

Henry Snyder for SGA President

Platform for a new SGA

1. Action on Accessibility
2. Action on Inclusion
3. Action on Legislation

Accessibility

SGA is intended to be a body which serves as a bridge between students and administration and which acts on the student body's desired direction for Centre. However, there is a lack of accessibility for students on multiple fronts. First, there is no clear channel through which students may access SGA's resources. Our website is outdated and noncomprehensive. **It is a priority of mine to have SGA's site professionally redesigned and expanded to include information about who represents you and how to contact them. In addition to these features, the new site will have the ability to accept proposed legislation and suggestions for SGA to act upon, an online discussion forum regarding topics students create, and an online petition system** for legislation to gain support and for students running for SGA to receive signatures.

Even more accessibility to SGA comes from healthy elections that engage the student body and elicit interest in participation. This can in part be accomplished through **campaign funding for all SGA candidates which, if elected, I will direct SGA to provide through its own budget**, not that of student organizations. Through this program, more students will be aware of SGA elections, what candidates stand for, and our democratic processes will be healthier.

Inclusion

Creating an inclusive culture in SGA is a fundamental need. Amendment Unity provided better representation of minority voices on campus, but more work needs to be done. Throughout Centre term and spring term, Cesar Romero (SGA Communications Director) and I **explored and continue to investigate the possibility of adding a new position to SGA's executive committee to serve as a liaison between Centre's Diversity and Inclusion Office and SGA.** After holding

meetings with several members of the Diversity and Inclusion Office, we continue to look into this possibility. In the meantime, **I intend to appoint an ad hoc committee on diversity and inclusion if elected.** This committee could immediately begin implementing initiatives within SGA to create a more inclusive culture and would be able to work with Centre's Diversity and Inclusion Office on their programming needs. **SGA is for all students and until all feel represented by SGA, our work is not done.**

Legislation

Perhaps you have attended an SGA general session or talked with someone who did. If so, you likely know SGA does mostly finance related administrative work. Serving as Secretary of Finance this academic year revealed to me firsthand the antiquated and flawed nature of our system. Throughout the year, it was a priority of mine to take all SGA business online through a new finance site and new funding forms. Starting in August, **I began rewriting SGA's finance bylaws with the guidance of SGA's advisors and the Finance Committee. With their passage, SGA's finance business should reduce dramatically and allow SGA's time to be spent on more productive matters.**

Building on this foundation, **if elected I will release a policy agenda within the first 10 days of the fall term built upon the input of students and the newly elected SGA executive committee.** This will not serve as a final set of actions to be addressed, but as a guide for the year. SGA has not had a legislative agenda for a while, and it is time to return our focus to what matters to students. Imagine an SGA that passed resolutions on topics such as sustainability instead of debating how to allocate funding. This can be a reality and I pledge to take SGA there.

SGA's Future

Centre stands at a fork in the road. We must now decide where we want SGA, the student body's voice to the administration, to go. Do we want to make SGA an organization all students can be proud of and feel represents their interests, or do we want to continue allowing SGA to be overly administrative and reactionary? **I believe we want the path where SGA is proactive rather than reactive.**

Experience is critical for this role because it allows the candidate to have a solid grasp on how SGA functions so they can start immediately implementing their ideas and making positive changes. **My experience serving on SGA for three years allows me to understand what works, what doesn't work, and how to improve what is flawed.** Throughout my time on SGA's executive committee during the 2018-2019 academic year, I worked with other SGA members to lay the groundwork for a new SGA.

Now, I ask you to trust me to build on that foundation and make SGA a better voice for the students of Centre.

Please vote March 13-15 (Wednesday-Friday)

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