



# Student Senate XXX

*The voice of the student body*  
Fall Election Information & Petition Form



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*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 residency or Affiliation with the number of seats per constituency in parenthesis

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|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -On-campus (1)  | -Fraternity (4)           | -Spring Varsity Athlete (5) |
| -Off-campus (5) | -First-year (9)           |                             |
| -Sorority (0)   | -Fall Varsity Athlete (3) |                             |

*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).*

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
- Athletes will typically run to be on senate during their offseason

### **What has Student Senate XXIX done?**

- Represented the student body and served on various faculty committees, including the Board of Trustees
- Manage and distribute a fund of almost \$500,000 to all of Lehigh's 130+ Senate Recognized Clubs and Organizations
- Worked closely with Transportation Services to start a pilot program for weekend buses and organized buses for Thanksgiving Break.
- Worked to plan a campus-wide formal which was the pilot program for having alcohol at school sponsored events
- Helped plan a campus-wide tailgate with other organizations to foster a more inclusive environment



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## Qualifications and expectations for senators

- Be an undergraduate, full-time matriculating student
- Agree to attend bi-monthly (every other week) full Senate meetings (Tuesdays from 4:10-6:00 p.m.)
- Agree to serve on two committees, which meet 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](mailto:insen@lehigh.edu).

### 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 Marianne Deutsch in the Student Activities Office (University Center, Room C105) by Thursday, August 31st @ 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](mailto:insen@lehigh.edu)



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Elections will take place on LINC that afternoon at 4 PM and will end on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. Applicants will be notified on September 4th by the end of the day.



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## Petition Form

*Return your completed petition to Marianne Deutsch in Student Activities*

**DUE:** Thursday, August 31st @ 12 PM to Marianne Deutsch, Student Activities Office, University Center, Room 105.

Reminder that the platform and headshot are due to [lehighsenate@gmail.com](mailto:lehighsenate@gmail.com) by the same date and time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Lehigh E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Constituency for the 2017-2018 school year (circle):

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|------------|----------------------------|
| On-campus  | First-Year                 |
| Off-campus | (Offseason) Fall Athlete   |
| Fraternity | (Offseason) Spring Athlete |

*Please note that if you are in a fraternity or sorority, that is the constituency you must run for (regardless of whether you live on or off campus).*

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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	Printed Name	Signature	Email Address
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
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17.	_____	_____	_____
18.	_____	_____	_____
19.	_____	_____	_____
20.	_____	_____	_____

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

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_