

SGA PLATFORM:

My name is Grant S. Spicer and I am honored to be considered to remain your Speaker of the House of SGA for another term. Alongside my genuine love for this College and its inhabitants, there are a few reasons, listed below, I am re-running for my position. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to flag me down in-person or email me. I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter and encourage you to read-on and contemplate placing a vote for me later this week.

Fulfill our Role as Liaison:

In the ‘job description’ for SGA it mentions that the body will act as a liaison between the students and the administrative offices of the College. However, in practice, that facet of our duties is oft forgone to accommodate more Special Funding Requests. I have been working with other members of the current Executive team to formulate a strategy to shift SGA’s focus away from monetary distribution to legislative accomplishments and progress. In theory, SGA anticipates a different financial structure for the coming year(s) thanks to the hard work of Henry Snyder and his Finance Committee, so, we will have a greater capacity to concentrate our efforts on using our legislative powers, provided by our Constitution, to allow students to suggest legislation, resolutions, and other formal businesses which we can bring to the attention of the College’s administration. This would be a great way for SGA to take an active role in promoting the issues about which students care most. In a word, it is time for SGA to start being a means to an end for students rather than simply a financial end.

Bylaws Phase II—Make SGA Yours:

This past year I dedicated myself to creating a body of Bylaws which we constantly refer to for formal procedure, but never existed. I worked to include all of the basic functions and facets of SGA which we already do. Now, I want my task to be to ask students and SGA Representatives alike what they would like to see out of SGA and create an amendment to said Bylaws which reflects not what we already do but what we would like to do or see out of SGA. The purpose of this endeavor is to have SGA and its operations more accurately reflect what students would like us to do rather than what we do just because we have always done it a certain way.

Make SGA Enjoyable:

If you have not come to a General Session of SGA yet, I encourage you to do so because then this last point will make more sense. What we do, as SGA Representatives, is important for the school and its students but it can also be an enjoyable experience where you make new friends, develop leadership and other professional skills, and work together to help others on this campus achieve their goals. The role of Speaker of the House, in my opinion, is the best role on SGA. The Speaker of the House really gets to make the position what they want it to be, especially in our General Sessions. One of my goals this past year was to make SGA more entertaining and I believe I have done a good job at doing so. At the end of the day, we are all busy Centre students with one-thousand things on our mind and one-million places to be at once—we are stressed and are forced to prioritize our time nearly down to the hour because of how precious that time is to us. When students walk into Young 113 for a General Session, I do my best to keep things expedient, energetic, and enjoyable without sacrificing deliberate conversations or meaningful debate. It is a difficult, fine balance to find when presiding over the

General Body, but one I would love to continue discovering and developing in another term as Speaker of the House.

