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Syracuse University Student Association
Assembly Whitman Representative Letter of Intent

My name is Dylan France, and I am interested in being reelected to the Student Association Whitman Assembly Representative. First, to provide some background, I am a Sophomore in the Whitman School of Management studying Finance with the intention to minor in Global Political Economy. Outside of the classroom, I am a part of Wellslink and the Black Honors Society, the Secretary to the Black Student Union, and participate in the Investment Club, the E-Sports club, and the Student Association Finance board. In Finance Board, I have seen Syracuse University's unique and robust programming. However, by continuing to be a member of Assembly, I know that I can further contribute to Student Association by representing both Whitman and Syracuse as a whole, bringing new ideas, and enacting proposals to create impactful legislation for the school.

Finance Board has given me a lens to see the desires of students through the club proposals. The board's votes enable organizations to spread their club's cultures, interests, and beliefs amongst themselves, the university, and the greater Syracuse community. It has also helped me understand that the Finance Board works as a cog within the larger system that is Student Association. Together, SA enacts major initiatives that change the school for the better. Through the time that I've spent on campus, SA, under the leadership of Justine Hastings and David Bruen, has supported and enacted initiatives such as *Not Again SU,* student involvement in the Board of Trustees, student accessibility, mental health resources, and many more quality-of-life improvements for students. However, beyond just seeing the changes in front of me, I also want to contribute to the ongoing and future initiatives in SA. For example, the lighting systems are inadequate despite the on-campus strong blue light systems and lighting beyond the school buildings to housing. Between the roads to BBB, Sadler/Lawrenson, and the upperclassmen housing, not only are the lighting system lacking, but there are 0-1 blue lights on the direct routes to residential buildings. Another idea that I have involves the arguably irrational nature of the Whitman grading system that creates an unwarranted hostility, shifting the responsibility of quality teaching onto the students of Whitman. There are ongoing initiatives from Justine's and David's campaigns that I also strongly agree with that I want to support their implementation. Going into my first year of Assembly, I feel as though this time was spent adjusting to SA's initiatives and how it operates. I hope that for the remainder of this semester and next year, I can support and enact many initiatives for the wellbeing and growth of Syracuse University.

Though I couldn't attempt to summarize all the desires I hold for the future of SA, I do believe that the combination of my knowledge from the Finance Board, prior experiences outside of SA, and my passion for Syracuse is why I would be a great fit as a member of the Student Association Whitman Assembly Representative.

If any further actions are needed, please contact me with my Syracuse mail dbfrance@syr.edu or text/call with my phone number 973-309-0039.

I look forward to hearing from you soon,
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