

Letter of Intent - Bri Howell

For the position of Environmental Studies Department Senator

Hi, My name is Bri Howell, I'm a junior in EST, concentrating in Policy, Planning, and Law, and I'm seeking the position of Environmental Studies Department Senator. Last year I was the USA/EST Department Representative for the Environmental Studies Student Organization (ESSO), where I got my initial experience with USA and its structure. Prior to that position, I hadn't realized how pervasive USA is in the lives of students. USA, in many ways, shapes the ESF student experience - with its role in both clubs and the majority of campus events. Not only that, it is a forum to improve the student and empower student initiatives. and am eager to facilitate dialogue between the professors, the students, and USA.

I was drawn to a USA position this year not only because I want to engage with the Environmental Studies curriculum and the student experience, but also because I'm passionate about incorporating the social science education that is central in EST into ESF's STEM curriculum, and a forum of other engaged people is a great place to channel that energy. I enjoyed working with the faculty last year and having a good working relationship with most professors in EST. I also have experience with club positions - I'm currently the president of ESSO and the secretary of the Syracuse University Outing Club (SUOC). I'm efficient and organized, with a lot of enthusiasm to tackle this position!

In addition to the Academic Committee required of Department Senators, I would like to join the Campus Diversity Committee and the Sustainability Committee because they are both areas that I feel like I could bring something to the table as well as learn a lot from others. My two biggest goals as a senator are to increase awareness of EST concepts and knowledge in other

departments as well as increasing engagement among the environmental studies student body. I can't wait to dive into USA, and I hope to do well as senator!