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for College Council

Platform

BUILDING A BETTER COLLEGE COUNCIL – TOGETHER.



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Why I'm Running

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Student Government at Emory is **broken**, and I want to help College Council lead the way. College Council manages five hundred thousand dollars of **your money**, chartering over two hundred clubs, and representing the interests of students in Emory College. College Council is filled with some of the most **dedicated and talented** people I've met at Emory, but the organization isn't perfect. College Council was founded in 1955, and I will bring it into the **21st century**. I will make College Council more **professional**, more **responsive** to the student body, and more **transparent** than any organization on campus. We haven't given the student body enough of a reason to care about what we do, and its time to change that. As your **College Council President**, we will **lead the way** in being a voice for **every student** in Emory College.

About Me

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From my first day at Emory I've believed that student government can be **reformed** to meet the needs of every student. As **Speaker of the Senate** at Oxford I completely **overhauled** our documents, created our first code of elections, and wrote our first **transparency** requirements, and created a system for us to act as a **voice for the student body**. In Atlanta I led the commission that changed our code of **elections** after the disastrous 2018 elections, and currently serve as the **Chief of Staff** for College Council. I have seen firsthand the dysfunctional relationship between student government and the student body, and I believe I have the **experience** to fix it. Outside of student government, I study Political Science (surprise!) and Computer Science. I want to be a voice for every student in Emory College, so please **get in touch!**



Get In Touch

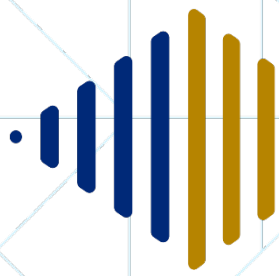


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FACEBOOK

For my campaign, I want to try something that hasn't been done before!

You can read my ideas to build a better College Council and a better Emory College in this document, but I want to hear from you. Over the three-week campaign period I want to hear your concerns, your ideas, and your hopes for how we can make our school better. I want to know if there's something I've missed, or even if you disagree with something! I plan to feature these ideas as part of my platform, and let the Emory community shape this campaign, so please submit an idea!



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Every year students like me tell you how they're going to change student government. That's why you'll find a detailed plan and timeline for every initiative I will pursue and every change I will enact as your **College Council President**.

Transparency



As president, I will make College Council the **most transparent organization on campus**. With a budget of five hundred thousand dollars, the largest of any student government organization, the student body deserves to know where their money is going. At Oxford I created our **first transparency requirements**, and this year I passed legislation to **open up College Council's budget** to public scrutiny. This legislation also opened up our minutes and other documents. Furthermore, I passed legislation requiring College Council to hold **Town Halls** at least once per semester to listen to the concerns of the student body and respond to questions in person. I will build on this **experience** to create and publish an annual budget report so that the student body can see how their money is being spent.

As president, I will hold **office hours** every week, and make myself available to any student. I will also use **Zoom Video Chat** to provide access to students who cannot attend in person. Furthermore, I will ensure that College Council has a table every single week at **Wonderful Wednesday** to listen to the concerns of the student body.

We will create a **new website**, working with LITS to get a domain name such as **collegecouncil.emory.edu**. No student government within Emory has been capable of creating a working webpage in years, so clearly a new system is necessary. I will create a **Vice President of Technology**, who will be responsible for overseeing the webpage, internal communication tools such as Slack, and make sure that College Council is using **every tool at our disposal** to keep the student body informed. We will use social media and our webpage to publish our minutes every week and **livestream all meetings**. With all of these tools at our disposal we will make the 64th College Council the most transparent since its creation in 1955. For far too long College Council has not been open to the student body, and rebuilding our relationship starts with **complete transparency**.

- New Website
- All Meetings Livestreamed
- Annual Budget Report
- New VP of Technology





Representation



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