

Emma Godel

Candidate for the Class of 2021 Senate

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A LITTLE ABOUT ME

Greetings! My name is Emma Godel and I am thrilled to present my candidacy for re-election to the ASG Class of 2021 Senate. I am majoring in political science with a double minor in psychology and music theory, and after I graduate, I hope to obtain a degree in public administration and work in the education policy field. On campus, I work as a Center for Political Participation (CPP) Fellow, perform with a number of music ensembles, and am a proud member of College Democrats and the Eta Beta chapter of Alpha Delta Pi. ASG has served as an excellent way for me to learn more about the policies that shape this campus and communicate with you about how we can continue to improve the quality of life for students and faculty alike. I hope you will take the time to read my platform and learn more about what I'm fighting for!

ISSUES I'M FOCUSING ON

1. **Title IX Equity:** Title IX is a complicated set of gender discrimination policies that affect American schools receiving federal funding (like us!). While I can't singlehandedly change the system myself, I will continue to pledge my unconditional support for students who have experienced sexual assault on campus. This will be shown through communications with the student body regarding the campus' Title IX policy (when and where applicable) and working to establish a greater sense of safety among students. This calls for a student-led initiative to properly define consent, provide more opportunities for students to receive bias training, and work to finally end rape culture.
2. **Support for Underrepresented Students:** This fall, a number of students organized a week-long protest speaking out against the administration's handling of racial bias

incidents on campus. I strongly applaud my peers for tackling this issue head-on (and thanks for letting me get involved too!). Moving forward, I hope to work with the Offices of Title IX and Institutional Diversity to ensure that future cases are treated fairly and provide students with a greater voice. I am aware that I possess white privilege and have not been the victim of such incidents myself—because this issue is so sensitive and present today, I hope to improve my communication skills with the student body and hear a diverse number of voices so we can find the best solution possible.

3. **Mental Health Resources:** Mental illness continues to be a taboo, but widespread issue on campus. As someone fighting such illnesses myself, I have received excellent treatment from the Counseling and Personal Development Center (CPDC) and I am extremely grateful for their support. As a senator, I hope to make more students aware of this extremely valuable resource, and ultimately end the negative stigmas surrounding these conditions.
4. **Campus Safety:** While ending incidents involving sexual assault or racial bias are integral to increasing feelings of security on campus, these problems cannot be solved in a small period of time. Luckily, serving on the ASG Committee of Student Life and Affairs, my colleagues and I have outlined plans to install more quality call boxes across campus. I hope to continue receiving feedback from the student body about this issue and work to include their solutions (e.g. more lighting, smoother on-campus pathways).
5. **Feminine Hygiene Accessibility:** My colleagues know that I have been expressing my interest in tackling this since day one! This year, the Committee of Student Life and Affairs received approval from the ASG Finance Committee to install feminine product dispensers (free of charge) in women's and all-gender bathrooms in the Campus Center as part of a pilot program next year. Next year, I hope to continue my work with this program and assess its progress—it is my hope that one day, these machines will be a permanent reality and provide more education equity for all students.

Thanks for reading—don't forget to vote April 23-24!

Email me at godele@allegheny.edu with any questions.

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