

Topic: President's Roundtable

Relevant Administration: This one's about **YOU**

Proposal:

One of the most common and valid criticisms of DSG is that [we are disconnected](#) from the students we say we serve and represent. The truth behind this statement is that the DSG President might be the person most far removed from the student body. The DSG President also cannot come close to representing the diverse students' experiences on campus. There is no way they can fully understand the specific ways Duke works—or does not work—for so many of Duke's nearly 6,500 undergraduates. That does not excuse DSG from **intentionally seeking out and listening to every member of the Duke community.**

I am committed to being that intentional listener. To do so, I plan on holding **bi-monthly meetings with members of student groups and key stakeholders** in the Duke Undergraduate community to ensure that a diversity of voices are brought to the table.

In every blast email, there will be a link for **students to sign up for the Roundtable.** Each group will be made up of student leaders and students in non-leadership roles so that **often unheard voices have a seat at the table.** I will try my best to have a large enough group so that students can **share a multitude of perspectives** while making sure that people do not feel ignored and unheard. **You,** the members of the Duke community, **will decide the topics of conversation.** I am there to **listen, learn,** and bring that information back to the Vice Presidents of committees so that their senators can engage in project work that more directly addresses your needs and concerns.

This is where the Roundtable becomes more important than previous accountability practices. If DSG is not doing the work that y'all deem as important, you have someone you can directly voice those criticisms and concerns to. **I value student voices** and believe that we work best when we are accountable to each other. As DSG President, I promise to go out of my way to hear from you about the ways the entire Duke community can better serve all students. I will then bring those perspectives to Duke's Administration and **hold them accountable to following through** on the promises they make to students.