Civic Engagement Council
- Serve as the communications liaison to the Drinko Center

Kylie Tray – Candidate for *Diversity Chair*

- **Expand and promote Diversity Month and the activities involved**
 - **Increase attendance at events through positive publicity and incentives**
 - **Host diversity movies throughout the month**
- **Promote senator attendance at diversity events through the incentive-based points system**
- **Foster and promote diversity within each campus organization**
 - Encourage diversity education and awareness in groups that do not typically focus on diversity issues
- Work to bring distinguished diversity speakers to campus for an all-campus diversity event

- 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 the use of Diversity Council
- Continue to host and participate in SGA-sponsored diversity events and workshops including but not limited to:
 - Mix-it-Up Dinner
 - WC Confidential
 - Safe Space Training
 - Monthly diversity column in *The Holcad*
- 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

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