The function of the Student Senate shall be to provide an opportunity for its members to discuss and express their views upon any matter which they deem of general student interest, and to make recommendations or pass resolutions with respect thereto. The Student Senate shall speak as the representative voice of the undergraduates on affairs of concern to the undergraduate community.

The Student Senate is the governing body for all undergraduate students and recognized student organizations at Lehigh. The purpose of the Student Senate is to protect student rights and promote positive change. Students’ needs are the primary focus of the Senate.

Representation is determined by your residency or Affiliation for the 2019-2020 academic year with the number of seats per constituency in parenthesis
- On-campus (10) - Sorority (10) - Spring Varsity Athlete
- Off-campus (10) - Fraternity (10) - Fall Varsity Athlete (5)

Please note that if you are a Varsity Athlete, that is the constituency for which you must run. Also note that if you are in a fraternity or sorority and not an athlete, that is the constituency you must run for (regardless of whether you live on or off campus). Finally, if you are living in Southside Commons next year, that is included in the off-campus constituency.

There is also a five-person Executive Board that is elected by the previous Senate.

For Varsity Athletes:
- The Varsity Athletics are:
  - Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Ice Hockey (Club), Lacrosse, Rowing (Men’s Club), Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, and Wrestling
- The Varsity Athlete constituency has a term length of one semester:
  - For example, a spring varsity athlete will serve in the fall semester

Qualifications and expectations for senators
- Be an undergraduate, full-time matriculating student
- Agree to attend weekly full Senate meetings (Tuesdays from 4:30-5:45 p.m.)
- Agree to attend an overnight retreat with Student Senate (9/13 – 9/15)
- Agree to serve on one committee, which meets weekly
- Agree to represent the concerns of your constituency and work for positive change on campus
Application Requirements

● Submit a petition of 20 signatures from members of your constituency.
● Submit a brief platform (maximum 150 words) in Microsoft Word
● Submit a headshot of yourself, attached to your email as a separate file, that fits into 100x100 pixel box.
● Email both platform and picture to insen@lehigh.edu
● Make your subject line: LastName.SenateElection

What to include in your platform:

• Your name, constituency, class year
• Why you wish to obtain a position on Student Senate
• The qualifications that would make you a worthwhile candidate
• Specific campus issues that interest you
• Contributions to other groups or organizations in which you have participated and the effects of these efforts

Your platform will be posted on LINC for students in your constituency to read when voting.

IMPORTANT PLATFORM & PICTURE GUIDELINES

● Platforms are not to exceed 150 words! If they do, they will be cut off.
● Please make sure platforms are in this format: Name at the top, followed by your constituency, class year, and then your blurb about your qualifications and why you want to run.
● Please save your Word Document as firstinitial.lastname.doc.
  EXAMPLE: n.merritt.doc
● Pictures are to be a separate attachment—cannot be embedded in a Word document and must be a .jpg and fit into a 100 x 100 pixel box
● Please save your pictures as firstinitial.lastname.jpg
  EXAMPLE: n.merritt.jpg or n.merritt.gif

Return all completed petitions to Evelynda Santos in the Student Engagement Office (University Center, Room C105) by Monday, April 22 @ 12 PM. Please indicate that you are running for STUDENT SENATE so that your petition is filed correctly. Platforms and headshots should be emailed to insen@lehigh.edu

Elections will take place on LINC immediately (Monday April 22nd - Sunday April 28th) and applicants will be notified on April 28th by the end of the day.
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Petition Form
Return your completed petition to Evelynda Santos in Student Engagement

DUE: Monday, April 22 at 12:00 p.m. to Evelynda Santos, Student Engagement Office, University Center, Room 105.
Reminder that the platform and headshot are due to insen@lehigh.edu by the same date and time.

Name: _______________________________________________________

Graduation Year: ___________________

Lehigh E-mail: ____________ Phone Number _____________________

Constituency for the 2019-2020 school year:

We, the undersigned ___________ (list constituency) members of the full-time undergraduate student body of Lehigh University, hereby endorse the candidacy of the above-named individual for the position of Student Senator as our representative.

We, the undersigned, also promise that we will not sign more than two (2) petitions during this academic semester.

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I agree, if elected, to assume all the responsibilities of the position.

Candidate’s Signature: ________________________________

Date: _________