

Letter of Intent: Peter Huber for President



My name is Peter Huber, I am a third year student majoring in Environmental Education & Interpretation with a Minor in Management, and I intend to run for President of the Undergraduate Student Association. I am running for President because I believe I have the experience and passion necessary to guide our team of talented USA members to achieve their numerous goals.

My experience stems from my positions in USA and the Boy Scouts of America. I have served as the EFB Department Senator, the Director of Academic Affairs, Vice President, and am currently serving as the Acting President of USA through my elected role of Vice President. I also have experience in the administration of another non-profit organization; the Boy Scouts of America. I currently serve as the Lodge Chief for the Order of the Arrow in the Greater Rochester/Finger Lakes Area. There are many similarities in how USA and the BSA conduct business, so I can use that administrative experience from both sides to help effectively administer USA in the best way possible.

I have 4 goals/innovative ideas for my position; focusing on 3 subjects: Communication, Leadership Development, and Delegation.

1. Communication with the Students- This goes without saying as the largest priority for not just me, but the entire association. USA is charged with being the voice of the students. I want to work closely with our Chief Communications Officer to increase our outreach to students on a variety of platforms (email, social media, and face to face conversations predominantly). With our association growing larger every year, we have a huge opportunity to be able to work together to make sure that we are working through your perspectives and enhance your voice on campus.
2. Communication with the Executive Board- As chair of the executive board, it is my responsibility to guide my team of talented executive board members to success, and through them, give them the tools to do the same as chairs of their own committees. I would like to establish regular casual meetings with each e-board member to make sure that they are continually keeping on the right track.
3. Leadership Development: I would like to work with the Director of Association Affairs to establish an event for USA voting members devoted specifically to leadership development. In order to effectively work as a team, the team needs a particular set of skills (Liam Neeson pun intended) to do the job well. The Executive Board should be established as the leader of leaders; having delegation skills and the knowledge to take care of the people in their committees. The general USA voting body should have communication skills, knowledge of USA policy/procedures, etc. so they can go out and do these initiatives that are delegated out to them from their committee chairs.
4. Delegation- I want to kickstart a process of changing the culture in USA to have the executive board delegate down initiatives to the class/department senators, and establish the executive board as leaders of leaders; providing resources and knowledge to senators, but not carrying out the initiatives themselves. USA found in an internal survey that the executive board feels overworked and the department/class senators feel underworked. Balancing out the workload will allow for more people to be involved in tackling campus issues; bringing in more perspectives and allowing for the e-board to share their knowledge of carrying out initiatives for future generations of USA membership.

I believe that I am the best candidate for this role, and I sincerely hope that the student body chooses me. If anybody needs to contact me, they can reach me at my email: pahuber@syr.edu. Thank you for your consideration of me for President of the Undergraduate Student Association.