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GM Week
2015

**CANDIDATE
INFORMATION
PACKET**

GM Week Issue Information

About the GM Week issue:

Every year, *The Polytechnic* produces a special GM Week issue that provides information about the week's festivities and gives the opportunity for candidates for student government offices to present themselves to the student body. Inclusion in this special issue is completely voluntary, although we feel that it is a valuable and efficient way to reach a large number of voters, and we encourage all candidates to take advantage of it.

The special issue will be published and distributed around campus on Monday, April 13, 2015.

Please keep in mind the fact that, as candidates, it is your responsibility to schedule appointments and to submit paperwork as appropriate for your intended position. We will do our best to accommodate everyone to the greatest extent possible, and we ask for your patience and cooperation as we prepare this issue.

For all candidates:

All candidates may have a photograph run alongside their profiles in the GM Week issue. All pictures will be taken by *Poly* photographers. A sign-up sheet will be available on our website at poly.rpi.edu/s/gmweek. All interested candidates must sign up for and have a photo taken by 6 pm on Friday, April 10. Please see the candidate profile info section for submission details and information on what to include in your write-up for our GM Week issue.

For GM and PU candidates:

The Polytechnic traditionally endorses one candidate for Grand Marshal and one candidate for President of the Union each year. As part of the selection process, all candidates are invited to interview with the *Poly* Editorial Board on Saturday, April 4, and Sunday, April 5, between 10 am and 6 pm. Sign-up sheets for time slots will be posted on our website at poly.rpi.edu/s/gmweek; candidates must sign up for an interview by 6 pm on Thursday, April 2. Interviews will be approximately 30 minutes in length.

GM Week Issue Timeline

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Candidate packets and signups are released online

Thursday, April 2, 2015, 6 pm

Questionnaire return deadline

Interview sign-up deadline (GM, PU candidates)

Saturday, April 4–Sunday, April 5, 2015

Interviews (GM, PU candidates)

Friday, April 10, 6 pm

Portrait deadline

Monday, April 13

GM Week begins

Issue published

Please note that deadlines may be changed. Requests for extensions will be entertained at the convenience of the Editorial Board of *The Polytechnic*.

Candidate Profile Info

(not intended for GM or PU candidates)

About candidate profiles:

Candidates for all offices besides Grand Marshal and President of the Union may submit profiles of themselves to be published. Each profile should be approximately 150 words and typed.

As with all submitted content, we reserve the right to edit the profiles for content, clarity, style, and space prior to publication. All profiles must be submitted electronically in either .doc or .docx format to poly@rpi.edu by 6 pm on Thursday, April 2. **Submissions in non-.doc or non-.docx format, as well as those in hard copy, will not be accepted.**

Please be sure to include the following information in your profile:

- Name
- Position you are running for
- Class year
- Major
- Party affiliation (if any)

In fewer than 150 words, answer the following question:

If elected, what issues would you address, and how will this affect the campus or members of your class?

In addition, please provide your phone number and email address in case we need to contact you regarding your submission. Please be sure to sign up for a photography time slot for a photo to be run with your profile. Photos are optional, but the lack of one next to your profile will likely look inconsistent and incomplete.

If you have any further questions, please contact *The Poly* at poly@rpi.edu.

Questions for GM Candidates

About GM profiles:

Please completed the following questions and **submit an electronic copy in .doc or .docx format to poly@rpi.edu by Thursday, April 2 by 6 pm**. Please try to be thorough but concise with your answers. Some of your responses to these questions will be included in *The Poly*'s endorsements issue, and are therefore a way to present your platform to your constituency.

As with all submissions, we reserve the right to edit your responses to *Poly* style prior to publication, but we will try to contact you regarding any major changes or deletions that are necessary. Provide a phone number and an email address if you wish to be contacted in this event.

If you have any further questions, please contact *The Poly* at poly@rpi.edu.

Be sure to include the following information in your submission, in addition to your responses to the below questions:

- Name
- Class year
- Major
- Party affiliation (if any)

Please see the next page for questions.

Questions for Grand Marshal candidates:

1. Why do you want to be Grand Marshal?
2. Describe your experience in student government.
3. List your campus activities, including levels of involvement, positions held, and awards received.
4. Name three short-term (within your term of office) goals and three long-term goals (beyond your term of office) that you have for the Senate.
5. In your own words, what do you feel are the roles of the Grand Marshal and the Student Senate?
6. What do you think are the incumbent Grand Marshal's strengths and weaknesses? What would you do to improve upon them if you are elected?
7. Looking forward, what do you see as possible issues facing student government in the next year?
8. What is your opinion of the current communication lines between the administration and the student body? What plans do you have to maintain or improve them?
9. What do you see as the current purpose of the Clustered Learning, Advocacy, and Support for Students initiative? What role should students have in its implementation?

Please create an original flow chart of the student government groups, individuals, and documents with their hierarchies (may be scanned or done via computer). This should be original work.

Please submit two sample Top Hat articles that would be appropriate for publication in *The Poly*. Each article should be between 450 and 550 words.

Questions for PU Candidates

About PU profiles:

Please completed the following questions and **submit an electronic copy in .doc or .docx format to poly@rpi.edu by Thursday, April 2 by 6 pm**. Please try to be thorough but concise with your answers. Some of your responses to these questions will be included in *The Poly*'s endorsements issue and are therefore a way to present your platform to your constituency.

As with all submissions, we reserve the right to edit your responses to *Poly* style prior to publication, but we will try to contact you regarding any major changes or deletions that are necessary. Provide a phone number and an email address if you wish to be contacted in this event.

If you have any further questions, please contact *The Poly* at poly@rpi.edu.

Be sure to include the following information in your submission, in addition to your responses to the below questions:

- Name
- Class year
- Major
- Party affiliation (if any)

See the next page for questions.

Questions for President of the Union candidates:

1. Why do you want to be President of the Union?
2. Describe your experience in student government.
3. List your campus activities, including levels of involvement, positions held, and awards received.
4. Name three short-term (within your term of office) goals and three long-term goals (beyond your term of office) that you have for the Executive Board.
5. In your own words, what do you feel are the roles of the President of the Union and the Union Executive Board?
6. What do you think are the incumbent President of the Union's strengths and weaknesses? What would you do to improve upon them if you were elected?
7. How would you evaluate the current Union budget situation? What do you foresee as future budget concerns?
8. What do you see as problems with the Union (in terms of clubs, building operations, et cetera), and what ideas do you have for fixing them?
9. How do you intend to encourage students to fully utilize the resources of the Union?

Please create an original flow chart of the student government groups, individuals, and documents with their hierarchies (may be scanned or done via computer). This should be original work.

Please submit two sample Derby articles that would be appropriate for publication in *The Poly*. Each article should be between 450 and 550 words.