Intent to Run Questions

1. I am running for a Senate seat because I want to make a difference at UNI. I believe in the importance and power of effective government and I think that strong student governments are especially important in the university setting. An effective student government helps to represent the students’ interests with regards to the university while also ensuring that their voices are heard by the university. To that end, I am running to help ensure the protection of and listening to the voices of the students at UNI. A senate seat provides a great opportunity for me to get involved in NISG and allows me to pursue my passion of helping others.

2. I believe I am qualified for this position for many reasons. Firstly, I am dedicated to my academics. I am a Presidential Scholar and have maintained my academic status while being involved on campus. While I believe that academics alone are not sufficient to qualify me for a Senate seat, my immense dedication and hard working nature are qualities that make me qualified for this position. I will work hard and do it with excellence, just as I have done with my school work. Furthermore, I am involved in a variety of things on the UNI campus: I am an athlete with the UNI Women’s Rugby team, an honors student, a member of the Pre Law Club, and a part of the Chi Alpha Campus Ministry. Because of this involvement, I have the opportunity to interact with students from a great variety of backgrounds and get to hear many perspectives and ideas. I believe that this will make me a well informed and grounded Senator, as it will help me to see issues and ideas from more than one viewpoint. I believe that this ability is crucial to being a quality Senator and member of NISG.
3. I believe that diversity, inclusion, and expenses are some of the key issues facing the UNI student body today. Many members of our student body come from small towns in Iowa, in areas that do not have a lot of diversity. UNI has the great opportunity and obligation to stress the importance of diversity and inclusion in today’s society to those who may not be familiar with the need for either. This university must dedicate itself to this cause in a time of polarization; it must fight ignorance and teach about the importance of celebrating both what makes us different and what makes us the same. Another huge issue facing the UNI student body is expenses. College is an expensive endeavor that many students struggle to pay for. UNI must find ways to keep costs low as higher education can play a crucial role in the betterment of one’s life. UNI students should not be priced out of a quality education.

4. The goals I want to accomplish in my position are fairly straightforward. I want to represent my college effectively and diligently. Moreover, I want to ensure that students’ interests and needs are properly addressed by NISG and by the university as a whole.

5. I intend to meet the aforementioned goals by attending all of the Senate meetings and by being actively involved in Senate committees. I also will be open to input from all students about any issue they deem fit to bring to my attention. By being open to questioning, petitions, and ideas, I will meet my goals to go above and beyond representing my fellow UNI students; I will make sure that their voices are heard and their needs are addressed.